



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (**new dates in red**):

20th October – FOW event - Blitz Firework Display

22nd, 23rd, 24th October – Parents Maths Workshops

24th November – School nurse drop-in

25th October – Orange Class Assembly

26th October – YR to Y5 Flu Spray

26th October – Break up for half term

5th November – School reopens

8th November – NSPCC assemblies and workshops

12th November – Anti-bullying week

13th November – School nurse drop-in

13th November – Y2 Sportshall athletics

15th November – Purple and Gold Great Fire of London day

16th November – Children in Need Day

19th November – Yellow Class trip to International War Museum, Salford

22nd November – Blue Class Assembly & Early Years Open Afternoon

29th November – Y5 Bikeability

5th December – Whole school trip to the New Vic theatre

6th December – Choir to perform at Shavington Academy

7th December – Christmas Fair

A message from Mr Cutts

It's been a jam-packed first half-term and there's still a week to go. The children continue to work hard and impress us with their attitudes. Lots of children have come to my office to share their work with me and they are clearly very proud of the progress they are making.

It was lovely to speak to parents this week on parents evenings and to pass on your kind words about how much your child is enjoying school and the various clubs that we offer. Thank you for your support.

We have had lots of absence over the last two weeks and there are clearly some nasty bugs going around. Please reinforce good handwashing with your child at home, including thorough hand drying – damp hands spread bacteria far more readily.

We look forward to seeing you at next week's calculations and cake parent workshops.

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for your generosity last week. We were completely gobsmacked at the quantity of food that the children brought in for our harvest assembly. The children sang our

harvest songs beautifully and Mrs Bate's choir did a great job too! Following the assembly, we took all the tins and dried foods to the Salvation Army in Crewe. The school ambassadors met the volunteers and learnt about how the food is sorted and distributed to those who need it. Ambassadors' comment: *"It was fascinating to find out about what happens to the food when*



it arrives at the depot and we really enjoyed singing to the volunteers.” Year 6 took the fresh food and some of the sweet treats to some of the elderly residents in Weston who were incredibly appreciative. Thank you to Mrs McGowan and Mrs O'Connor for their help with sorting and transporting the food and thank you once again to our families for your support.



Football Success

The Year 3 and 4 football team kicked off their season with a commanding string of performances in this term's Crewe and Nantwich league. They beat every team they faced, culminating in an impressive victory against Shavington in the final. As talented as they are, their edge came from the fact that they pushed themselves and worked hard for each other. There is a lot of football talent in those year groups and lots of children are keen to play competitively for the

school and we

look forward to other children pulling on the famous Weston shirt and playing their socks off.



The Year 5 and 6 football team also started the season in imperious fashion, beating both Stapeley and Highfields to top their mini-league and head straight into the Crewe and Nantwich Autumn League quarter final. They will face another mini-league winner and hope to ultimately emulate the success of the last two seasons by winning the Nantwich League and reaching the Crewe and Nantwich grand final.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

We look forward to welcoming our local PCSOs into school next Tuesday to enjoy a teddy bear's picnic with Red Class. As well as enjoying the picnic, the PCSOs will talk to the children about different ways to stay safe.

School Nurse Drop-ins

Don't forget that we have arranged for our school nurse, Alison, to come into school once a month to provide drop-in sessions.



She will offer advice and support on anything to do with your child's behaviour or physical and emotional health. Alison will be available from 8.45am to 9.30am on Wednesday 24th October and Tuesday 13th November. Additional dates will follow in due course, as will Alison's work contact number in case you have any worries or questions at other times.

Celebration Assembly

Here are the stars from the last two weeks enjoying their biscuits and drinks. They have demonstrated tremendous personal qualities in earning this recognition from their teachers. We don't celebrate achievement per se but we absolutely celebrate the attitudes that lead to success. Well done to one and all! I thoroughly enjoyed the impromptu joke telling session in this week's group celebration. Even the made-up-on-the-spot ones!



Here is the current dojo total and most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.



Calculations and cake

We look forward to welcoming parents to the first of our calculations and cake workshops next week. Thank you for returning the slips. You will find out about our approaches to teaching mathematics and specifically calculations. You will have the opportunity to work alongside your child where we hope they'll be able to explain to you what they are doing and why. Finally, you'll get a chance to use our approaches to work through maths problems of your own, seeing how our calculations policy can help you to support

your child's learning at home. This is when you'll be able to ask our maths leader, Mrs Loveland, some questions and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake.

Early Years Open Afternoon

Do you have children due to start school in September 2019? Do you know anyone who does? We are holding an Early Years open afternoon on Thursday 22nd November from 1.30pm. Please spread the word.

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

In the week after half term we will be welcoming the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

Friends of Weston



The staff were very touched by Friends of Weston's generous offering of cake and cards containing a £150 voucher for every teacher to spend on the children. The staff felt very appreciated and the feeling is mutual. Thanks FOW!

We can't wait to see as many of you as possible on Saturday for the Friends of Weston/Blitz firework display from 5pm (fireworks at 7pm).

Watch out for information about the Christmas Fair, which takes place on Friday 7th December. On that same festive theme, the Friends of Weston will be in school next week working with every class to help the children design and create Christmas cards, which will be printed and made available for you to purchase. What better way to send the festive spirit to your loved ones than with a premium quality Christmas card made by your own child!

Mural

Here is our new entrance hall mural, which combines our badge and motto with phrases from our vision statement. It was painted by the hugely talented Vanessa Lumley-Wood, to whom we are incredibly grateful. We love it!

Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Thomas Cutts

