



WESTON NEWS

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

9th July – Final Year 5 swimming lesson
(note that this is a Tuesday)

10th July – Whole school transition morning

11th and 12th July – Y5 Primary College

11th July – Y6 prom

12th July – End of year reports sent home

18th July – Leavers' performance

19th July – Leavers' assembly

19th July – School closes for summer

A message from Mr Cutts

What a wonderful time was had by all at last week's summer fair and colour run! The whole event was a resounding success and feedback from those who attended was that the colour run was a fantastic idea and an event that people would like to attend again, in future. Events like this, which draw the whole Weston family together, make me feel incredibly privileged to be part of our special community.

Of course, all credit must go to the Friends of Weston team, who volunteered hours of their time to ensure the success of the event, even coming back into school at the weekend to clear up. I've said it before and I'll keep on saying it, the tireless work of Friends of Weston is



very important and appreciated by the school and we look forward to another fantastic year of events, next year. The summer fair and colour run raised an incredible grand total of £1500!

New Starters

It was a delight to welcome most of our Reception 2019 children on Wednesday for a teddy bears' picnic and some games. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet and play with each other and for parents to make new acquaintances. We look forward to welcoming the children again next Wednesday morning for our whole school transition morning. This will be their first opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms with their teachers and without their parents. It seems like no time since our current Reception children were here for their transition activities and now look at them – more than ready for Year 1. If you see new Weston parents with their young children on the walk into school from the White Lion car park on Wednesday morning, say hi!



Miss Watkins

The children were joined at their teddy bears' picnic by another new starter. Miss Watkins will officially join the EYFS team in September whilst also teaching a day in Turquoise class and two afternoons per week in Aqua class. Miss Watkins was the outstanding candidate from a high-calibre field of applicants for the advertised teacher vacancy and is very excited about the prospect of joining the Weston family. Welcome to Weston Miss Watkins!



Mrs Nash

As one teacher arrives, another departs. Mrs Nash joined us back in February to cover Mrs Loveland's maternity leave. With Mrs Loveland due to return imminently, it is time to say goodbye to Mrs Nash, who slotted straight into the team and worked tirelessly to support and challenge the children in Blue class. She will take up a new post at another primary school from September. We thank Mrs Nash for everything she has done and wish her all the very best for the future. Her final day is next Wednesday, 10th July.

Nantglyn

As I type, Year 4 are having a whale of a time in North Wales on their residential trip to Nantglyn. The staff - Mr Robinson, Mrs Buckley, Miss Bell and Miss Emery, report that the children have thrown themselves into the wonderful variety of activities that are on offer and that they haven't had time to miss home! They are back later on today and I'm prepared to take fun bets on how many showers the 44 children have had between them over the course of 3 days. I'm going for under 20...!



Red class assembly

What a treat we all enjoyed yesterday morning! Red class had clearly **worked hard** to polish a wonderful assembly, which included a fantastic retelling of the Gruffalo. They **pushed themselves** to speak and perform in front of their parents and the rest of the school and we are incredibly proud of every single one of them.



Town sports

A team of more than 40 key stage two children took part in Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports last week. The event, which took place over two evenings at the Cumberland in Crewe and the Barony in Nantwich, saw the children take part in a series of track and field events. We didn't win any trophies this year and we remain in the second of three divisions but there were some remarkable stand out performances across both evenings, including a fantastic victory in the Year 6 girls relay, one of the final races of the event. We are, as ever, very proud of how the children competed, both through their sheer effort in the events and the support and sporting behaviour they showed towards each other and children from other schools.

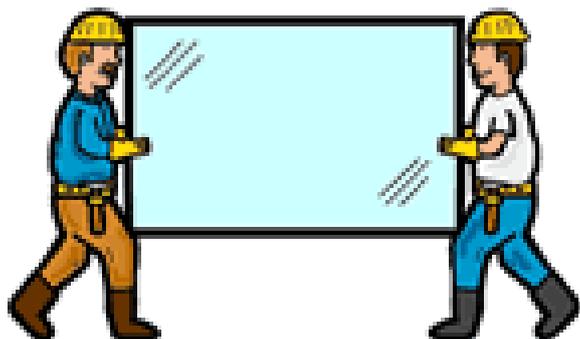
Jonah

Orange and Green classes turned in an amazing pair of performances last week. Their acting and singing ensured that 'Jonah' will be long remembered by all who had the joy of watching it. Well done to all the staff involved and of course, to the children.



