



WESTON NEWS

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

12th November – Anti-bullying week (wear odd socks on the 12th)

13th November – School nurse drop-in (8.45 – 9.30am)

13th November – Y2 Sportshall athletics

15th November – Purple and Gold Great Fire of London day

16th November – Children in Need Day (wear something spotty)

19th November – Yellow Class trip to International War Museum, Salford

22nd November – **Aqua** Class Assembly & Early Years Open Afternoon

28th and 29th November – Y5 Bikeability

5th December – Whole school trip to the New Vic theatre

6th December – Choir to perform at Shavington Academy

7th December – Christmas Fair

10th December – Turquoise and Red afternoon and evening Christmas performances

12th December – Gold and Purple afternoon and evening Christmas performances

13th December – Christmas lunch day

20th December – Weston's Got Talent, Christmas party lunch, break up for Christmas holidays

7th January 2019 – School reopens for staff and pupils

A message from Mr Cutts

Welcome back. We love this half term. As hectic as the festive period can be, it is always a magical time in school and there are so many things to look forward to, including Christmas performances, the theatre trip and lots of other activities.

Thank you for your donation of bottles for our poppy display. The children have completed lots of Remembrance activities throughout the week and Key Stage Two will participate in a BBC live lesson on Friday afternoon. The activities, including stories that have been read to the children, are designed to promote their understanding of the significance of the day and the symbolism of the poppy. The



children have shown both empathy and a great desire to find out about the First World War and the great sacrifice made by British soldiers throughout the

conflict and in conflicts since.



Calculations and Cake

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the calculation and cake workshops before the holidays. With maths being a priority for school, we were keen to involve parents in this way and share the approaches we take to teaching calculations. The CPA approach (concrete, pictorial, abstract) is a structured process for building calculation concepts. If you weren't able to



attend, all the materials are on our school website. We intend to put on further workshops to involve parents in their child's learning about maths and other areas of the curriculum.



Thank you for the feedback regarding the workshops. We welcome all your views and were grateful for so many positive responses.

Governors

The school's governing body has grown. In addition to me and the Chair, Michael Leyden, our school governing board is completed by Jennie Adlam, Tim Lloyd, Rupert Lowery, Sam Hornby, Emma Loveland, Genevieve Narey, Nikki Turnock-Ley and the four most recent additions, Helen Ward, Susan Snelling, Rebecca Clifford-Ball and Sarah Pursglove. The role of the governing board is to provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools.

I am very much looking forward to working with the new governors as they have a huge amount to offer the school and our ongoing drive for excellence.

On a related note, our longest serving governor, Mrs Jan McLaughlin, has completed her term of office and decided to step down from the governing board. Jan was a Weston governor for more than 20 years and previously served as Chair, overseeing the school's move from the old building (Stepping Stones nursery) back in 2002. Her impact on the school has been massive in lots of ways and she has been directly involved in the recruitment of a large number of staff, most recently, the appointment of Miss Bell in August. We are incredibly grateful to Jan for her tireless commitment to what is a voluntary role, despite the responsibility. On a personal note, I will miss her a great deal but I am incredibly optimistic about the future of our governing board.

Sports Hall Athletics

Next week every child in Year Two will take part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at South Cheshire College. We are competing against teams from 17 different schools from across Crewe with lots of schools, like us, taking several teams. It promises to be an exciting morning for the children who will all take part in various running, throwing and jumping challenges. Our aim for this year is to ensure that as many children as possible take part in competitions, festivals, clubs and sport and fitness activities.

Sportshall

Football

The football team resume their pursuit of this season's Autumn league title on Friday at Nantwich Town's football stadium. They face Wybunbury Delves in a quarter-final before potentially playing in a semi-final immediately afterwards. The team will be adorned in a brand new football strip courtesy of Mr Bibby. We are really grateful for the strip and we know the team will wear it with pride. Pictures will follow in the next newsletter.



Yoga Club

On the fitness theme, we are delighted to be able to offer yoga as an after school club, provided by a yoga professional and paid for by school. Initially it is being offered to children in years 4 and 5 but the intention is to offer it to all children.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

The children in Red class enjoyed spending an afternoon with PCSO Jolley, sharing stories, talking about safety and tucking into a picnic. We fill the curriculum with messages about safety at an appropriate level and involving the police is a great way to make certain messages really memorable.



School Nurse Drop-ins

Don't forget that our school nurse, Alison, will be back in school on Tuesday 13th November to offer another drop-in session. 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 and additional dates will follow in due course.

Celebration Assembly

Here are the stars from the last two weeks enjoying their biscuits and drinks. The children are so unique and have such diverse qualities but it doesn't matter what combination of children come into the room, there is always a very familiar and very Weston feel of warmth, happiness, confidence and family. They make us very proud.



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



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 22nd November from 1.30pm. Please spread the word.

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

This week representatives of the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, came into school to deliver their Speak out. Stay safe. programme. They delivered assemblies to all children and then worked directly with pupils in Years 5 and 6 through workshop sessions. Speak out Stay safe aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. The children were taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted



adult or Childline.

Friends of Weston

The firework display was another great success. We are incredibly grateful to Friends of Weston (and the weather) for working so tirelessly once again. Everyone who volunteered their time to provide such a good evening for all who attended deserves all our thanks.



The Christmas Fair is just around the corner, on 7th December. It won't be long until we're all up to our eyeballs in glitter and John Lewis adverts. We hope you'll come along in great numbers, as you always do, to enjoy the fair and support our school. Watch out for more information soon.

A message from the school ambassadors

We are really looking forward to seeing everybody in spotty clothing or accessories next Friday for Children in Need. It is very rewarding to know that we are doing something that will help other people who are less fortunate. We also can't wait for the bake sale!



We are also looking forward to anti-bullying day on Monday. We know that pupils and adults look out for each other at Weston and talking about what makes us all different and how we should enjoy the fact that we are all different will really help anyone who is worried about 'not fitting in'. We hope everyone wears odd socks on Monday!

Thomas Cutts