



WESTON NEWS

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

Thursday 27 January – Orange class assembly

Thursday 27 January – Y5/6 football finals

Monday 7 February – Year 6 Boreatton Park residential trip all week

Monday 7 February – Children's Mental Health week all week

Tuesday 8 February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10 February – Green class assembly

Friday 18 February – Break up for half term

Monday 28 February – School reopens for staff and pupils

Thursday 3 March – World Book Day (dress up)

Monday 14 March – Science week all week (activities planned)

Monday 14 and Thursday 17 – Parent consultation meetings

Monday 21 March – World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 24 March – Blue and Aqua class performances (afternoon and evening)

Monday 28 March – Try New Things week

Friday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

Wednesday 20 April – Back to school

Monday 2 May – Bank holiday

Thursday 5 May – Purple class assembly

Monday 9 May – Year 6 SATS week

A message from Mr Cutts

Happy new year and welcome back. It has been a wonderful first week back with every class getting straight back to the fun challenges of the curriculum. It has been lovely to see the children smiling and enjoying being back with their teachers and friends.

Pupil attendance has been on the low side this week and the majority of absence is COVID related. COVID will almost certainly cause us all a degree of disruption over the coming weeks. Nationally, there were 4 million positive cases in total on New Years Day and that level of transmission is inevitably going to impact on schools. I ask that you look out for all COVID communication from school and heed any recommendations and requests from the school. Not only does the guidance evolve over time but it can also be confusing, which isn't helpful for anyone. I will continue to interpret it and communicate it to parents in the clearest terms possible but please do ask if you aren't sure or have any questions specific to your own COVID situation.

Christmas

It feels like a long time ago but the children enjoyed lots of different activities and experiences. We are very proud of the Reception and Key stage 1 children who took part in nativity and Christingle performance. They were our first school events involving parents since

pre-COVID. I am delighted to report that the performances were a success, thanks to the diligence of the audiences, who abided by the





COVID measures in place. Notwithstanding the rapid transmission of the current COVID variant, we are very optimistic about inviting audiences to future events.

The children also enjoyed other activities including a wonderful festive trail, including sweet treat, courtesy of our hard-working Friends of Weston; a lower school visit to Amerton Farm; an upper school visit to the panto; Christmas crafts and a virtual Weston's Got Talent, which was won by Albi in Orange class, who impressed us all with his wonderful singing.

These value of these activities to the children's wider development, particularly at a time when they have been starved of experiences of this nature for so long, should not be underestimated.



Zoolab Visit

The children in Orange class enjoyed a visit from Zoolab just before Christmas. It really enhanced their understanding of different species of animals and they got to handle all sorts of creatures including snakes, giant millipedes, hairless rats and giant snails.



Reception 2022 School Places

The window for applying for a place closes on 15 January 2022. If you don't apply for a place, you might not get one for your child at Weston. Please remember that you must apply for a place even if you already have a child at Weston. Parents who live in Cheshire East should apply online via this link

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

Parents who live in a different local authority, such as Staffordshire, should apply for a place at Weston through their home local authority. Please ask if you need any advice or support.

Vacancies

We still have two midday assistant vacancies and a vacancy for a play worker at The Hive. If you or someone you know is looking for the type of role that is rewarding and wants to join a friendly team at our school, please [check the vacancies page on our website](#).





Year 6 Ambassadors Update

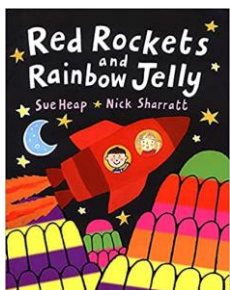
Our Year 6 ambassadors continue to relish their roles as they lead pupil voice in key areas. They look forward to sharing their plans for this term with you. A highlight from the end of last term was our Community Ambassadors leading the children in writing and delivering hundreds of Christmas cards to our neighbours.

Friends of Weston Village Primary School

The next Friends of Weston meeting is next Thursday

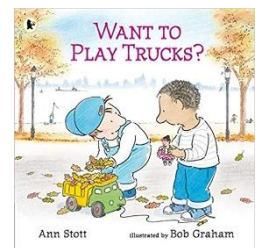
13 January at 7.30pm at The White Lion. All parents are welcome at the meeting, where plans for the months ahead will be made. There is lots to look forward to!

Diversity Update

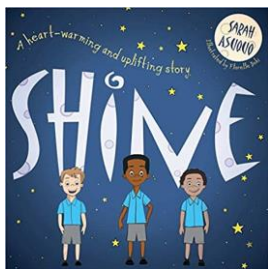


This week, we will share some book recommendations, which promote diversity and equality in different ways:

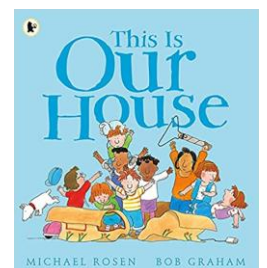
EYFS: Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly, Sue Heap & Nick Sharratt – the main characters are shown liking different things and ultimately liking each other.



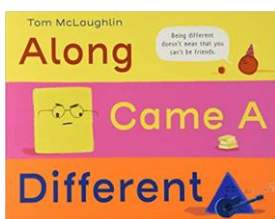
Year 1: Want To Play Trucks?, Ann Stott – two children have different interests but find something they both have in common.



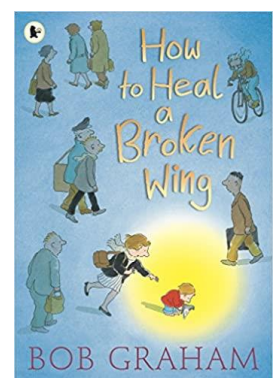
Year 2: Shine, Sarah Asuquo – the main character feels different but is helped to recognise his unique qualities.



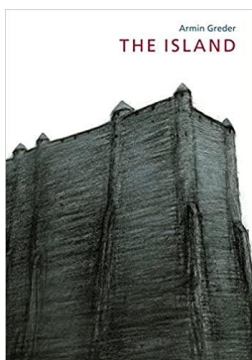
Year 3: This is Our House, Michael Rosen and Bob Graham – the main character excludes people for their differences until he is helped to recognise that he, like everyone else, is different and that these differences should be understood and celebrated.



Year 4: Along Came a Different, Tom McLaughlin – addresses race and racism by encouraging the reader to question treating people differently on the basis of colour.



Year 5: How To Heal a Broken Wing, Bob Graham – an Amnesty International book. Who will help the fallen bird? Addresses the issue of choosing to be, or not being a bystander.



Year 6: The Island, Armin Greder – a powerful book that addresses the dire consequences of unchecked prejudice through the big themes of refugees, xenophobia, multiculturalism, social politics and human rights.

Stars of the Week

There has been an abundance of Secrets of Success on display around school this week as the children show us the attitudes they intend to bring to 2022. We are very proud of their efforts. Here are most of the Stars of the Week.

Try new things



Work hard



Concentrate



Push yourself



Imagine



Improve



Understand others



Don't give up



What is success?

Success isn't just about money.
It is about happiness, choices and
feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

- how hard they have tried
- who they are
- what they spend their time doing
- the choices they have made in their lives.





ParentMail/ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

Don't forget that this is our final week of ParentMail before we fully migrate over to ParentPay. Here are the ParentMail/ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

2 – 7 January – Various COVID Updates

3 January – Important Medical Information and Chicken Pox Request

4 January – ParentPay – Action Required by Some Parents

5 January – Final Boreatton Residential Information (Year 6)



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

Thomas Cutts