



WESTON NEWS

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

24th January – Class and Leavers photographs

31st January – Purple Class Assembly

6th February – Friends of Weston film night

7th February – Cheshire East Schools' Music Competition Heats (Choir)

13th February – Red Class trip to Jodrell Bank

14th February – Gold Class assembly

14th February – KS2 Young Voices at Manchester Arena

15th February – Aqua Class Grease rehearsal at Alsager (afternoon)

15th February – School closes for half term

25th February – School reopens

26th February – Aqua class Grease dress-rehearsal at Alsager

1st March – Grease evening performance

4th March – Y6 residential

7th March – World Book Day (costumes)

A message from Mr Cutts

The first two weeks of term have flown by and although it seems such a long time ago, I really hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The children have hit the ground running and the classrooms are a buzz of excitement for new topics, activities and stories. The children in Gold and Purple classes have produced some wonderful projects on the topic of famous people – the open-ended nature of the task has really caught their imagination with subjects ranging from Henry VIII to Anne Frank and from Beatrix Potter to Sergio Agüero.

The language of **Secrets of Success** is now well and truly embedded in classrooms and around school and children of all ages are able to recognise when they and others are **trying new things, working hard, concentrating, pushing themselves, imagining, improving, understanding others and not giving up.**

I'm very much looking forward to another term of all pupils acknowledging that there is no ceiling on their potential and that their attitude defines their success.

Bake Sale

On the subject of **imagining, working hard and pushing yourself**, Ellie,



Penelope and Poppy embraced those attitudes by baking (with the very much appreciated help of their parents) enough cakes and cookies for everyone in the school. Their bake sale was to raise money for their chosen charities and they raised almost £100. I am very proud of the girls for their efforts – they have inspired other children too. Well done girls!

Young Voices

Young Voices is just around the corner in just under a month for children in Key Stage Two. Please keep an eye out for a parentmail with full and final arrangements in the near future. The children are looking forward to the event, as are the large staff and volunteer group who will be in attendance. All the song and dance videos can be found on our school website. Just click on the Children menu and go to Young Voices 2019.



Choir Competition

Mrs Bate's choir is going from strength to strength following their wonderful performances over the festive period. They have entered the Cheshire East Schools' Music Competition run by the Love Music Trust and will compete against other primary schools in the choir heats next month. There are over 50 members of the choir who clearly love the opportunities that are coming their way. Watch this space for news of their performance.

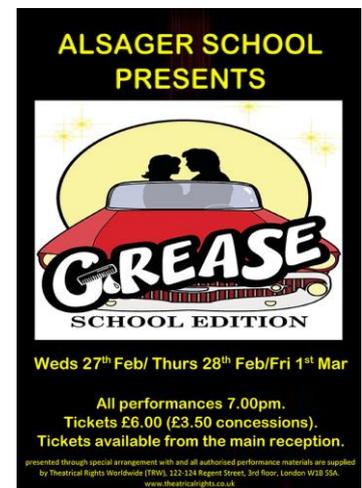
Cheshire Schools Gotta Dance



We continue to embrace the arts with this next item. Mrs Chadwick's ballroom dancing club will be taking part in Cheshire Schools Gotta Dance at the Crewe Lyceum in March. With new members joining this term, the club is thriving and this is an excellent opportunity for children of all ages to perform on stage in a big theatre. Tickets are available.

Grease

Following our successful participation in Alsager School's performance of Hot Mikado last Spring, the children in Aqua class have been rehearsing for their supporting role in this year's performance of Grease next month. The children who attended Alsager's Christmas concert had a sneak preview of one of the songs from Grease and were very impressed by the singing and performance. Aqua class will have an amazing time bringing their performance skills to the same stage as some very talented high school students.



Play Leaders

The opportunities of being in a multi-academy trust with Alsager, AMAT, are coming thick and fast for children and staff. Whilst there are some exciting professional development opportunities for staff on the horizon, some of our Year 5 children will receive play leader training from Alsager's Sport Leader later on this term. This will enable the children to lead playtime games and activities for younger children to make playtimes and lunchtimes fun and successful times for every single child at Weston.



Class Photographs

Academy will be in school next Thursday to take class and leavers photographs. If your child was absent when the individual photos were taken last term, or has started school since then, these will be taken next Thursday and proofs will be sent home to give you the opportunity to buy photographs.

Attendance

The doors are open from 8.45am every morning. Please ensure that your child is at school no later than 8.55am every day. Several children are at risk of persistent lateness by arriving a few minutes late on several occasions. Please park at the White Lion when dropping off and collecting and allow enough time to do so at the start and end of the school day.

Parentmail

As a school we have worked hard on communication to ensure that parents receive all the information they need. We will always look at ways to further improve in this area. A key facet of our communication is parentmail. Please do ensure that you check your emails regularly if you don't have the parentmail app so that you don't miss anything.

