



WESTON NEWS

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

7th December – Christmas Fair

10th December – Turquoise and Red afternoon (1.30pm) and evening (6pm) Christmas performances

12th December – Gold and Purple afternoon (1.30pm) and evening (6pm) 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

I am incredibly proud and honoured to take on the role of permanent headteacher at Weston after a long period as acting headteacher. Weston is a special place and I love working with the staff, families and children who make up our community. The opportunity to continue my work and, together with the leadership team, staff, governors, trustees and executive headteacher, drive the school to bigger and better things in order to ensure that every single child is successful, fills me with huge excitement. Thank you so much to all the parents who have offered me their congratulations. It is very much appreciated.

Key Stage 2 Sports Hall Athletics

A big team of Key Stage Two children took part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition last week. Every year group fielded a team of girls and boys who took part in a wide range of running, throwing and jumping competitions. Although we didn't qualify



for the finals, the children lived up to our **secrets of success** by working hard and never giving up. They supported their team mates and offered warm congratulations to all the other schools who took part. The Weston spirit was strong and the members of staff who accompanied the team were immensely proud of their effort and attitudes. Well done Weston!

New Equipment

As you know, we have had a real push on sport, fitness and activity at Weston this term. We have just installed some brand new equipment on both playgrounds – a funnel ball on the key stage two playground and a beanbag throwing wall on the key stage one playground. In addition to this, we have bought a wide range of equipment to enhance the children's PE education, including some amazing gymnastics



apparatus. Pupil voice is strong at Weston and our drive to improve in this area is a direct response to school council decisions, informed by class council discussions. We value the children's opinions.

Roman Day

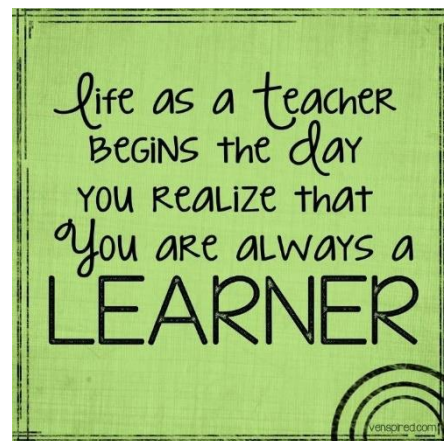
On Monday Blue Class had a surprise visitor in school, Titus, a very rotten Roman! Together they enjoyed an informative, fun and engaging day learning all about life as a Roman Soldier. Titus had expert historical knowledge and taught Blue Class many gruesome and interesting facts, addressed common misconceptions and thoroughly entertained them all! The historical artefacts he shared, stories he told and battle formations he drilled, helped bring Roman history to life!

Blue Class would like to thank Titus for a fantastic day and would also like to thank Friends of Weston for funding this incredible learning experience.



Staff training

Professional development is at the heart of school improvement at Weston and staff are keen to improve their skills in order to further elevate the quality of education for our pupils. Recently staff have accessed training in a range of areas including: autism, school emotional and mental health, maths mastery, whole school reading and writing, accelerating progress in the early years, extending pupils in maths and English and removing barriers to learning. It is important that everyone in our community knows how well we understand our priorities and how hard we are trying to turn our target areas into strengths. We have lots more professional development planned for all staff and governors and it is all targeted at improving the quality of every child's primary school experience.



Wind in the Willows

The children enjoyed their trip to the New Vic theatre in Newcastle to watch Wind in the Willows. The show, which was performed 'in the round', was a visual and audio spectacular, with actors performing multiple roles, singing and playing instruments. For some children, this was their first experience of live theatre and although some of the theatrical set-pieces



were abstract, the whole show was very compelling and a real experience.

