



WESTON NEWS

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

8th March – Y1/2 football competition

11th March – Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm)

14th March – Start of school book fair
(here for a week)

14th March – Y6 measured up for leavers' hoodies

14th March – Parents Evening (5 – 7.30pm)

15th March – Red Nose Day (**wear something red / wacky hair**)

18th March – KS2 cross country

25th March – Turquoise class weather workshop

25th March – Y5/6 football – Timperley Shield (pm)

26th March – Mrs Chadwick's dance group performing at Lyceum

28th March – Blue and Aqua classes performances of Robin Hood

1st April – Theme week – **Try Something New**

5th April – Break up for Easter

22nd April – School reopens for summer term

7th May – Reception 19 activity afternoon

9th May – Blue class assembly

A message from Mr Cutts

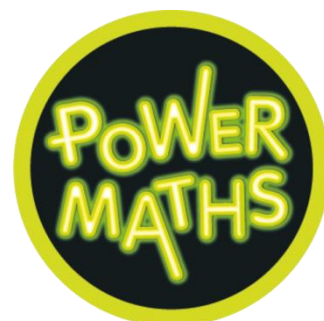
The children have started the new half term brilliantly, not just through their hard work and concentration but through their wider endeavours. I share countless medals, trophies and awards in celebration assembly every week from the children's efforts outside of school and they inspire each other to not settle but to aim high.

We welcomed our school improvement partner, Mr Trippier, to school last week for his termly visit. His job is to help the school to achieve its strategic aims using his experience as an HMI and he works closely with me, other senior leaders and the governors. He was incredibly impressed by the teaching and the progress children are making across the curriculum, especially in maths and writing and by the wider opportunities within school. He was also full of praise for the children he met, who spoke warmly about our **secrets of success** and their learning.

We are well on the way to realising our ambitions this year and have very high aspirations for the Weston next year and beyond. These are exciting times for Weston pupils and credit goes to the team – school staff and governors who work relentlessly and parents, whose continued support is so incredibly valuable.

Power Maths

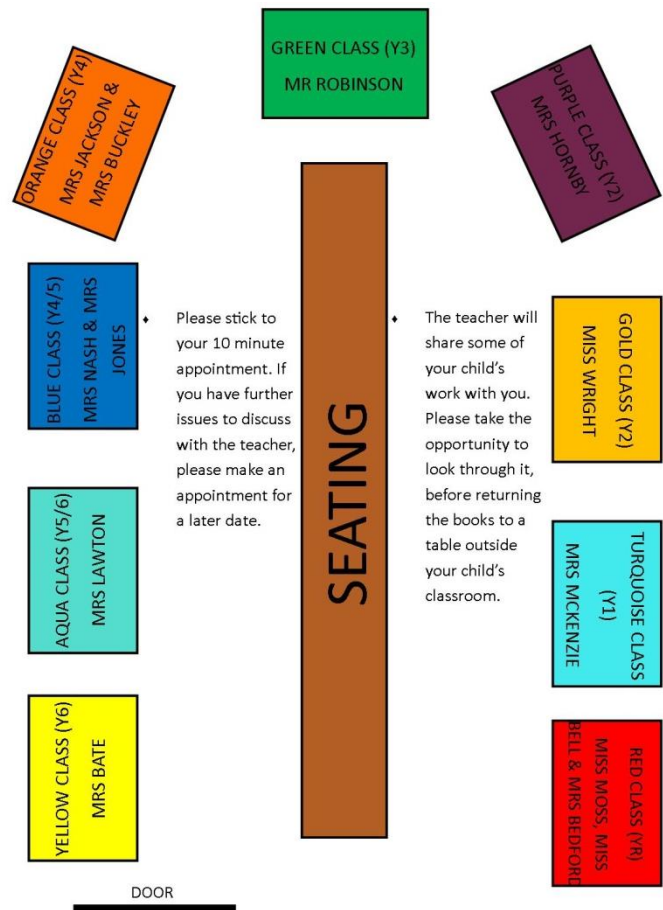
Our use of Power Maths to further enhance our delivery of the maths mastery curriculum is already having a noticeable impact on the teaching and learning of maths. More than ever, the children's brains are hurting after maths lessons, in the best possible way. The approach includes high quality visual materials to help children with their mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem solving, which complements our



approach to calculations, where we use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations of number. The children really enjoy the Power Maths practice books, which are engaging, glossy and challenging. So far, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are using the full approach. From next week the rest of the school will. If you'd like to see the practice books or resources next week at parents evening, please ask me.

Parents Evenings

Next week we look forward to welcoming you for parents evenings. We have had lots of positive feedback regarding the use of ParentMail to make appointments – the instant confirmation of exact appointment slots should have made it easier for you to plan your week and the removal of hours of admin certainly gave the teachers more time to focus on teaching. The Key Stage 2 playground will be open for parking. Please drive slowly and carefully as you enter and leave the school car park. If you bring your child with you, please ensure that they remain in the hall during your appointment and don't go wandering the school, where they would be unsupervised. Here is a plan of the school hall layout for parents evening.



Grease

Most of Aqua class took part in Alsager School's performance of Grease at the high school last week. They performed in a matinee and evening performance and had a fantastic experience, singing and dancing in some of the songs. The quality of the production was excellent and the children did a great job. Thanks to Mrs Lawton, Miss Bell and Mrs Hornby for taking the children and to Mr Galley from the high school music department for working with the children here at Weston and at Alsager.

