



# WESTON NEWS

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

5<sup>th</sup> October – Y3/4 football competition

12<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

12<sup>th</sup> October – Y1/2 football festival

15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings

**17<sup>th</sup> October – Turquoise trip to Knowsley Safari Park**

20<sup>th</sup> October – FOW event - Blitz Firework Display

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Maths Workshops

**24<sup>th</sup> November – School nurse drop-in**

25<sup>th</sup> October – Orange Class Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term

**5<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens**

**8<sup>th</sup> November – NSPCC assemblies and workshops**

**12<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week**

**13<sup>th</sup> November – School nurse drop-in**

**15<sup>th</sup> November – Purple and Gold Great Fire of London day**

**16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day**

**19<sup>th</sup> November – Yellow Class trip to International War Museum, Salford**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November – Blue Class Assembly & Early Years Open Afternoon**

## A message from Mr Cutts

It's hard to believe how quickly September has turned into October. The nights are really starting to draw in and our safety officers are preparing their assembly prompting children to be safe and be seen in the dark, which is so important at this time of year. It has been a delight to show so many visitors around school over the last few weeks, including lots of parents of children who are due to start school next September. They said lots of wonderful things about our children who were, as ever, polite, hard-working and welcoming.

I have had the pleasure of spending a lot of time in every class over the last few days and, together with Mrs Hornby and Mrs Lawton, I experienced first-hand the excellent teaching that goes on throughout the school. The children were engaged and challenged and were full of enthusiasm as they talked to me about their learning.

As ever, it isn't just the children who are learning. Over the next two weeks, all staff will renew their safeguarding training, teachers will enjoy part two of Miss Wright's Forest Schools training (hoping to avoid the torrential downpour from last time), staff will continue their Mantle of the Expert training and governors will attend a conference at Cranage Hall to stay on top of current developments in school governance. The staff team expect the children to strive to improve and we have the same expectations of ourselves. We try to live our motto: Be the best you can be.

## Harvest Festival

Next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, is our Harvest Festival. Mrs Bate has taught the children lots of harvest songs and we will belt them out in true Weston fashion, in a special assembly. Any donation of perishable and non-perishable food would be gratefully received. As ever, we intend to split any donations between local residents and the Salvation Army in Crewe. We are always blown

away by the amount of food that the children bring in, thanks to the generosity of our families. Unfortunately there won't be enough room in the hall to invite parents but please keep an eye on the school Facebook page for photos and videos and an update in the next newsletter.

## A message from the Ambassadors

We have spent our playtimes keeping an eye out for great playtime behaviour on both playgrounds. Lots of children play nicely together but we've been looking for people who go out of their way to involve people in their games or look after people who have fallen over or show others how to play without hurting each other. It was a hard choice but so far our playtime stars have been Harrison C-M, Imogen L, Bobby F and Alfie J.



## School Student Council

The school council have been hard at work over the last two weeks and have met with their classes and with Mr Robinson. They have been looking at ways of raising money to spend on projects around the school. They have come up with a whole range of ideas to raise money and are developing a plan for what to spend it on, informed by their meetings with their classmates. Currently, their ideas are split into four categories: playground games and equipment, wet playtime games and toys, whole school trips and equipment to run exciting after school clubs.



## Celebration Assembly

Here are the stars from the last two weeks enjoying their biscuits and drinks. It's lovely for me and for the children to spend time together in this way and to find out so much about each other's lives. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to share their happiness but I must invest in a mini-vacuum cleaner for the crumbs!



Here is the current dojo total and most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.



### Crest Science Award



The children who attend science club are currently working towards the Crest Science Star award. They will earn it by successfully completing several investigations. So far they have investigated bubble size (liquids and gases), ramps and weights (forces) and sound. Their scientific skills have developed and they have tried new things (secrets of success).



### Cross Country Success

Weston took a team of children to Crewe Vagrants for a cross-county competition against other schools on Tuesday this week. All of the children ran incredibly well and finished towards the front of their respective races. Special mention to Jack P and Finnian W in Year 4 who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively in their race. Finnian finished like Mo Farah, a huge distance ahead of the rest of the pack.

### Golden Mile

On the subject of running, the Premier Sports team came into school this Monday to assess the children's running ahead of our reintroduction of the Golden Mile. The children will run a mile regularly throughout the week. We hope and expect to see an impact on the running and general fitness of the children and hopefully inspire lots of children to take up an interest in running for fun and fitness outside of and beyond primary school. The children are expected to have PE kits in school every day and it is particularly important that this includes trainers.



### Calculations and cake

Our maths leader, Mrs Loveland, has arranged three mornings of calculations and cake. You are invited to come into school from 9.15am for a brief chat about our maths curriculum and approach to fluency,



reasoning and problem solving. Following this, we invite you to join your child's lesson to work alongside them through some reasoning and problem solving tasks. We hope you gain an insight into our approach to maths teaching and learning that will help you to support your child at home. At the end of the lesson, we hope you join me and Mrs Loveland for an informal chat about Weston's approach to maths teaching (and some cake). The sessions will be run over three days from October 22nd, with three classes at a time being invited. Full details including exact days for each class will be sent out imminently.

## E-Safety

Our Year 6 safety officers are currently planning initiatives designed to promote e-safety. We spend a lot of curriculum time educating children about how to be safe online and the involvement of Year 6 children in this way can make the message more relatable for children. We recognise the great importance of a strong message and quality education in this area – a recent NSPCC study revealed that 24% of children have been contacted by an adult they don't know online. I believe that part of our role in securing the safety of children in this area is to bring key information to parents to support you in an ever-changing e-world of social media and online gaming. To that end, we will be issuing a regular e-safety newsletter highlighting current trends and guidance. Watch out for parent e-safety workshops later in the year too.



## School Nurse Drop Ins

We have arranged for our school nurse, Alison, to come into school once a month to provide drop-in sessions. She will offer advice and support on anything to do with your child's behaviour or physical and emotional health. Alison will be available from 8.45am to 9.30am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Additional dates will follow in due course, as will Alison's work contact number in case you have any worries or questions at other times.

## Early Years Open Afternoon

Do you have children due to start school in September 2019? Do you know anyone who does? We are holding an Early Years open afternoon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 1.30pm. Please spread the word.

## Friends of Weston Update

Don't forget that Friends of Weston have organised a Blitz firework display for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm (fireworks at 7pm). It's always a spectacular display and fun for the whole family.

The next Friends of Weston meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Wychwood Park hotel bar.

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

*Thomas Cutts*