

WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Monday 6 February – Children's mental health week

Tuesday 7 February – Parish Council presentation to parents plus choir performance at school (details have been sent)

Tuesday 7 February – Safer Internet day

Wednesday 8 February – KS2 netball competition

Thursday 9 February – Class and leavers photographs

Friday 10 February – Dress to Express day (details to follow)

Monday 13 February – Year 6 residential all week

Wednesday 15 February – Green class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Friday 17 February – School closes for half term

Monday 27 February – School reopens

Thursday 2 March – World Book Day (costumes – details to follow)

Thursday 16 March – Turquoise class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Monday 20 and Thursday 23 March – Parent/Carers consultation evenings (details to follow)

A message from Mr Cutts

We look ahead to Children's Mental Health week next week. Mental health problems are becoming increasingly prevalent in society and not least amongst our children. We have experienced a huge increase in children at Weston either experiencing mental health problems or struggling with their emotional wellbeing or who have a number of risk factors that could lead to them experiencing these problems.

At Weston, our culture and universal offer to all children around mental health means that we are able to quickly identify where there might be a need to intervene. Our investment into significant staff training gives us a degree of expertise to support children with developing issues. Our staffing structure affords us a dedicated pastoral assistant headteacher and senior mental health lead (Mrs Loveland) who, among other things, heads up our emotional and mental health team, comprised of other key staff, who develop strategy and complete significant work in this crucial area. <u>Read more about our 3-tier Social, Emotional and Mental</u> <u>Health (SEMH) whole school provision here.</u>

Although we have a well-rounded offer, it is important to promote the significance of positive mental health on a national awareness occasion like next week. Throughout the

week we will be highlighting the importance of connections. Please do talk to your child about what they are doing throughout the week and reinforce the theme of meaningful connections with others.



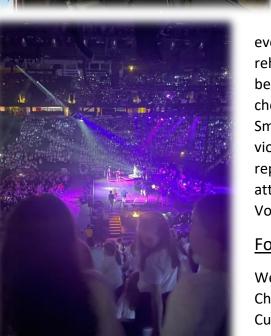
Parish Council and Choir Event

A reminder about our joint event with the parish council, which will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 6pm.

The dual aim of the event is to showcase the school choir, who will have recently performed at Young Voices, and to provide a forum for the Parish Council to engage with members of the school and therefore parish community.

The event will last around an hour. The choir will sing either side of a short parish council presentation and q & a session. This is designed to share what the Parish Council is about along with some of the challenges





currently facing the parish. It will also flag up the major change that will be taking place at the end of March - the formation of a new Parish Council entitled Weston and Crewe Green.

All parents and members of the community are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served from 5.40pm, courtesy of the Friends of Weston. Parking will be on the school playground.

Young Voices 2023

The choir did an amazing job at this year's Young Voices event at Manchester Arena on Wednesday. They spent the day rehearsing with all of the other schools who were taking part before performing with them for a huge audience. As well as the choir, we enjoyed and joined in with performances from Heather Small, dance group Urban Strides, the Beatbox Collective and violinist Anna Phoebe. As you would expect, our choir represented the school brilliantly with their performing and their attitudes. We are very proud of them. This was our first Young Voices since pre-Covid but we fully intend to go again next year.

Football Success

Weston qualified for the Cheshire Schools FA U11 Cup County Finals, which took place last week. The competition brought

together the very best school teams from across Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester. Weston performed incredibly well, ultimately reaching the semi-final. Although they lost that game, they can hold their heads up high as their performance places Weston in the top 4 schools in Cheshire!

Green Class Assembly

A reminder that it is Green class assembly on Wednesday 15 February. Up to 2 people per child are invited to watch the assembly,

together with some of the school. We will livestream the assembly into the other classrooms. The children have got lots to share including songs and a wonderful insight into their learning. Please arrive no earlier than 9.50am ready for a 10am start. The assembly will last around 15 minutes.





Class Photographs

Don't forget that class and leavers photos are next Thursday 9 February.

the school. Safety on the roads around school at the start and end of the day should be taken seriously by everyone.

The community ambassadors went on parking patrol with PCSO Jolley last Friday. They wrote tickets pointing out to some car owners why their parking was unsafe. They looked at cars parked on and opposite junctions, cars parked over dropped curbs and cars parked on the zig-zag lines next to





<u>Mrs Armitt</u>

Mrs Armitt will be starting her maternity leave at half term and is due to return 12 months later. We wish her and her family all the very best at this exciting time and can't wait to meet baby Armitt #2! Her teaching day in Turquoise class will be covered by Miss Burton, who has already worked at the school and is

Parking Patrol

familiar with our systems. Between half term and the end of the year, Mrs Armitt's SENCo role will be fulfilled by Mrs Henshall, who has supported us so well throughout the last 18 months. From September 2023, Mrs Loveland will be taking over the SENCo role and will step away from the classroom completely. We will share our plans for replacing these teaching days in due course.

Stars of the Week

In Celebration assembly we celebrate lots of achievements and successes and reinforce our understanding of the Secrets of Success. We also celebrate a star of the week from every class who has demonstrated the Secrets of Success in different ways. Pictures of our most recent stars of the week will follow.

ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

- 26 January NEU teacher strike
- 27 January The Hive half term holiday club
- 27 January Final Young Voices letter
- 2 February Upcoming dates



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

Thomas Cutts