Choir

Mrs Bate has a very large and enthusiastic choir who have performed wonderfully in two shows so far this festive season. First, they sang their hearts out at the Wychwood Village Hall Christmas lights switch-on event. Despite the drizzle and the dark, they did a great job getting everyone in the spirit. That performance was more than matched by their sparkling display at the Shavington Academy Christmas Concert. They sang and moved with great confidence and really impressed their audience. Well done to everyone and to Mrs Bate for her hard work in helping the choir to shine. Next up is a double performance at Rookery Wood for the 'golden oldies' Christmas lunches.



Bikeability

The Year Five children received gushing praise from their Bikeability instructors following their recent training sessions. Despite quite adverse weather conditions, the children followed instructions carefully and thoroughly improved their cycling proficiency to earn certificates and badges. Well done for working so hard at learning how to cycle safely, Year Five. Remember your learning whenever you take to your bikes.



Christmas Fair

Friends of Weston, staff and pupils are all working hard at making tonight's Christmas Fair another huge success. It really is a highlight of the year – a proper community event. Please get yourselves down to school from 6pm. We'll see you here.

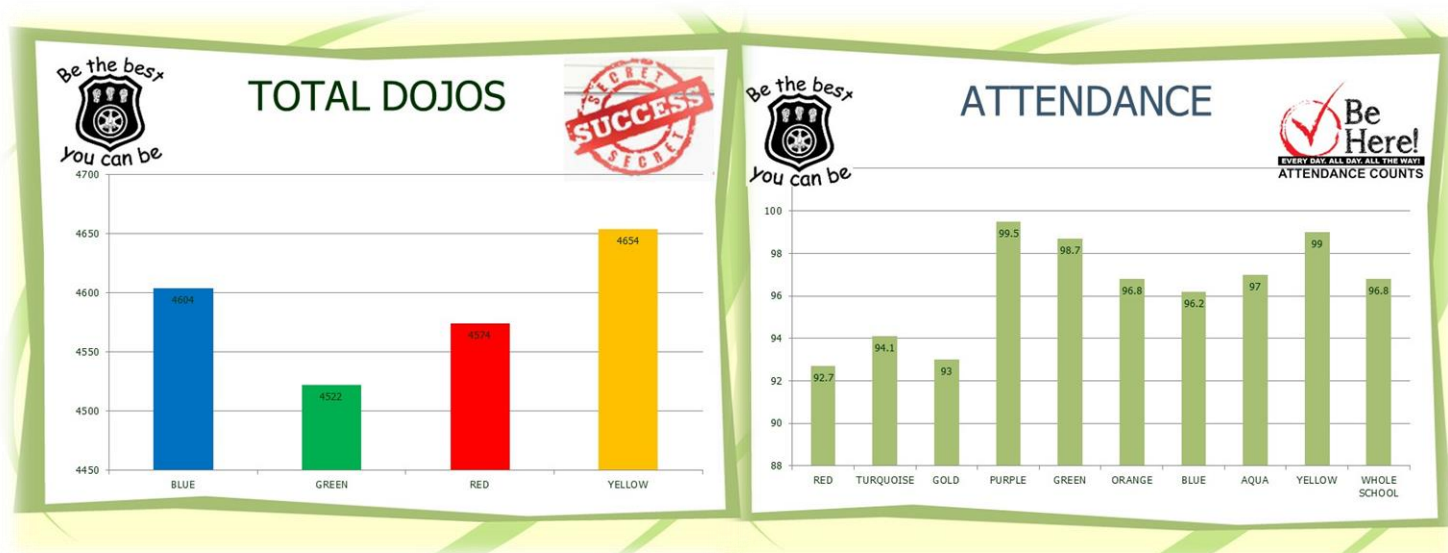
Celebration Assembly

Here are another collection of star pupils. They have all shown that they live their lives according to our **secrets of success**. These attitudes will see them achieve great things in life and recognise that there is no barrier to success when armed with the toolbelt of success that we help the children equip themselves with every day. We are so proud of these children.

Current average biscuit preference: Chocolate digestive > bourbon > custard cream > hob nob (I kept the ginger nuts for myself).



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



Thomas Cutts