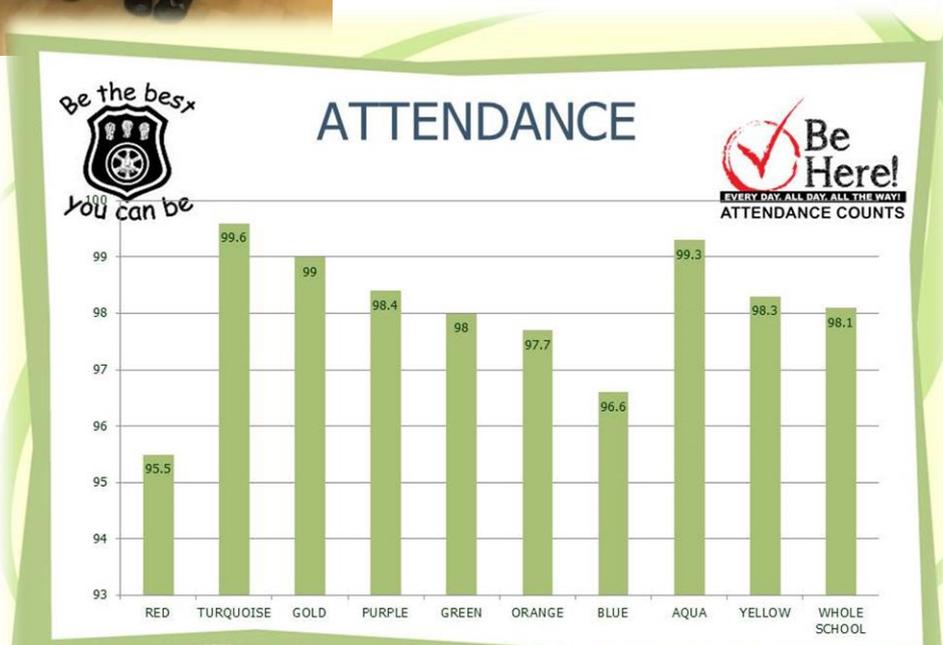
Celebration Assembly

Here are our most recent stars of the week. It includes the group of stars from just before Christmas and



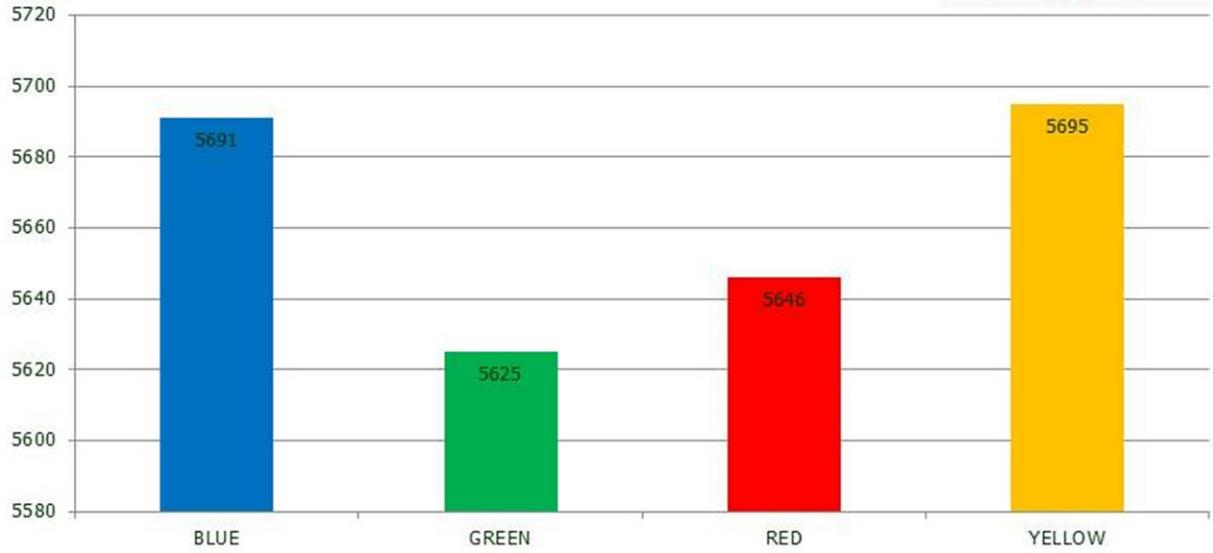
last week's superstars (absent children will be featured soon). They all enjoyed their juice and biscuits and regaled each other with tales of Christmas fun! It may sound somewhat saccharine, but one of my favourite things about meeting the stars is the warmth shown by the children towards each other. They care so much about each other's happiness and share each other's pride. Watch this space for next week's stars who are just about to be announced in assembly.

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





TOTAL DOJOS



Thomas Cutts