



WESTON NEWS

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

Thursday 27 May – Blue class trip

Friday 28 May – Break up for half term break

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

Tuesday 8 June – School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 15 June – Alsager Heads of College in to meet Y6 children who are going to Alsager

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)

Thursday 1 and Tuesday 2 July – Y6 Shavington Academy transition days

Wednesday 7 July – New starters' 'Gruffalo Games' afternoon

Thursday 8 July – Y6 leavers' prom (here at Weston tbc)

Friday 9 July – School reports out

A message from Mr Cutts

14 May feels like another day in the school year (albeit one in which we're all wearing pyjamas!). In a week in which a Year 4 child, Oliver Q, spoke to me passionately about how the tragic death of Jordan Banks, a 9 year old boy who died after being struck by lightning this week, had resonated with him, I reflect on the moments and days and events that shape a life or many millions of lives.

Right now, in Jerusalem, civilians including children are experiencing untold tragedy amidst the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. Today, In India, many thousands of people have died from COVID-19 amidst grave stories of oxygen shortages. Every single day, events occur which can drastically change the course of life for so many of us, often for the better. Here are some notable 14 May events from history that give us hope:

14 May 1796 – English doctor Edward Jenner administers the first ever inoculation against smallpox, an event which eventually led to the complete global eradication of smallpox – a reminder of the significance of vaccinations.

14 May 1889 – The NSPCC is launched in London. The vital work of the charity has directly made millions of UK children more safe.

14 May 1908 – The first passenger flight in an aeroplane. As many people look ahead with cautious optimism to foreign holidays, it is worth remembering that 100 years ago, global travel took a lot longer, was more dangerous and was unobtainable for many.

14 May 1973 – The world's first space station, Skylab, is launched. Advances in technology and pioneering STEM work continues to change the world.

The events we are living through now will be the significant events that future generations look back on in years to come. It is worth taking the time to reflect on what we have, to be thankful for the good in our lives despite the uncertainty of the times and to ask what we can do for others to influence their lives for the better and how history will remember us.

Leadership Changes

Mrs Hornby, one of our assistant headteachers, has made the decision to semi-retire at the end of this year as part of her plan to fully retire in the next few years. This move will see her working 2 days a week. As she won't be able to fulfil her assistant headteacher role on these reduced hours, she will step back from it. Although I am personally sorry to see Mrs Hornby step away from the role, I am also excited for her and her plans. She will retain a senior role in school, particularly through her work supporting Key Stage 1 colleagues. She will continue to share the teaching of a class with Mrs Buckley, who will teach three days a week from September.



Following an internal recruitment process, including a rigorous interview involving a panel comprised of senior leaders, a school governor and Richard Middlebrook, AMAT executive headteacher, we have appointed Mrs Loveland to the role of assistant headteacher. She will make an excellent addition to the senior team and is very excited about the challenges ahead.

We have reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the senior team and from September, the two assistant heads will take on newly defined areas of responsibility through substantial, whole-school, strategic leadership roles. Mrs Lawton will become the Curriculum Assistant Head and Mrs Loveland will take on the Pastoral Assistant Head role. I look forward to providing more detail about the work of our middle and senior leaders and the positive impact this has on the educational experiences of the children.

I will share details of next year's classes after the half term holiday.

Cri du Chat Day

Last week it was International 5p- Syndrome Awareness Day. The syndrome is otherwise known as Cri-du-Chat and is a genetic disorder in which part of chromosome 5 is missing or deleted. We have a child in Reception, Abigail, who has Cri-du-Chat syndrome and so the whole school took the opportunity to learn about it and raise awareness in the context of recognising and celebrating diversity.



The whole school wore stripy socks with one pulled up and one pulled down, to represent the deleted chromosome. In fact Abigail's parents provided all of the children in her class with a pair of stripy socks and information leaflets for the whole school to help us to understand it.

When some headteacher colleagues came to visit the school, I took the opportunity to enlighten them about the condition (and explain why I had my trousers tucked into my socks!)



School Council

Following their well-received assemblies, the school council, led by Miss Bell and Miss Watkins asked their classmates to think about something they are good at and put it on a hexagon for their 'Bee Positive' display board - a celebration of everyone.

Here is a selection of what the children are proud of and enjoy: 'gardening', 'running pretty fast', 'hitting a golf ball 124 yards', 'complete a high ropes course', 'doing light sabre stances', 'being a really good friend', 'doing calligraphy', 'act', 'knowing Morse Code', 'speaking Spanish', 'climbing a rocky hill over a lake in Italy', 'speaking Welsh', 'doing ballet and tap', 'speaking Polish', 'cooking for other people', 'working on a farm'. The display is surrounded by affirmations from children such as 'Turn your

frown upside down' and 'Shine like the sun'. It's a very positive and empowering display that the children really like!

NSPCC Number Day

Last Friday was NSPCC Number Day. As well as dressing in number/maths related outfits, the children (and staff) enjoyed lots of different maths activities including several active outdoor maths challenges. Not only have they fuelled their maths passions, but they have raised lots of money for a very worthy cause.



BookTrust Pyjamarama Day

To complete our triumvirate of 'dress differently' days from the last fortnight, today we observed BookTrust's Pyjamarama Day. The children wore pyjamas and onesies and completed activities and made bunting to celebrate books, reading and bedtime stories in particular. There were some fantastic pyjamas and onesies on display!



ParentMail – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

6 May – Please Read – An Important Medical Request (regarding measles, chickenpox and shingles)

14 May – The Hive Summer Half Term Holiday Club

14 May – Parents and Carers of September 2021 Starters – Welcome to Weston

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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