Building work

As you know, we successfully won a grant to replace all the external windows and doors in the school. Work begins during the holidays and is likely to continue into the first two weeks of the autumn term. It



may be the case that one or two key stage two classes have their lessons in the hall for a day at some point in those weeks. Apart from this, any disruption will be minimal and is not expected to have any impact on playtimes, drop-offs and pick-ups or the out of school club, including during the holiday. At the end, we look forward to a smarter looking building. As an academy, there are a variety of grants that are more easily accessible and we fully intend to bid for more over the coming year.

Governors

Some of you will have visited the governor run stall last week at the summer fair, which was manned by two governors – Mrs Narey and Mrs Clifford-Ball. For those who aren't clear about the role of the governor, they are a body that is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school, together with the headteacher. They ensure that the school's

leadership is held to account through providing challenge on strategic issues and they support the work of the school. They meet every term as a full board and in sub-committees. They also have other responsibilities through which they directly support and challenge the strategic work of the school. This week alone, Mrs Clifford-Ball, who is link governor for safeguarding and Mrs Snelling, who is link governor for science, both spent an afternoon in school doing just that. Every governor spends time in school and on training to ensure that they know the school and understand how to fulfil their role effectively. Following the resignation of Rev. Michael Leyden, who moved to Chester last summer but remained in role as Chair until recently, the governors elected Jennie Adlam as the new Chair of governors and Genevieve Narey as Vice Chair.



Year 6

In just two weeks we wave a bittersweet farewell to our amazing Year 6s. Our job is to prepare them for the next stage in their life and we know that they are more than ready for high school. We'll miss them and will always be keen to hear about how they're getting on but we are incredibly proud of them all and excited on their behalf for what the future holds. Before the final day, they have a prom at the White Lion to look forward to next week and a leavers' performance – Joseph – to show off! It is shaping up to be a spectacular show!



The Hive

As you know, our out of school club is evolving and will soon be reborn as The Hive. In fact, staff are already referring to it as The Hive. You will have seen our summer holiday offer and lots of children have been booked onto various days to enjoy the exciting activities that the club has to offer. It's not too late to sign your child up for a day or more. You may not need childcare but want to give your child a change of scenery over the holidays for some organised fun with friends and experienced staff. Fill in the form or request one from the school office.

Survey

Thank you very much to the parents who took time out to complete the parent survey. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and, as hoped, has given us some useful feedback for how we can improve. I will respond comprehensively next term. Don't forget, if there is anything you wish to discuss, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. Thank you so much for your support and warm words about the school and the staff in particular. They work incredibly hard and to know that it is appreciated makes their work even more worthwhile.

