

# WESTON NEWS

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

#### 5<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

6<sup>th</sup> February – Friends of Weston film night

7<sup>th</sup> February – Cheshire East Schools' Music Competition Heats (Choir)

7<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 play leader training

7<sup>th</sup> February – Orange class church visit

7<sup>th</sup> February – Time to Talk mental health awareness day

13<sup>th</sup> February – Red Class trip to Jodrell Bank

#### 14<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 play leader training

14<sup>th</sup> February – Gold Class assembly

14<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Young Voices at Manchester Arena

15<sup>th</sup> February – Aqua Class Grease rehearsal at Alsager (afternoon)

15<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens

26<sup>th</sup> February – Aqua class Grease dressrehearsal at Alsager

1<sup>st</sup> March – Grease evening performance

4<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 residential

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (costumes)

 $8^{th}$  March – Y1/2 football competition

# A message from Mr Cutts

It is always a pleasure to show prospective parents around our school and it is something I get to do on an almost weekly basis. I get an imense sense of pride taking parents into each classroom to find staff and children engaged in quality learning. Our pupils are all so polite and welcoming and it's a delight to pass on praise to staff from parents who have enjoyed their visit. Several children have joined school this term, which is fantastic as we do have spaces in some year groups.

Speaking of new faces, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Nash on Wednesday this week for her first day as a Weston teacher. She spent the day with Mrs Loveland and Blue class, learning the ropes and had already spent some time with Mrs Jones. We wish Mrs Loveland and family all the best as they welcome their third child to the world but I am delighted to have secured the services of such a high quality temporary replacement in Mrs Nash. Together with Mrs Jones, Blue class remain in excellent hands.

#### Power Maths

As you know, maths is one of our current priorities and we have fully embraced the maths mastery curriculum. To build on what we have already achieved, we have invested in Power Maths, an enriched approach to teaching maths that combines interactive teaching tools, quality



textbooks and on-going professional development for teachers to ensure that we are always at the cutting edge of maths teaching. The approach is perfectly aligned with our current maths teaching and will elevate it as well as ensure absolute consistency in the teaching and learning of maths throughout the

school. Because we are part of the maths hub, we are eligible for match funding from the DfE for government endorsed maths resources such as Power Maths. Having trialled it in several classes over the last few weeks, it is clear that teachers and children enjoy this rich approach to maths mastery.

# Staff Training

Professional development is very much valued at Weston and the staff continue to access lots of training. Mrs Bate, Mrs Lawton and Mrs Jones attended a Y5-Y8 maths transition training day at Alsager this week. They will continue to work closely with staff at the high school and other local primaries throughout the year to develop practice that ensures that



children have a smooth transition from primary to secondary maths learning. The high school teachers were very complimentary about our teaching approaches and about pupil exercise books and are very keen to learn from us.

#### Safer Internet Day

Internet safety is embedded in our curriculum and our team of Y6 safety officers work hard to spread the message of e-safety. Next Tuesday is a national Safer Internet Day and children of all ages will complete activities which promote the importance of being safe online. Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February Together for a better internet

Please make a point of reading my parentmail from yesterday regarding Weston pupils' online activity. I am grateful for any feedback or questions. It's very important to me that the whole Weston community work together in every sense, not least in order to keep children safe.

## Time to talk – mental health awareness day



let's end mental health discrimination

As a staff, we have had a lot of training related to children's mental health. We have clear startegies for identifying and responding to pupil needs in this area. Many children have accessed interventions designed to increase self-esteem and reslience while other children access more bespoke one to one support. Mrs

Rendall, Mrs Inskip and Mrs McKenzie have taken the lead on further developing our work in this really important area. Next week is mental health awareness day and the whole school will learn more about mental health through an assembly and various activities in class.

## Purple Class Assembly

Purple class were very impressive in their class assembly this week. It was wonderful to see how much rich and engaging learning they had experienced already this term. From fashion designing, to building greenhouses and becoming reporters, it is clear that their days are packed with fun learning. Writing is one of my passions and to hear so much quality writing from the Year Twos was a real highlight for me. Well done Purple Class (nice dance moves too btw!).



# **Parking**

Please use the car park at the White Lion and walk your child to and from school. An increasing number of parents of drive up to the school gates and drop off on the zig-zags, often expecting children to run across the road to the school. This is clearly dangerous. I would hate to think that it would take an accident for this to stop. Please allow yourself enough time to park at the pub and walk the short distance to school with your child.



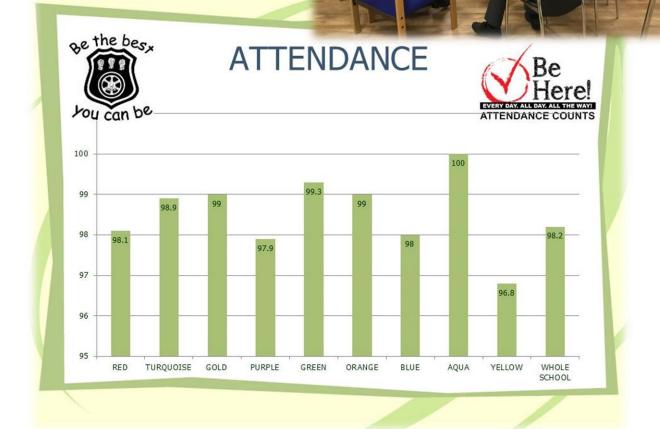
# **Celebration Assembly**

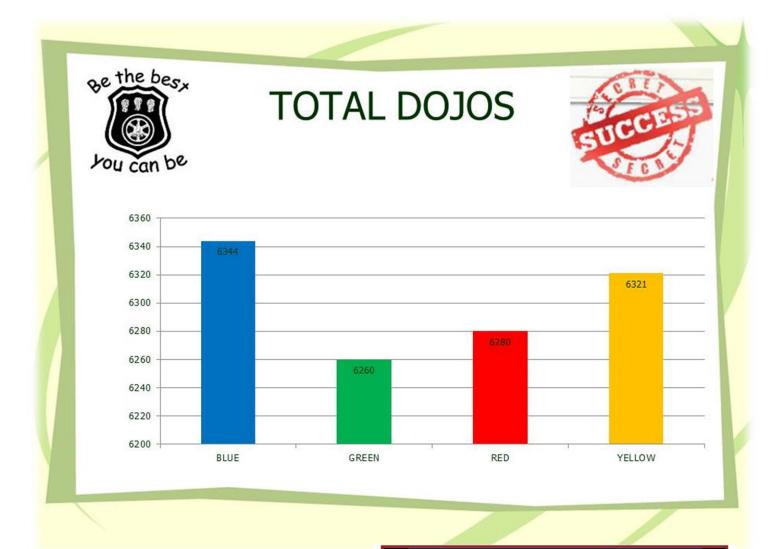


Here are our most recent superstars of the week enjoying juice, biscuits and a good laugh. They have lots to be proud of! It's interesting to note that many of them have the same bourbon biscuit eating technique as me! Well done everyone! Keep working on

those Secrets of Success!

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





# Friends of Weston Film Night

I'm sure the children are all looking forward to next week's film night. Thanks once again to the hard-working FOW team for putting on another event for our children.



# Thomas Cutts