



WESTON NEWS

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

Thursday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

Monday 19 April – School reopens for Summer term

Monday 3 May – School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5 May – Cri Du Chat Awareness Day (wearing 1 short/1 long sock – more information to follow)

Friday 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

Tuesday 15 June – New starters' parents' evening

Thursday 17 June – Sports Day

Thursday 24 June – Y6 Alsager School transition day (more info to follow)

A message from Mr Cutts

We've enjoyed a lovely end of term and with attendance at a steady 97-98% despite one or two bugs going around, it has felt as close to normal as it has done at any point since the end of last February. Two days of sun has certainly helped and the wide range of fun, varied and challenging learning activities has filled the building and our lovely grounds with a purposeful buzz.

What is clear is that the full return to school has led to an increase in Covid transmission nationally, as expected. With the optimism that comes with the success of the vaccine roll-out and the tangible dates of the recovery roadmap, combined with the warmer weather and the longer days, it is easy to throw caution to the wind.

From a headteacher point of view, I strongly advocate that all of our families adhere to the rules that remain in place. The children need to be in school for many reasons and the country needs to collectively benefit from the sacrifices we have made, when the time is right. We may yet have mandatory bubble closures if positive cases come into school – 10 days of isolation, remote education and the associated disruption to parents' work. Whilst future bubble closures here at school may result from completely unavoidable contact, it would be upsetting to know that they had resulted from contact and behaviour outside of school that willfully flew in the face of the guidance. Of course, I know you all understand that but it would be remiss of me not to stress that

although the future is bright, we are not out of the woods yet. Thank you for your ongoing support and please enjoy some family time over the school holiday.



School Photographs

Please return your school photograph orders no later than Thursday 22 April.

Covid-19 Contact Tracing

The DFE have asked headteachers to be available for contact tracing for the first 6 days of the holiday. This means that up to and including 7 April, you should let me know via head@weston.cheshire.sch.uk if your child has a positive test or has developed symptoms and then gone on to test positive, within 2 days of their

last day at school (6 days covers a scenario where symptoms may come on within 2 days but the test and related results follow a few days later). If your child has a positive test at a later point in the holidays, I would still appreciate it if you let me know.

LFD Tests

Cheshire East have asked schools to remind parents about LFD Tests for asymptomatic testing in households. Thank you to all parents who are regularly engaging with this important aspect of our nation's covid recovery.

As a reminder, you can collect a test kit from a local testing site or some local pharmacies between **2.30pm and 8pm** without an appointment. You do not need to take proof of ID or address.

- Crewe - Chester Street, CW1 2ER
- [Find your local pharmacy and what their opening hours are.](#)

People who have been asked to self-isolate **should not attend** a community testing site, and will need to book a PCR test if they develop symptoms.

New Build

The solar panels have been installed and work is continuing with the interior fit. We are still expecting the build to be completed during the holiday. Mrs Armitt certainly approved of the work on her visit earlier this week.

The children have adapted really well to the changes to their outdoor space, including the school field, and when they return on 19 April, the building site will have been fully returned to the school and we can not only enjoy the new classroom, but also the full extent of our outdoor environment. We have plans to enhance this further. More information will follow.



Friends of Weston



As with all aspects of life, the last year has curtailed a lot of the Friends plans, although they have still been able to bring smiles to the children's faces at key times. The children will bring home a sweet treat, courtesy of the Friends of Weston this week. We are also excited to press ahead with plans to spend the money that has been raised by the Friends over the most recent, fantastic events. Look out for more information on the outdoor gym equipment and other playground and playtime enhancements, which will

benefit all of the children now and in the years to come.

Looking ahead to next year, please look out for information on how to join FoW. If you want to connect with other fun and like-minded parents and help to set up or support events and activities that enhance the school experience for children and bring our community together, then please do keep an eye out for information. You would be very welcome.

