



# WESTON NEWS

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

16<sup>th</sup> January – Amaven challenge day (PE)

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Class, group and leavers photographs

29<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 to Young Voices at Manchester Arena

30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 visit to All Saints

5<sup>th</sup> February – Friends of Weston film night

6<sup>th</sup> February – Orange class assembly (rearranged)

10<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 residential visit to Boreatton Park (all week)

11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

11<sup>th</sup> February – Blue, Orange and Green Creation workshops

13<sup>th</sup> February – Green Class Assembly

14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term holiday

24<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (dress as a literary character)

9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parent consultation evenings

19<sup>th</sup> March FoW Discos

26<sup>th</sup> March – Blue and Aqua afternoon and evening performances

## A message from Mr Cutts

I hope all of our families enjoyed the festive period. The children have certainly come back fully refreshed and recharged and I have had the pleasure of sharing some of their learning with them this week. It is fantastic to see them hitting the ground running.

Of course not all the children will have enjoyed the holiday and we continue to develop expertise in school to support children with low self-esteem, poor emotional wellbeing or other mental health related issues. I will soon access training to become a mental health first aider and we will continue to work tirelessly to develop the children as safe, happy and rounded individuals, ready for their next stage in learning.

We also want to support parents and, to this end, please look out for information on how to access a high-quality attachment programme at Weston. The programme is based on the latest research, which shows that supporting the parent-child attachment relationship can lead to the best outcomes for a child in the short and long term into adulthood. If you have any concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing, please talk to us. We will also initiate conversations with you for the same reason and through our partnership, we can ensure that every child thrives.

## Festive Performances

It feels like a long time ago now (it was last decade after all) that lots of the children were involved in a performance. The Reception and Year One children really enjoyed their nativity plays. Thank you to parents for providing your children with costumes and helping them to learn their lines. Hopefully you have ordered a copy of the DVD so you can relive those precious memories in the future. Mrs Bate's choir also did really well across their three performances at the Wychwood Village Christmas lights switch-on, the White Lion Christmas mini-market and the Shavington Academy concert.



## Charitable Endeavors

You will recall me mentioning Oliver and Ellie Lawton from Yellow class and their efforts to raise money for charity. In fact, lots of you kindly donated money to their cause. They were raising money for the neonatal intensive care unit at Royal Stoke hospital, a charity close to their and their family's hearts. They raised a wonderful £645 for the charity, which will be used towards improving technology on the unit for the benefit of parents and their poorly babies. James and Katy from the NICU came into a school assembly to thank Oliver and Ellie and tell us about their work.



## Weston's Got Talent

We ended the term with a Weston tradition – Weston's Got Talent. Children in Key Stage Two were invited to perform on stage while the school watched the show. It was a wonderful celebration of the many diverse talents of our pupils. The acts included playing musical instruments such as harmonica, violin, guitar and DJ decks; singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy routines and much more. It was a wonderful celebration of what people can achieve when they work hard and push themselves and every act was warmly received.



## Friends of Weston

The tireless Friends team have been busy organising more events for children, with the ever-popular film night and discos coming up this term. They are also running a Change Challenge. Please send in any change that you are happy to spare. It will be added to your child's class money totaliser. The class that raise the most will win a party afternoon (we

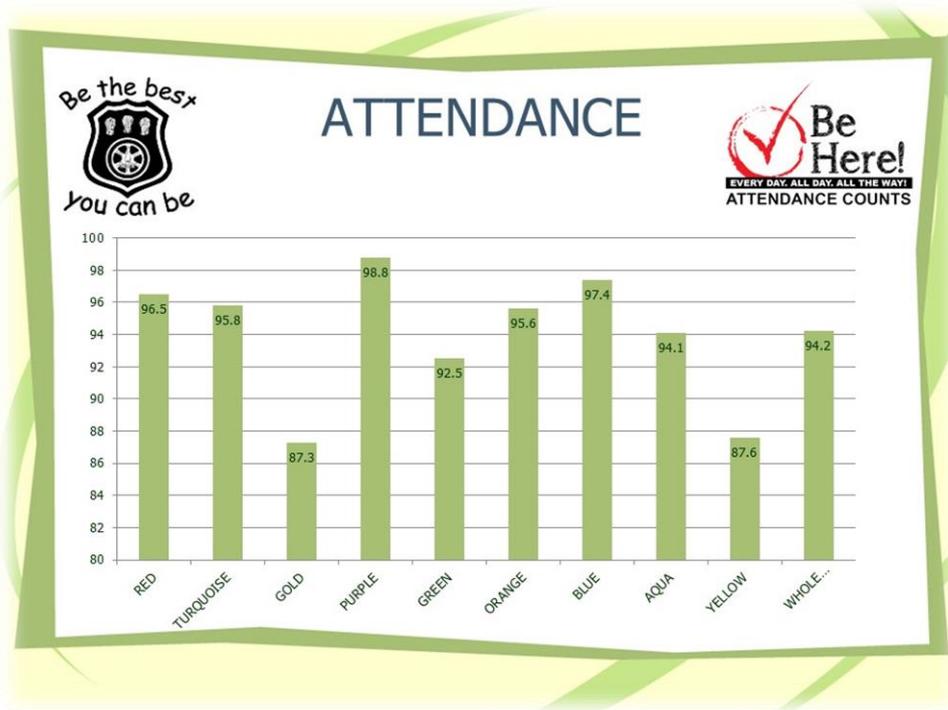
have combined the two small Year One classes). Every penny really does count as the Friends are striving for an ambitious financial target in order to provide the children with something amazing, which will have an impact on every child for years to come. Watch this space for more information and get digging down the back of the sofa!



## Celebration Assembly

Here are the children in each class who earned the most dojos last half term and earned a certificate. We had to come outside to brush off the biscuit crumbs! Dojos are earned by children when they demonstrate the **secrets of success**. Anyone can do it; anyone can be successful. This week, at the start of a new term, hundreds of dojos have already been awarded across the school. Keep it up children!





Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures, from the week before Christmas. Fortunately, the awful, persistent illnesses that blighted our school and many others have now passed. Our school target is 97%.

*Thomas Cutts*