



# WESTON NEWS

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

Friday 16 July – Children break up for summer holiday

Wednesday 1 September – INSET Day and Teddy bears' picnic for new starters

Thursday 2 September – Start of Autumn term for all children

**Monday 6 September – Amaven PE challenge day**

**Thursday 16 September – Individual and siblings school photographs**

**Friday 1 October – Harvest Festival**

**Thursday 7 October – Yellow Class assembly**

**w/c 18 October – Parent Consultation Evenings**

**Thursday 21 October – Aqua Class assembly**

**Friday 22 October – Break up for half term**

**Monday 1 November – INSET day**

**Tuesday 2 November – School reopens for pupils**

## A message from Mr Cutts

We have enjoyed a fantastic end to the term. Despite the minor disruption caused by temporary bubble closures, the last few weeks have been packed with fun activities and lots of learning and have felt reassuringly normal after such an unsettled year. I am immensely proud of the efforts of the whole staff team who have consistently gone above and beyond both this year and in their preparations for next year.

You will all have seen my letter detailing the changes to the covid guidance and other related measures at Weston. I will just reiterate that we will be exercising caution at the start of the year. Cheshire East continue to advise that cases in the area are rising quickly and while the 'firebreak' of the school holidays are expected to have an impact, it is right to tread carefully in those first few weeks of term.

I wish you all a wonderful, safe and sunny summer holiday. I very much hope that you are able to enjoy some family time and I look forward to seeing you and the children, including all our new starters, in September.

## Pirate Ship, Climbing Wall and Outdoor Gym

Other than a minor snag or two, our outdoor development is complete. The children have enjoyed exploring the pirate ship and climbing wall and the outdoor gym is a firm favourite among the older children. Our aim was to enhance playtimes by encouraging more physical activity and encouraging reconnection through exploratory and imaginative play. The playground development, paid for by Friends of Weston, the school, Taylor Wimpey and Lovell Homes, ticks all of those boxes and then some. We are very happy with it!





## Changes

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Henshall to the team from the start of term for her SENCO handover with Mrs Armitt. Also starting on 1 September is Miss Thomas, who has been appointed to cover the teaching part of Miss Armitt's maternity leave. Miss Thomas is an Early Years and Key Stage 1 specialist who will work alongside Mrs Armitt, the Early Years team and Mrs McKenzie until she takes over from Mrs

Armitt properly when she starts her maternity leave at some point in October.

There are changes in the kitchen too. Although we have only been with our caterers Aramark for 2 years, the kitchen team have been with us for a lot longer. Mrs Wood has worked at Weston for 6 years and Mrs Poole has been here for 17 years! Sadly, we are saying goodbye to both of them. We are very grateful for their years of hard work and will miss them a great deal. From September, there will be a new team in the kitchen.

We also bid a fond farewell and massive thank you to our Chair of Governors, Jennie Adlam. Jennie has worked tirelessly for the school in her capacity as governor over the years and has played a vital role in the school's development over her time as Chair. I am personally very grateful for her support and counsel over the years, not least during the last year and a half of covid-uncertainty. Jennie is stepping down from the governing board at the end of the year and a new Chair, Carol White, has been appointed. Carol is a recently retired and experienced headteacher whose current work includes the role of school improvement partner.

## Bugsy Malone

At the end of a very different 18 months, some things remain the same. One of those is the bittersweet departure of our Year 6 children. We are excited for their futures and wish them all the very best but we will certainly miss



them a great deal. We hope to see them again and will follow their journey through high school, from afar.

We haven't been able to invite parents into school to share performances and leavers assemblies but technology is a wonderful thing and through it, we have been able to share these moments with the Year 6 parents as well as class assemblies and other performances throughout the year.



