



WESTON NEWS

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

8 March – School fully opens to all pupils

22 and 25 March – Parent/Carer consultation evenings

Thursday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

19 April – School reopens for Summer term

Monday 3 May – School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

28 May – Break up for half term break

Monday 7 June – INSET day – school closed for all pupils

Tuesday 8 June – School reopens for all pupils

A message from Mr Cutts

As you know, we are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday. Although around 20-25% have continued to attend over the last few weeks, the return to classroom based teaching is something that teachers and children alike have longed for since the second partial school closure back in early January. Not only is it where the most effective teaching and learning happens, it's also the environment in which the children can thrive together in the unique melting pot of communication, personal development opportunities and relationships that a classroom provides.

We will support the children as they transition back into school and a large part of that will be through retaining the full curriculum, routines and structure that school provides. We anticipate the need for providing space for children to reconnect through group work in the classrooms and through other opportunities including playtime. Our approach will focus on the positives of returning to school and on embracing the challenges that this return will bring. As a community, we will grow our group

resilience through keeping the aspirations for our children high. That said, we will continue to deploy our expertise in identifying and acting when children are presenting as requiring a more bespoke approach. As ever, we value our home/school partnership in supporting the children and the two-way communication that has been so vital via Class Dojo through the partial closure, remains important.

As the children return next week, we won't have a full complement of staff as one or two are still recovering from the effects of Covid. They are all recovering and hope to be back very soon and we will certainly be giving all of the children that positive message. This means that there will be supply staff in school next week but as a team, we will ensure that all of the children's needs are met fully and that they have a successful return to school.

Arrangements for the return

Please refer to the ParentMails I have sent regarding the return to school over the last two weeks. These specifically include:

23 February – 'Full return to school on 8 March' – general outline

26 February – 'Friday update' – this adds further clarity to the previous letter

1 March – ‘Rapid Lateral Flow Testing...’ – information about LFD tests for adult household and childcare bubble members.

2 March – ‘A letter to parents and carers from Cheshire East’ – an official update about the full return from the council, which includes a line on school transport.

New Build

The pipework is complete and we await the concrete pour and scaffold erection next week. We are on schedule for completion in time for 19th April, the day we return from the Spring holiday.

Updated Fire and Drop-off Arrangements

In relation to the build, we have updated fire evacuation plans and will complete a drill next week. As previously mentioned, the build will affect some aspects of playtimes. In the morning, the children in Key Stage Two will enter the school in the same way as they did prior to January – through the gate onto the KS2 playground and around to their external classroom door. Children in Red, Green and Purple will also enter their classrooms in the same way as they did previously – by going around the side of the building to their external classroom doors. Children in Gold and Turquoise will come into school through the hall doors and enter their classrooms via the corridor door.

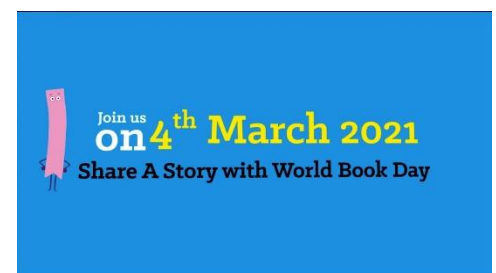


Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings

As previously stated, these will go ahead on Monday 22 and Thursday 25 March. Appointments will go live at 6pm next Friday 12 March. You will be notified via ParentMail and book appointments via the ParentMail online booking system.

World Book Day

We hope the children enjoyed World Book Day. There were lots of fun book, author and illustrator activities across the school and it was lovely to hear lots of book recommendations and books being shared in live sessions. It was great to see lots of costumes and accessories too, despite the current circumstances. As ever, reading remains central to our curriculum and the single most important way that you can support your child’s education is to enable and encourage their regular reading or being read to.



Stars of the Week

With so many children working hard at school and at home, we continue to celebrate Stars of the Week from every class. Look out for the celebration assembly on Class Dojo and on Facebook, where the teachers announce the class Stars of the Week. As ever, it’s hard to choose just one child who has shone, since so many of the children are working their socks off. We look out for evidence of the Secrets of Success! Well done to all the stars.

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

Thomas Cutts