



WESTON NEWS

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

27th November – KS2 Indoor Sportshall Athletics competition

28th and 29th November – Y5 Bikeability

2nd December (6pm) – Choir to perform at Wychwood Village Hall Christmas event

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

6th December – Choir to perform at Shavington Academy

7th December – School nurse drop-in

7th December – Christmas Fair

10th December – Turquoise and Red afternoon and evening Christmas performances

12th December – Gold and Purple afternoon and evening Christmas performances

13th December – Christmas lunch day

20th December – Weston's Got Talent, Christmas party lunch, break up for Christmas holidays

7th January 2019 – School reopens for staff and pupils

A message from Mr Cutts

At the end of another full week of excellent learning experiences and opportunities for our children, I'm going to dedicate this space to the hard-working staff team at Weston. From the office team, who expertly juggle hundreds of balls every week, to the kitchen and midday assistants and Kids Aloud team, who nurture our children with such warmth, the site team who give their all to keep our building clean and safe and the teachers and teaching assistants, who give everything and more to make learning challenging and fun, to leave no child behind, to run extra-curricular activities and to put children first, no matter what. I'm incredibly proud to be part of this team and, together with our families, to be part of our Weston community.



We are really looking forward to sharing lots of events with you over the next few weeks, including performances and the Christmas Fair and I hope as many of you as possible will attend.

Anti-bullying Week

The whole school took part in anti-bullying week where we explored what bullying is and how we could recognise it. The theme was choose respect and teachers helped the children to explore the idea of respect and

diversity, using books and fun activities to reinforce the message. By wearing odd socks, we could highlight that all of us are individuals with unique qualities and we are all equally deserving of respect. Lots of our work with the older children focussed on cyber-bullying and many of them were keen to talk about what goes on at home when they are online. As always, we urged children to talk to their parents and to us if they ever feel unsafe when they're online. It was pleasing to know that our children have clear strategies for staying safe.



Children in Need

The ambassadors organised a very successful Children in Need event. The children looked fantastic in their spotty clothes and accessories and your very generous donations of cakes and cookies were well-received by all the children. Throughout the day, we reinforced the message that lots of children, many of whom live very close to us, are struggling and suffering for different reasons. As ever, our children responded with great empathy. In total we raised £413.53 for Children in Need. Thanks again for your generosity.



Indoor Sportshall Athletics

Our ongoing mission to involve all the children in sports through festivals and competitions continues. Every child in Year Two took part in an indoor sports hall festival last week. They all had a go at a variety of running, throwing and jumping events and had great fun. Staff at South Cheshire College were very impressed by our children's behaviour and attitudes. We are too. Next week, lots of Key Stage Two children will take part in a competitive version of the event.



Stoke City 7s



Griff from Stoke City came in to school to tell everyone about City 7s. In a really fun assembly, Griff told the children that they could go and see a Stoke game for just £5 where they would sit in a special stand for City 7s children and their families. As well as watching the match, they can play crazy golf, penalty shootouts and meet the mascots. The Year 2 children all got free tickets and a Stoke City replica shirt. Lots of children returned the ticket request slips and will be enjoying a home match in December.



Football Success

Staying on a football theme, our school football team were victorious once more in both their quarter-final against Wybunbury Delves and their semi-final against Shavington. Both matches were tight with the semi-final being decided on penalties. Weston now face another final where the team will continue to work hard and work together in a bid to win a third successive champions of Nantwich crown and a place in the Crewe and Nantwich grand final. They looked fantastic in their new kits, courtesy of Mr Bibby.



Great Fire of London Day

Our Year Two children enjoyed an excellent day, enhancing their understanding of their topic, the Great Fire of London. They packed a lot into a fun-filled morning – singing, dancing, dressing up, putting out fires and even curing the plague! In the afternoon they baked Tudor biscuits. In all, they had a really memorable day.



School Nurse Drop-ins

The next school nurse drop-in is on 7th December between 8.45am and 9.30am. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up to discuss any health concerns with Alison, our school nurse. If you would like a phone number to contact Alison directly, please ask at the office or send us an email. Lots of parents have already benefited from this service.

Bikeability

Our Year Five children are looking forward to practising their cycling skills and learning how to be safe on the road in their two-day Bikeability level 2 and 3 training next week. Your child's bike can be left at school after the first day, where they will be brought indoors overnight.



Celebration Assembly

Look at these wonderful children who have all been recognised as stars of the week because of their attitudes to learning and life. We continue to reinforce our Secrets of Success ideals and are delighted when children prove that there is no ceiling on success if you apply the right attitudes. I'm starting to wonder where I can buy cheaper biscuits! Our children aren't just hungry for success!

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



Aqua Class Assembly

The school and Aqua class parents enjoyed an excellent class assembly yesterday. The children were on great form, speaking with clarity, acting with aplomb and singing with huge smiles on their faces. We all know a lot more about Ancient Egypt now, including how organs were removed from the body during the mummification process! A highlight was the Bon Jovi song at the end. Well done to Miss Bell and Mrs Lawton and of course, all the children.





Friends of Weston

It's that time of year again. All the familiar staples of Christmas are there at every turn: Kevin the Christmas Carrot chaos at Aldi, Elton John's grandma re-gifting a piano, and of course, the Weston Christmas Fair.

We very much hope you'll tell everyone you know and come along to the fair, which is always a highlight of the year. In order for it to be a success, we rely on your support in the form of donations for the following:

- class tombola
- jam jar tombola
- bottles and chocolate bars or sweets for the wheel of fortune
- donations of cakes etc.

All items except cakes can be donated any time up to the fair. Cakes are needed on the day of the fair. They could even be brought along to the fair. There are some amazing prizes to be won on the raffle too, so please buy yourself some tickets.

Almost half of you ordered Christmas cards designed by your child. In total, this raised £225, which will be used to enhance your

child's experience at school. Thank you for your support and thank you to the FOW volunteers who did such a good job at supporting the children.

A message from the school ambassadors

We were so impressed by the odd socks that everyone wore on anti-bullying day. We have spoken to lots of younger children about bullying on the playground and they know what to look out for.

Yesterday we really enjoyed showing parents around on our open afternoon. We gave them tours of the school and told them about all the wonderful things that happen at Weston.

Thomas Cutts