



WESTON NEWS

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

Monday 3 May – School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5 May – Cri Du Chat Awareness Day (wearing 1 short/1 long stripy socks)

Friday 7 May – NSPCC Number Day (Dress up for digits)

Friday 14 May – Booktrust Pyjamarama Day (wear pjs/onesies)

Thursday 27 May – Blue class trip

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

Monday 21 June – World Music Day

Thursday 24 June – Y6 Alsager School **and whole school** transition day (more info to follow)

A message from Mr Cutts

Welcome back everyone! The summer term in a primary school is always incredibly busy and this year will be no exception. We have lots planned including the reintroduction of trips and other school experiences. Our ambassadors and school councillors have been able to step up with their student responsibilities and there are lots of things afoot for the children to get excited about. As you would expect, we will proceed with caution and continue to adhere to our Covid plan.

If anything changes as we enter Step 3 of the Government's Roadmap, we will let you know and implement any changes carefully. Please do continue to do your bit – wearing face coverings if you come onto school grounds and inevitably congregate, using twice weekly lateral flow device tests and following the test and isolate procedures when members of the household develop symptoms. There is much talk of a third wave this summer which, more than 12 months after the first wave, would be frustrating and exhausting at the very least, but if our community adheres to all the rules and measures that are in place, I am optimistic that our school and the children can continue to thrive without suffering from further lock-downs.

The sun is shining as I write and attendance all week has been 99%+. Everyone in the building appreciates the joy that being an adult or child in a primary school can bring and we are all looking forward to the term ahead.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend!

Early Years Donations – A Thank you

Mrs Armitt sent out an appeal to parents for donations of good quality toys and games to supplement our existing resources and we have been overwhelmed by the response and the generosity of the community. Some parents even donated brand new items. Thank you all ever so much for your generosity.

Thank you!

New Build

We are delighted to tell you that the new Reception classroom is finished. We will have an official opening at some point this term. Due to issues beyond our control, the canopy won't be fitted until the summer holiday but that won't impede our ability to use it this term.

As an academy, we can directly bid for funding to improve our school in this way and parents will know that we recently replaced all the external windows and doors via a similar bid for funding. We look forward to completing further improvements in the future.



School Council

This week, in three separate assemblies, Miss Bell, Miss Watkins and their school council team talked to their classmates about their plans for this term. They are creating 'beehives' around the

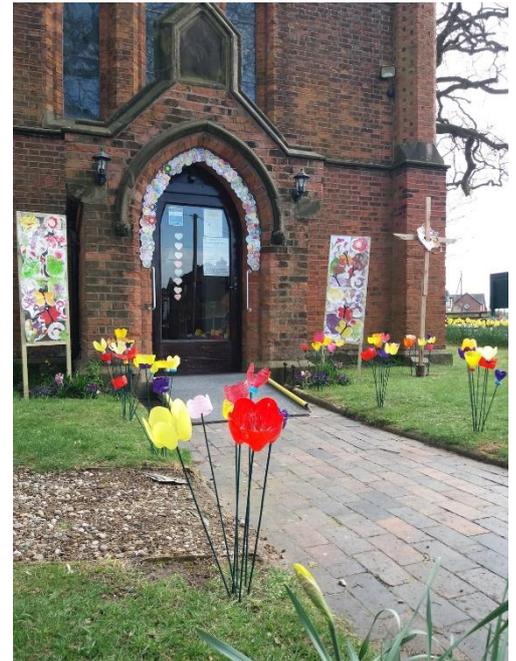
theme 'Bee Positive' - a celebration of the children and a way of reinforcing their positive self-image and self-regard. The displays will incorporate the children's writing and pictures.

Led by the Year 6 School Council Ambassadors, the children are also running a competition based on playground 'zones', which will see them introduce different activities into playtimes and create even more inclusive playtimes.



Easter Flowers

Before Easter, the children provided All Saints Church with lots of coloured flowers for their Easter garden display outside the church. We are sure you'll agree that the display looks lovely and that the church team have done a great job in using the flowers to brighten up the village.



Musical Instrument Tuition

The children in Year 4 had their first brass instrument lesson today with Mr Birch from Love Music Trust. The children will have several weeks of tuition as part of our intended aim of ensuring that every child has musical instrument tuition. As we know with our Secrets of Success, achievement comes with effort and practice makes progress, so the children will be taking their instruments home to practise throughout the week. Parents and carers - you are very welcome!



Earth Day

Last week we observed Earth Day and the children were able to further their understanding of the environmental and climate challenges that we all face and the importance of the planet - our only planet. Our Year 6 Eco Ambassadors led an assembly for Red class all about Earth Day and this year's theme - Restore Our Earth. The children thought about ways that they had helped or could help to restore our earth, such as planting trees and picking up litter.



Lovell Homes, who we have worked closely with since they started the Weston Woods housing development next to the school, have provided every child in the school with a wildflower seed sheet and bee colouring sheet for Earth Day. Planting wildflowers helps to restore our planet by providing bees with somewhere to thrive. Bee populations are at risk yet they are vital in terms of pollinating food crops and other trees and plants that form habitats for wildlife. Laura from Lovell came to see us with the seeds and took the opportunity to look at our Forest School area and some of the natural habitats we have on our school grounds.

Transition

Year 6 children will soon have an opportunity to visit their new secondary schools on transition days. These days will go ahead provided the road to Covid recovery continues as it currently is. As we understand it, Alsager School will host Weston pupils on 24 June and Shavington Academy will host Weston pupils on 1 and 2 July. These schools and the other secondaries will contact parents directly with full details of their transition arrangements. As ever, we will work closely with all secondary schools to ensure that the children have a smooth and successful transition into the next exciting chapter of their lives.



At the other end of the primary age range, we will soon be contacting the parents of the 38 children who are due to start in Reception in September with requests for information and arrangements for transition. I know that many of our new starters have siblings at the school already.

It is very likely that our whole school transition day will be 24 June. As such, we intend to inform parents of which class their child will be in and who their teacher will be ahead of this date.

ParentMail – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

19 April – Photograph Order Deadline

20 April – The Big Ask – A Child and Parent Survey from the Childhood Commission

22 April – Dates for your Diary (Cri-Du-Chat Socks; NSPCC Number Day; Booktrust Pyjamarama Day – all involve the option of wearing something different)

28 April – Uniform – PE Kit and Trainers

28 April – Class Information for Parents

A promotional graphic for ParentMail. At the top, a green banner says "Attention All Parents!". Below it is the ParentMail logo, which includes a red speech bubble with a white plus sign. The text "ParentMail" is in a large, grey font. Below the logo, it says "Have you downloaded the new FREE parent App?" with a red arrow pointing to the word "FREE". Underneath, it says "Receive and respond to school messages from your smartphone instantly!". To the right is a smartphone displaying the ParentMail app interface, which has a list of items: Email, SMS, Forms, Meetings and Events, Parent's Events, Report Absence, and Payments. Below the phone are two buttons: "Download on the App Store" and "ANDROID APP ON Google play". At the bottom, a red banner says "To download your FREE parent App, simply visit the Apple or Android store and search for ParentMail".

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