Star of the week poetry corner – a haiku

A plate of biscuits

Stars swoop, eyeing their reward

Mmm! Success savoured

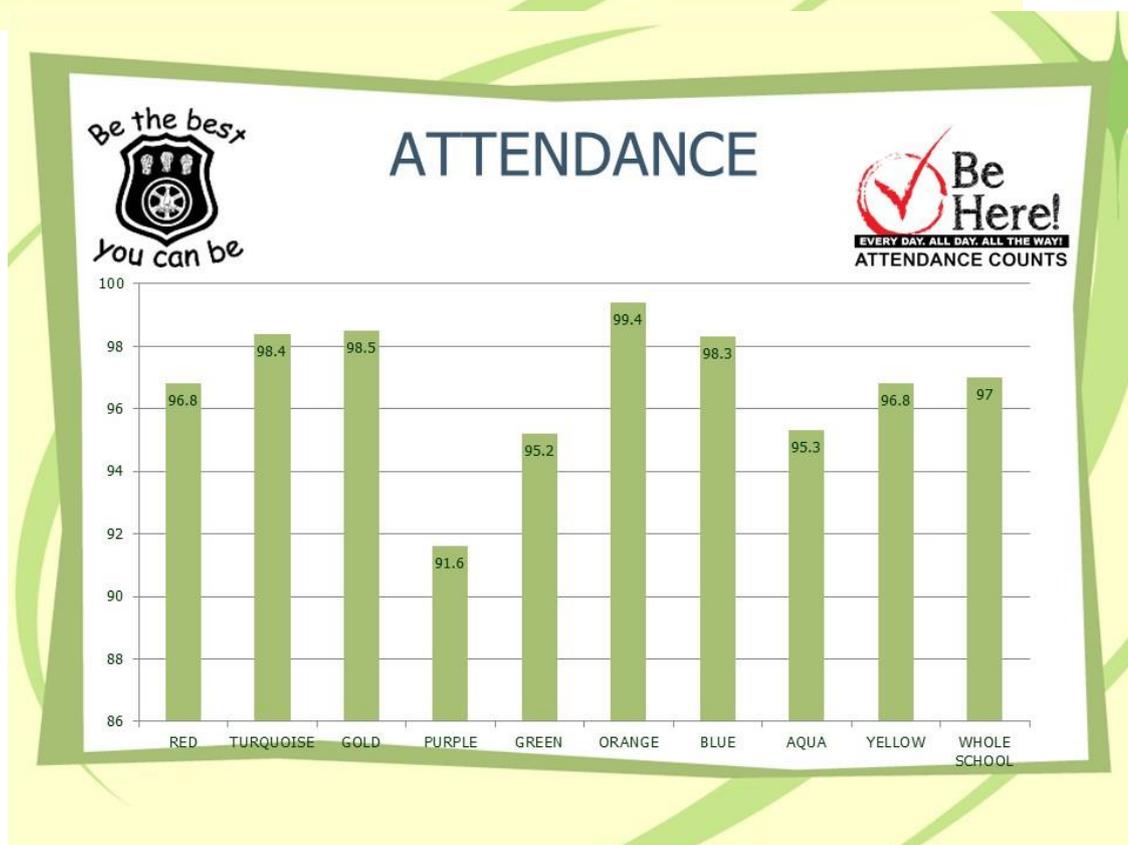
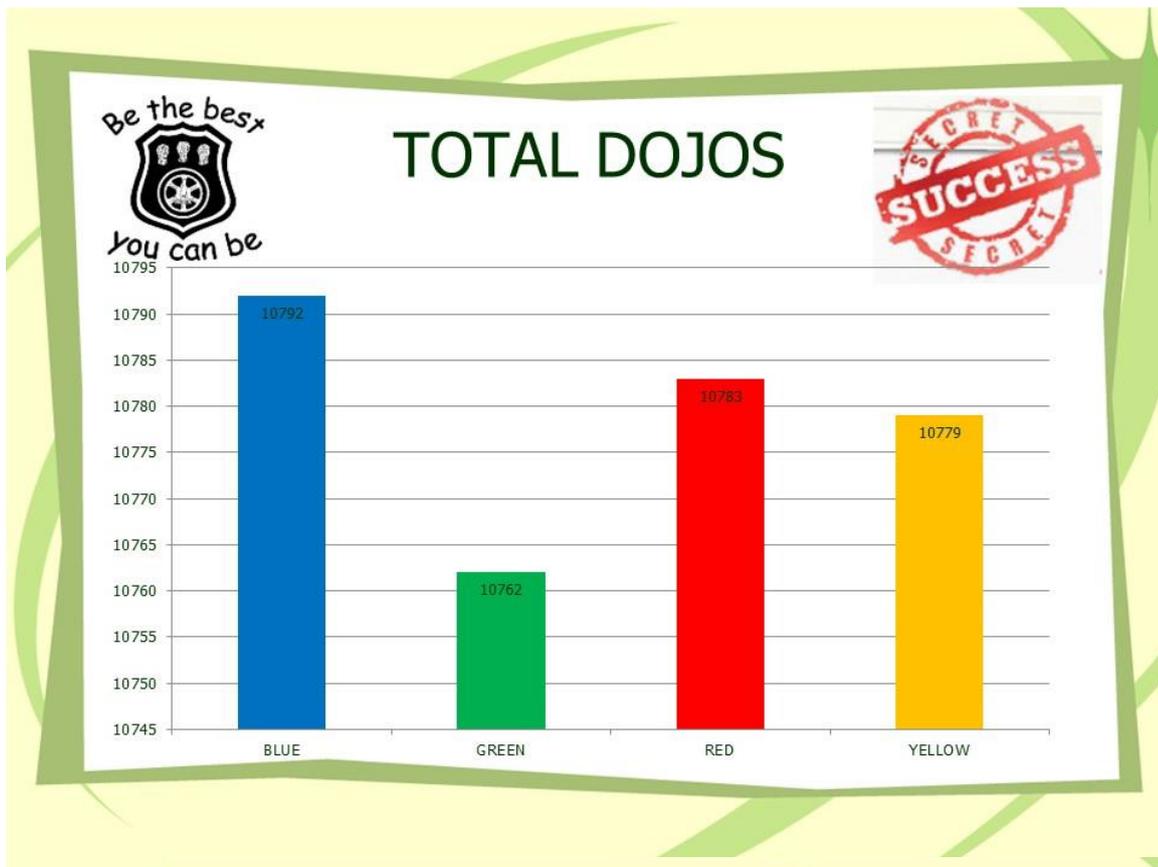
Next time: sonnet



*Some stars were absent for the photograph and will appear in a later one.

Celebration Assembly

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



Thomas Cutts

*All newsletters can be found on the school website