



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Friday 17 February – School closes for half term

Monday 27 February – School reopens

Thursday 2 March – World Book Day (details below)

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March – NEU strike days (impact on Weston tbc)

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)

Thursday 30 March – Friends of Weston Easter activity

Friday 31 March – School closes for Spring holiday

Monday 17 April – School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 25 April – Junior safeguarding conference (Y6 ambassadors)

Wednesday 26 April – Purple and Gold class trip to Think Tank

Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)

Thursday 4 May – Gold class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Monday 8 May – King's Coronation Bank holiday

Tuesday 9 May – KS2 SATS week

A message from Mr Cutts

Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day. On Monday, Miss Griffiths led an assembly introducing the concept to the children. We talked about what kindness is and why it is so important to be kind in our words and actions. We also talked about the value of spontaneous kindness and how to incorporate acts of kindness into everyday life to make you and the people around you feel good.

Ask your child about whether they have been kind or someone has been kind to them this week. Ask them how they felt on all those occasions. Our culture of kindness and courtesy is commented on by every visitor to our school and recognising what this actually looks like is an important step for the children.

Random acts of kindness could include: letting somebody else go first; sharing your snack; drawing someone a picture; leaving a positive sticky note for someone; holding a door open for somebody; complimenting someone; donating toys or clothes to charity; washing the dishes without being asked.

Someone left me a lollipop with a kind message on my desk this week, which made me feel warm and appreciated. It's good to be kind.



Children's Mental Health Week

The children completed lots of activities designed to promote awareness of mental health and the importance of both self-help and positive relationships in terms of our mental health. The theme of Let's Connect was reinforced in different ways. The children went on a walk around the school grounds and simply chatted to someone else. Some classes paired up to do this. We also spent time looking at the book *Invisible String* to reinforce the idea of how interconnected we all are, even when we aren't together. The children and staff also appreciated the bracelets they were given, which were made by the Year 6s. Finally, we explored how to articulate our feelings on Dress to Express day last Friday, where everyone wore clothes/colours that express themselves/their feelings.



TCT Update



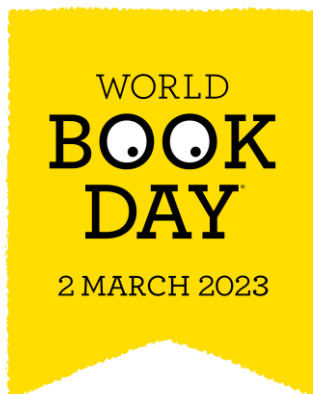
Every school in The Cornovii Trust has had a review of its Special Educational Needs provision, led by Alison Ashley, a National Leader of Education with a wealth of SEND experience. She spent the day with us earlier this week and

was incredibly impressed by our provision. She commented positively on the leadership and teaching of SEND and on the very high calibre of our teaching assistants and the work they do with some of our most vulnerable children. Her words echoed those of the Ofsted inspectors who visited last term and she felt that our school epitomised inclusivity. This is about more than just our systems and processes and individuals, it is about our culture and we are very proud of it. This review will enable the trust to identify ways in which we can exploit the many strengths across the schools to benefit all of the children we serve.

Green Class Assembly

Well done to the children in Green class, who put on a wonderful class assembly for the rest of the school and their parents earlier this week. They shared a thorough insight into their learning from the last few weeks including some excellent art based around Thomas Gainsborough; French greetings and responses, including flawless French accents; some excellent narrative writing; a couple of catchy songs and history work all about Tudor king Henry VIII. It was a very polished performance in which all the children were encouraged to push themselves.





World Book Day – Thursday 2 March

As you will know from the dates section on recent newsletters, Thursday 2 March is World Book Day. World Book Day is an annual national celebration of books and reading.

In order to give more relevance to World Book Day and the 'You Are A Reader' initiative, we will be focussing on bedtime stories - such a valuable way to enjoy books. As such, we are encouraging the children to bring a favourite bedtime story from the last 12 months into school to share with a friend from another class.

To further enhance the day and our theme, we would like the children to either come to school in pjs/onesie/loungewear or dress up as a character from their favourite bedtime story to really get into the World Book Day frame of mind.

Books are important all year round and we work daily to nurture a love of reading at Weston but a national event that is promoted in the media with a wealth of top-quality, associated resources, is an excellent opportunity to further highlight the value of reading.

Classes will enjoy a variety of different World Book Day related activities throughout the day and will all bring home a free book to enjoy.



Parish Council and Choir Event

The choir performed some of their repertoire, including their favourite Young Voices song, Rockstar, at a combined event with the Parish Council last week. As well as enjoying the choir, the audience found out lots about how the Parish Council operates and the plans for the future, including the merger with Crewe Green parish. Thank you to Friends of Weston for supporting the event by providing refreshments. We look forward to future events of a similar nature.

Year 6 Residential

The week at Boreatton has flown by and as I type, the children are on the coach home after 5 days packed with adventures and new memories. I went through to visit the staff and children on Wednesday and saw that not only were they having an amazing time but they were carrying themselves in the same way that they do at school – looking out for each other, being polite and considerate and being lots of fun! We look forward to hearing all about their visit when they get back to school. A massive thank you to the staff who led and supported the trip for giving so much time and energy to make the experience such a success.



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. Here are most of the most recent stars of the week.



Friends of Weston Valentine's Day Sale



FOWs came into school on Tuesday to spread a little love and raise a little money for school with a trolley of Valentine's

delights. All of the children had the opportunity to purchase Valentine's themed sweets and novelty gifts.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue

Cheshire Fire and Rescue came to spend the morning with Year 5 as part of our personal development curriculum. They built on their knowledge of all aspects of road safety.



ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

6 February – Spring 2 sports after school clubs

13 February – Friends of Weston Valentine's day sale

13 February – Special menus this week

16 February – NEU teacher strike 28 February



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

Thomas Cutts