



# WESTON NEWS

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

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

9<sup>th</sup> March – FoW Happy's Circus  
launch day

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

17<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 cricket festival

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

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Mrs Chadwick's  
ballroom dancers performing at  
Lyceum

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Y5/6 football team  
Timperley Shield competition

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

27<sup>th</sup> March – Blue class party  
(small change challenge)

30<sup>th</sup> March – Try New Things  
Week

30<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 trip to Brampton  
Toy Museum

2<sup>nd</sup> April – World Autism  
Awareness Day

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Y4 visit to Alsager  
learning resource centre

3<sup>rd</sup> April – School closes for  
Spring break

20<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for all  
staff and children

7<sup>th</sup> May – Happy's Circus

## A message from Mr Cutts

We are really proud of our broad and rich curriculum and believe that our approaches will encourage the children to become life-long learners with a passion for discovering new things and directing their energy towards improving themselves and their skills. We see every day just how much joy the children take from their learning and how they embrace the intrinsic reward of working hard for the sake of working hard. We have a very hands-on governance team and every curriculum subject has a link governor who comes into school every term to meet with the subject leader and see what that subject looks like throughout the school. The governors often comment on how well engaged all of our pupils are with the curriculum and on their outstanding behaviour for learning – listening and concentrating, working hard, communicating effectively and learning with a smile!

The children aren't the only life-long learners - staff continue to access a wide range of training. Recently or in the near future this has or will include leading lunchtimes (for midday assistants), paediatric first aid, life coaching, mental health first aid, a range of training related to behaviour and SEN, maths, subject and middle leadership, GDPR, moderation, and much more. Subject leaders will be sharing good practice with their counterparts from the other schools in our cluster this half term. It is a chance to share curriculum plans, pupil work and CPD approaches among other things. It's great to share but it's even better to learn.



## Boreatton Park

The majority of Year 6 headed to Shropshire for a week at PGL just before the holiday. They did various high ropes activities, giant swing, lots of activities that required teamwork and initiative and lots of bonding activities. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed the opportunity to practise their independent skills, which are so important as children transition to high school. We hope the bath water wasn't too brown at the end of the week parents! Thanks to Mrs Lawton for leading



the trip and to Mrs Bate, Miss Wright, Mr Robinson and Mrs Lister for giving up their time to go on the trip and look after the children.

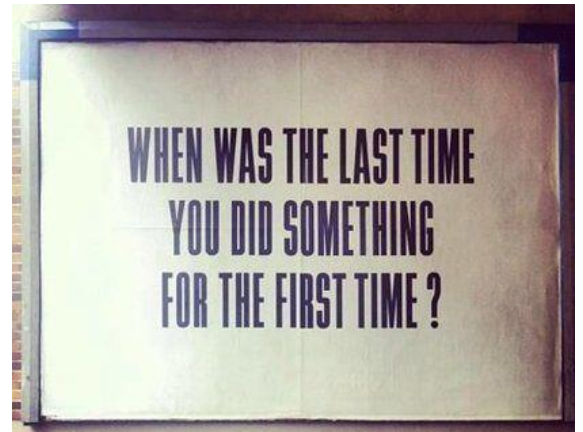
## Friends of Weston

The small change challenge was a huge success and the results far exceeded all expectations. Thank you all so much for your support – the ambitious target of buying and installing a running track and outdoor gym equipment to benefit every child for years to come is almost in touching distance! Blue class won and have planned a fantastic party but every class did really well and will all receive a treat. The discos will be upon us soon on 19<sup>th</sup> March and it won't be long until Happy's Circus comes to Weston on 7<sup>th</sup> May! Tickets will be on sale very soon so watch out for the early bird offer and don't delay – we anticipate it being the most popular FoW event to date!



## Try New Things Week

This year we have decided to dedicate our Try New Things week to the circus. There are so many different circus related activities, knowledge and skills that the children could get their teeth into. The week begins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and we have lots up our sleeves already (not just custard pies!). If you or anyone you know could offer any resources or lead any activities that are related in any way to the circus, please do let us know – we'd be delighted to welcome you after so many of you led such wonderful activities in last year's Try New Things week.