Mrs Lawton and Mrs Bate have shared a Leavers' Assembly, comprised of memories, aspirations and lots of photos. They have also put a very innovative spin on our Leavers' Performance. The children performed Bussy Malone and by filming it rather than rehearsing a straight stage-based performance, they have been able to film scenes 'on location' around the school! Massive thanks go to the teachers for enabling the children to put these performances together and spending hours in the editing room and massive congratulations go to the children for putting in such excellent performances. Thank you to parents for providing costumes and props and supporting your children with learning lines and song lyrics. Don't forget Year 6 parents – you will always be part of the Weston family and we will miss you too!

### Year 6 Party, Camp Out and Activity Day

Last Friday, Year 6 came back to school for an end of primary school party, complete with Dominos pizza. As if that wasn't enough fun, we all went onto the field for a campfire with stories and marshmallows before spending the night sleeping in tents. After a nice early start, we enjoyed a day of activities including circus skills, culminating in a circus show. We had loads of fun! A massive thank you must go to all the staff and governor, Tim Lloyd, who gave up their weekend to help the children make special memories and to the parents who spent their Friday afternoon pitching tents. It was worth it!



### New Outdoor PE Kit

As referred to in the September letter from earlier this week, here are more details of our new outdoor PE kit for children to wear on PE days when it isn't shorts and t-shirt weather. The tracksuit bottoms are priced at £10 (3/4 to 9/10) and £12 (11/12 to 13) and the hooded top is priced at £15 (3/4 to 11/12), £16 (13) and £18 (adult s/m/l).



The uniform policy is currently plain navy tracksuit (plain black is acceptable). This will be amended ahead of 2022/23 to just plain navy or the new school tracksuit, however the new school tracksuit is available **this summer** from our uniform supplier – Smart Choice Uniforms in Alsager. In 2021/22, the children are not allowed to wear tracksuits that are not plain navy (plain black is acceptable). After a year of a more lenient approach to tracksuits due to the wearing of them all day being a new and not necessarily permanent thing, we will apply this policy fully and rigorously next year, with the children wearing PE kit for 2 days every week.



## Street Naming Competition

The winners of the street naming competition that was run by Lane End New Beginnings were announced by a special recorded assembly this week. Ellie in Aqua Class and Luka in Blue Class were announced as the winners and their proposed street names, Autumn Avenue and Sidings Avenue, will be officially adopted as the names of two streets on the new housing development at Basford East, subject to council approval. We look forward to working closely with Lane End throughout the build.

## Calendar and Term Dates

A full calendar of 2021/22 events will follow in early September. Throughout the year, keep an eye on the website calendar, which is always kept up to date and on the dates for you diary box at the top of every newsletter to stay on top of upcoming school activity. Next year's term dates are on the website.

## FAO Parents of Current Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 Parents – Taster

### Music Lessons

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument at school? Would you like to have a guitarist or pianist in the house? FREE Taster session available for a September start for Reception- Year 3.



Limited spaces are available for new starters on Piano, Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Singing, Violin and Guitar in individual or small groups (dependant on instrument chosen). Piano tuition is available from Reception, Recorder from Year 1, Guitar and Violin from Year 2, Flute and Clarinet from Year 3. For availability and to book a FREE Taster session (current Reception to Year 3) please email: all4musicality@yahoo.co.uk to contact Mrs Clare Shackleton (visiting school music teacher).

## ParentMail – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

- 5 July – Road Safety
- 5 July – Wychwood Park Hotel Summer Offer
- 7 July – Availability at the Hive Summer Holiday Club
- 8 July – Wear Red and White for England
- 9 July – Monday Morning
- 9 July – Annual Reports
- 12 July – The Hive Out of School Service 2021/22
- 14 July – Next Year – Please Read (important information regarding lots of September arrangements)

## Attention All Parents!

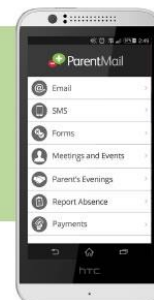


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15 July – The Hive Summer Holiday Club

15 July – Year 6 Leavers' Performances (for parents and carers of Year 6 children)

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

*Thomas Cutts*