Visit from the Police

PCSO Jolley and PC Bloom came into school to talk to the Year 6s about hoax calls and bullying. They used a fun but thought provoking approach to help the children to relate to and understand these serious issues. Instances of cyber bullying, which were already on the rise, have increased substantially over the last 12 months. At Weston, we have seen our share of issues on platforms such as WhatsApp. As ever, please continue to monitor your child's online activity.



Reading and books – the heart of our curriculum

Do you ever catch a glimpse of a blue box in photographs of our school? We are a heavy user of the Cheshire Education Library Service and borrow hundreds of books every week. They are delivered in blue project boxes. As well as the latest and greatest in children's novels and picture books, we borrow fiction and non-fiction (and even artefacts) for readers of all ages and stages across every subject. Books really are at the heart of our curriculum and reading doesn't just belong in English lessons. The children at Weston get their hands on countless high quality texts to spark their love of books and curiosity. Ask your child about the books they have read this week.



ParentMail – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

22 and 25 March – Parent/Carer Consultation Appointments

22 March - School Meals Update

23 March - BLM Guide for Parents

24 March – Gold Class Salad Making

29 March – Class Photographs

29 March – After School Sport Clubs

29 March – Year 6 Swimming Lessons

31 March – Pick Up and Drop Off

31 March – Summer Term Menu

Attention All Parents!



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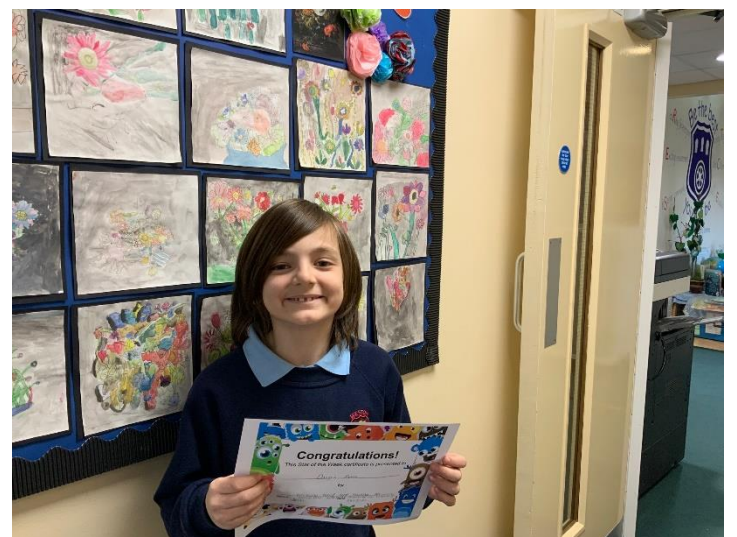
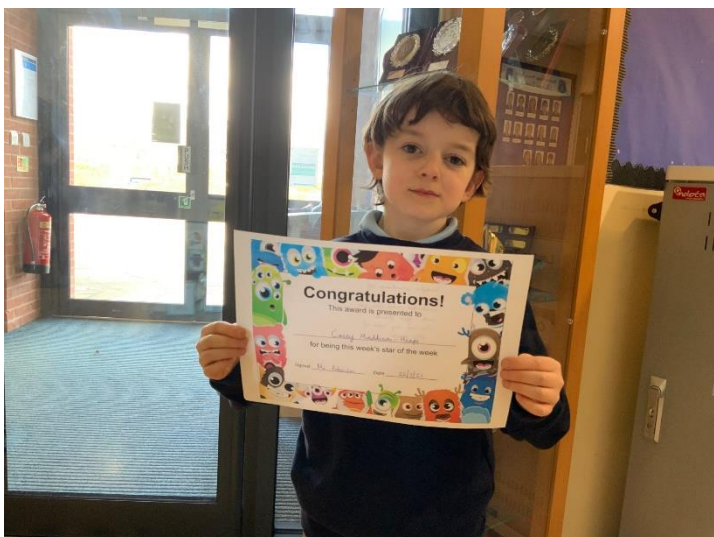




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Stars of the Week

Here are most of our stars of week for the last two weeks. They have done a great job at showing off the Secrets of Success in lots of different ways. Well done children!







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

Thomas Cutts