## Show the Love

We welcomed Jill, Mags and Marilyn from the Hough WI into school just before the holiday. They spoke to the whole school about what the Women's Institute do and in particular about their role in the national climate change initiative, Show the Love. They generously donated a green heart tree, which the WI made in their craft sessions from recycled and reused materials. In the assembly, the children made pledges around such things plastic and energy use, in order to have a positive impact on climate change. We have placed the tree in the entrance hall to remind the

children of the role all of us play in shaping the future of our planet. We hope to welcome Jill, Mags, Marilyn and the WI back to Weston soon.

## Sport

The Year 3/4 football team were due to take part in a competition today. Unfortunately it was rained off but has been rescheduled for two weeks' time. Watch this space for news of their progress. It's safe to say that they are all very excited about it. All of Y1 will soon take part in a cricket festival as we continue our aim to get every child involved in sports competitions and festivals.



## Green Class Assembly

We all enjoyed another fabulous assembly thanks to Green class who, with great confidence and humour, shared some of their learning with us from the year so far. It was obvious that they have enjoyed their broad and rich curriculum from learning to play the violin and writing persuasive speeches, to the vikings, volcanoes, the human body, healthy eating, trains, Marie Curie, George Washington Carver and some fantastic art techniques.



The class wanted to cover even more of their learning but 20 minutes is not long enough! Well done to Mr Robinson and Green class - it was wonderful!

## Annie

The children in Orange class took part in Alsager School's annual performance. This year it was Annie and our children performed in a matinee (Blue class were in the audience) and in an evening performance. We were very proud of our Weston pupils who performed with enthusiasm and relished the experience. We were also blown away by the talented Alsager students and not for the first time. Mr Galley brings the very best out of them. Nearly every Orange class pupil I have seen on my lunch duty today has been singing or humming Tomorrow or It's a Hard Knock Life!



## Join the Beavers

Mrs Halfpenny came into school this week to talk to the children about the Beavers, who meet every week at the village hall and have lots of fun. As a former Beaver myself (and cub and scout), I know how valuable an experience is it to part of the Scouting Organisation and the Beavers gives the children lots of opportunities to try new things and make friends. Lots of Weston pupils already attend the 14th South West Cheshire Scouts (Weston and Wychwood) but they have spaces in their Beaver section. It is open to everyone from the age of 5  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Contact [gsl@westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk) or [secretary@westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk) for more information.



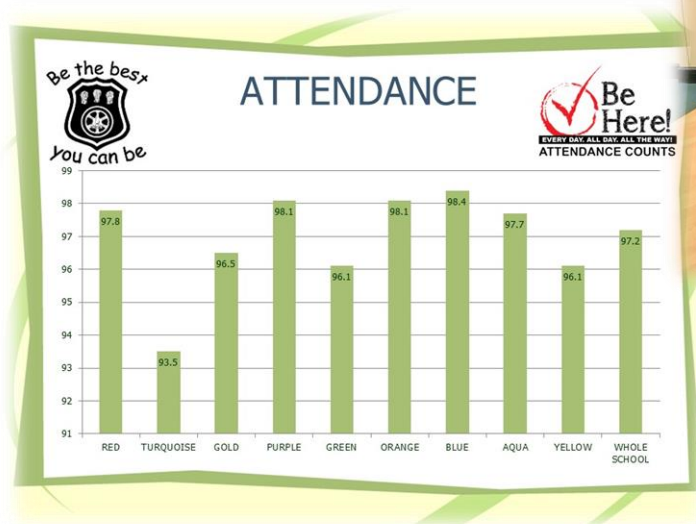
## WiFi Network

Over half term we enacted the latest part of our IT strategy. Through significant investment, we have fully upgraded our whole network. This will mean that we can deliver an even more effective curriculum as well as enhancing the potential productivity of staff and their capacity to provide state of the art learning experiences for the children. We are very pleased with the impact of the work, which was completed by our IT partners, Apex Network Solutions.



## Celebration Assembly

Here are our most recent stars of the week and last half term's dojo winners. They really worked hard on the **Secrets of Success** and we are proud of them all.



Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.



Stars of the week



Spring 1 dojo winners

*Thomas Cutts*