



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Wednesday 24 May – Reception and Year 6 height and weight check

Friday 26 May – School closes for half term

Monday 5 June – School reopens for all pupils

Monday 12 June – Year 1 phonics screening check this week

Monday 12 June – KS2 Town Sports field events

Wednesday 14 June – KS2 Town Sports track events

Thursday 15 June – Year 5 to Alsager activity day

Thursday 15 June – New starters parents/carers meeting

Tuesday 20 June – Shavington in to run Y6 workshop

Tuesday 20 June – New starters Gruffalo Games

Wednesday 21 June – Shavington in to run Y5 workshop

Thursday 22 June – Purple class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June – Shavington Academy transition day

Thursday 29 June – Red class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Wednesday 5 July – Alsager School transition day

Wednesday 5 July – Turquoise class trip to Potteries Museum

Thursday 6 July – Sports Day (details provided in due course)

A message from Mr Cutts

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have embraced the Secrets of Success over the last two weeks as they took on the end of key stage assessments (SATs). While the stakes for these assessments are not as high as others that the children will face, such as GCSEs, it is an excellent opportunity for them to develop and demonstrate those important character traits such as push yourself, don't give up, concentrate and work hard.

We were delighted to see the children take the tests on with a smile knowing that they provided a chance to shine.

Results will be shared with parents towards the end of the year when the school reports are sent home.

Next month, children in Year 1 sit a short phonics screening check, together with any Year 2 children who didn't pass the check last year. We assess the children often enough to check that they are in the right groups and to reveal any gaps in their knowledge so that we can fill them and while this is a similar assessment, the results are shared with the DFE and used to compare schools' performance.

Also next month, the children in Year 4 sit a multiplication tables check, along with all of the other Year 4s across the country.

All the children will take their termly reading, grammar and maths assessments and judgements will be made and moderated on their writing. While assessments are part and parcel of school life, we always frame them as an opportunity



for children to show what they know so that we can help them with anything they don't yet know.

Xplore!

The children in Yellow class enjoyed a day out in North Wales this week at Xplore! Science museum in Wrexham. While they were there, they spent time exploring the interactive exhibits and building on their science curriculum knowledge through workshops led by the museum. They had a great day!



Lower Moss Wood

The children in Red class also went on a trip this week, to Lower Moss Wood Nature Reserve. Fortunately the weather was perfect for their outdoor trip. They went for a walk, looked for animal clues, sang like birds and did some pond dipping. The teachers all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot.

Knife Angel

Next week we are taking a group of Year 6 children to see the Knife Angel statue, which is currently in Crewe. The Inclusion Ambassadors will see the statue, which is made from over 100,000 blades, and meet with the police who will talk to them about the premise of the statue. The ambassadors will share what they have learnt with other children in the school.

The statue itself is in Crewe in the library/municipal building area until the end of May. Some children have already visited it and described what a powerful sight it is.

A programme of activities is also planned for the month:

- Theatre activities and gang culture workshops
- First aid demonstrations and training
- Knife amnesty
- Safe space bus
- A space to create artistic responses to the sculpture at St Peter's Church, Crewe
- Quiet space for reflection

[Take a look at the Crewe Knife Angel leaflet here.](#)

[Find out more about the origins of the statue here.](#)





New Starters

We have now made contact with the parents of our 30 new Reception class starters, ahead of their transition activities later this term. We can't wait to meet them all properly and start the transition process to put them in the best possible position to enjoy a successful start to primary school life.

Our Year 6s will be heading off to their transition days over the next few weeks as they look ahead to the next step of their education journey. They are ready to take that step and I know we will be proud to hear about how they have built on their excellent attitudes as they progress through key stage 3 and beyond.

Finally, the rest of the school will enjoy a transition day in July. There is still so much to look forward to before we break for summer but planning for next year is fully underway. Information about classes, teachers and teaching assistants will follow after half term.

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.



ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

9 May – The Hive summer half term holiday club

11 May – Height and weight check letter (Reception Year 6)

17 May – Taste of Mexico menu

19 May – FAO parents/carers who use The Hive (regarding Thursday afternoon's session)



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

Thomas Cutts