



WESTON NEWS

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

Friday 1 October – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 5 October – Harvest workshops for Turquoise, Gold and Purple

~~Thursday 7 October – Yellow Class assembly~~

Thursday 14 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

Thursday 4 November – Book Fair (for a week)

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 November – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 12 November – Children In Need

Wednesday 17 November – Stoke City 7s assembly

Thursday 18 November – Blue Class assembly

Tuesday 7 December – Red Class nativity (pm and evening performances)

Thursday 9 December – Gold and Turquoise Christmas performances (pm and evening)

Friday 10 December – KS2 trip to Regent Theatre pantomime

Monday 13 December – Purple Christingle Service (tbc)

Friday 17 December – Weston's Got Talent

Friday 17 December – Break up for Christmas

A message from Mr Cutts

We are just 3 full weeks into the school year and so much has happened already. Not only have the children fully settled into their new classes but so much more is happening that will further enhance their Weston experience. Mrs Lawton, in her new Curriculum Assistant Headteacher role, is leading lots of improvements to the curriculum, including the introduction of subject departments, which we call 'pods'. The subjects are grouped into 3 pods – Arts, Humanities and STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). This allows subject leaders (all the teachers) to work collaboratively on driving improvements to our planned curriculum, the teaching of it and the children's attainment. As ever, subject leaders have time off-timetable to monitor standards and complete actions and we are excited to see our curriculum offer go from strength to strength.

Mrs Loveland, in her new Pastoral Assistant Headteacher role is leading on all things related to pupil safety, behaviour, attitudes, wellbeing and personal development. An important focus of her work this year is overseeing our drive to build back the school's wider curriculum to an even stronger place than it was pre-COVID. This includes our work on children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, their citizenship and their physical and mental wellness.

I look forward to sharing further insights with the community in due course.

As ever, these are exciting times at Weston and the entire staff team continue to work incredibly hard for each other and for your children.

Mrs Henshall

Please see the following message from Mrs Henshall:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I will be taking over as Senco from Mrs Armitt as she begins her maternity leave in a few weeks. I have been working with Mrs Armitt this term to help to ensure a smooth transition and have really enjoyed my time meeting all of the children and staff. Weston Village Primary is a lovely, warm and welcoming school and I feel privileged to be part of the Weston family this year. I will be working every Thursday at Weston. The rest of the week I work at Alsager Highfields Primary School in my role as Senco, Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead where I have taught for 16 years. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, my email address is lhenshall@weston.cheshire.sch.uk



Kind regards

Mrs L Henshall

Nut Free School

Further to our regular reminder that we are a nut free school, please be aware that this applies to all products containing nuts. Please do check before you put certain items into lunchboxes such as chocolate/hazelnut products like Kinder Bueno bars and Nutella spread. Chocolate spread sandwiches are generally not part of the kind of balanced diet that we would encourage anyway but the health implications for our vulnerable children is potentially significant. To be clear, these are children who require epipens and an ambulance if they suffer an anaphylactic reaction to nut exposure. Thank you for your support.

Harvest Festival

The children will have a harvest assembly next Friday 1 October and our younger children will take part in some harvest workshops the following week. Part of our harvest work on food involves us focussing on those in our community who, for different reasons, require the use of foodbanks. As ever, we really value your generosity and we ask that you, if you're able to, please send in dried food such as tins and packets (no fresh food). We are continuing our partnership with

local charity Chance Changing Lives and their Community Pantry and any food that you donate will be given to them and ultimately support those in need in our community. Please send this food in next Friday. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Clubs

Look out for information about staff led clubs next week. While we have maintained some COVID measures including limited mixing of pupils and have started our sports clubs, we now feel able to finalise our other staff-led clubs. We will be reminding the children of one of our Secrets of Success – Try New Things – and encouraging them to have a go and get involved.



Vacancies

We have vacancies on our cleaning team and on The Hive team. Please look at the vacancies page on our website or the Cheshire East vacancies website for details and spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested.

Sports

The Crewe and Nantwich Sports Partnership have suspended all sports competitions and festivals for now due to the rapid increase in COVID cases among school children in the Crewe and Nantwich area. We will get involved in as many of these as possible when normal service resumes. Please look out for further information.

MacMillan Coffee Morning Reminder

Some volunteers including Weston parents have organised a Macmillan coffee morning event at the Wychwood Village Hall on Sunday 26 September, 10 am until 12.30 pm.



Some parents may have been familiar with Hannah Neal Squire who was a parish councillor and the proud owner of the COW (Coffee On Wheels) mobile. She brought it to Weston Sports Day and otherwise did lots for the community. She always arranged the MacMillan coffee event but very sadly she passed away over the summer. The community are keen to recognise all that she did and to continue this wonderful community event.

Lost Property Reminder

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. We amass lots of lost property every term, much of which is never claimed, including jumpers and cardigans, bottles and even coats. Being responsible for your own property is a life skill and we ask that you reinforce this at home in order to keep lost property to a minimum.

Stars of the Week

Here are most of the Stars of the Week from this term. These children have embraced the Secrets of Success and have been recognised by their teachers. Well done children – keep it up!









Reception 2022

Tours of the school after school hours are available on request and I have enjoyed showing lots of prospective parents around the school already this term. There is still plenty of time before the 15 January 2022 application deadline but if you know parents who live locally and have a child due to start school in September 2022, please tell them about Weston. Remember, we have reduced our admissions number from next September to 30 places and even if you have children already at Weston, you still have to apply through the Cheshire East website to secure your child's place in Reception (unless you live in Staffordshire, for example in Betley, in which case you should apply through the Staffs website).

COVID Update

As I write, we have had no further COVID cases with most remaining absentees due back on Monday and the final one due back next Wednesday. As ever, please continue to remain vigilant around symptoms and make use of lateral flow testing.

ParentMail - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

Various COVID updates

9 September – Cheshire Cricket After-School Club (Y5&6)

10 September – 2021/22 Calendar

14 September – Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip

14 September – School Photographs

22 September – Key Stage 2 Trip to Regent Theatre

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

Thomas Cutts