World Book Day

The children looked fantastic in their book character costumes yesterday. Thank you so much for dressing them up or sending them in wearing their pyjamas in the spirit of sharing a bedtime story. In fact, the theme of this year's World Book Day was 'Sharing a Story' and the children enjoyed sharing books with children from different classes in the morning. In our assembly, some of the children came to the front to tell the school who



they were dressed as and that gave us a chance to talk about lots of different stories that children might not have read. We also talked about the precious value of books, not just once a year but every day. The children will all be given a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one of 12 books available at book shops or used to get £1 off a book at our book fair, which starts next Thursday, 14th March.

Boreatton Park

As I write, the Year 6s are enjoying their final hours of what has been a very successful residential visit to Boreatton Park. Having led lots of residential trips over the years, I am very jealous of the staff and children who I know will have made wonderful memories in their week away together. They've been jumping from poles onto trapezes up in the trees, having archery competitions, tearing around on quad bikes and going to bed nice and early(!) Prize for the dirtiest bath water on Friday night!



Theme Week

Thank you very much to the parents who have volunteered to come in during theme week to give our children the opportunity to Try Something New. The teachers are meeting soon to plan the final program of activities and I'll be in touch with those parents again to confirm everything. If you or someone you know think you could offer even just one class an opportunity to try something new, we would be very grateful.

Year 6

Our uniform provider is coming into school next Thursday morning to measure the Year 6 children for their leavers' hoodies. Letters with details about size, colour preference and other customisable features will be sent home shortly afterwards for parents to check, confirm and return. The Year 6 prom is in the calendar for 11th July and I can confirm that date and the venue – The White Lion. More details to follow. It feels like the beginning of the end of their time at Weston but when they do finally leave us at the end of July, I know they'll be fully prepared for high school.

Stars of the week



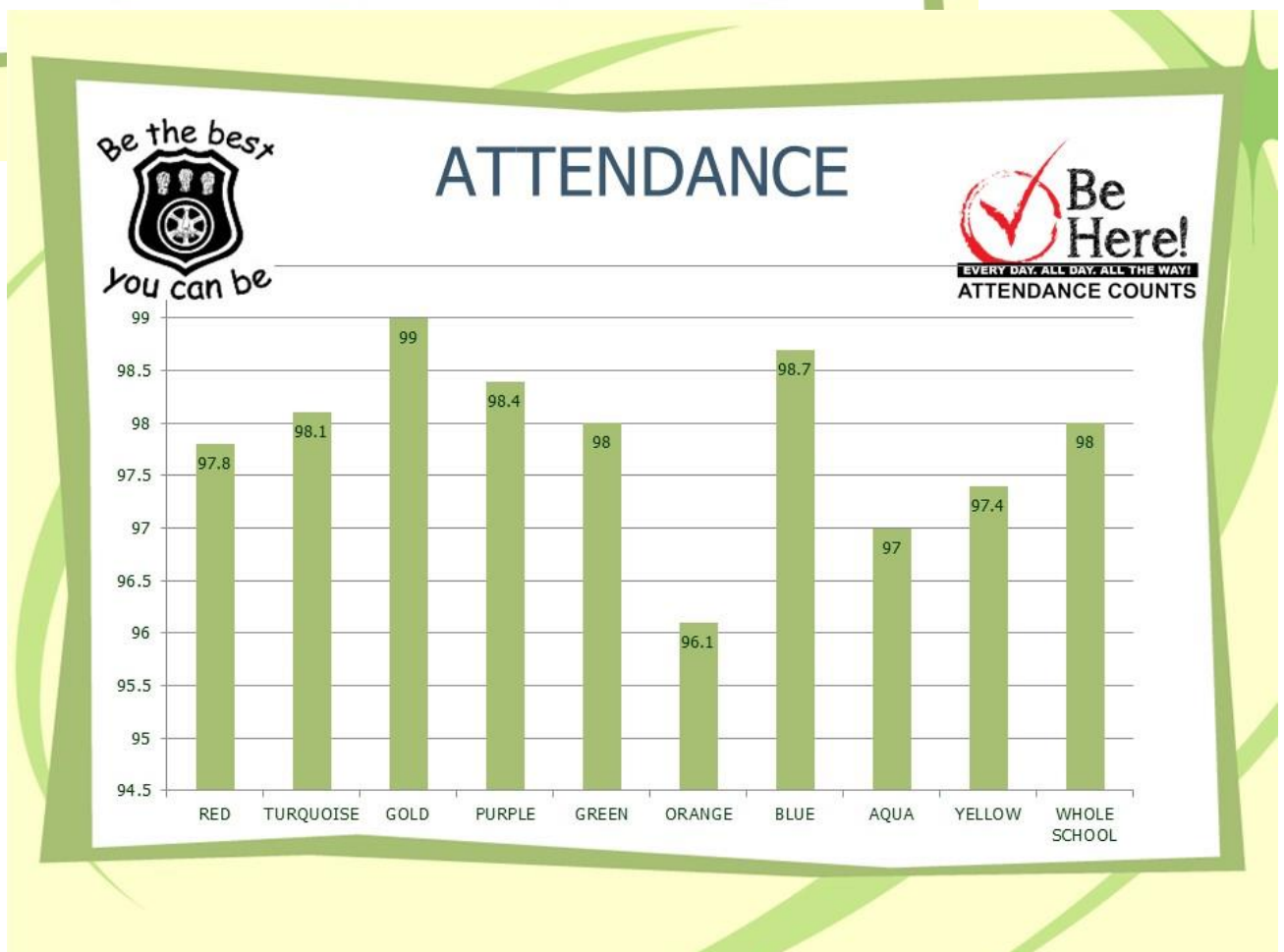
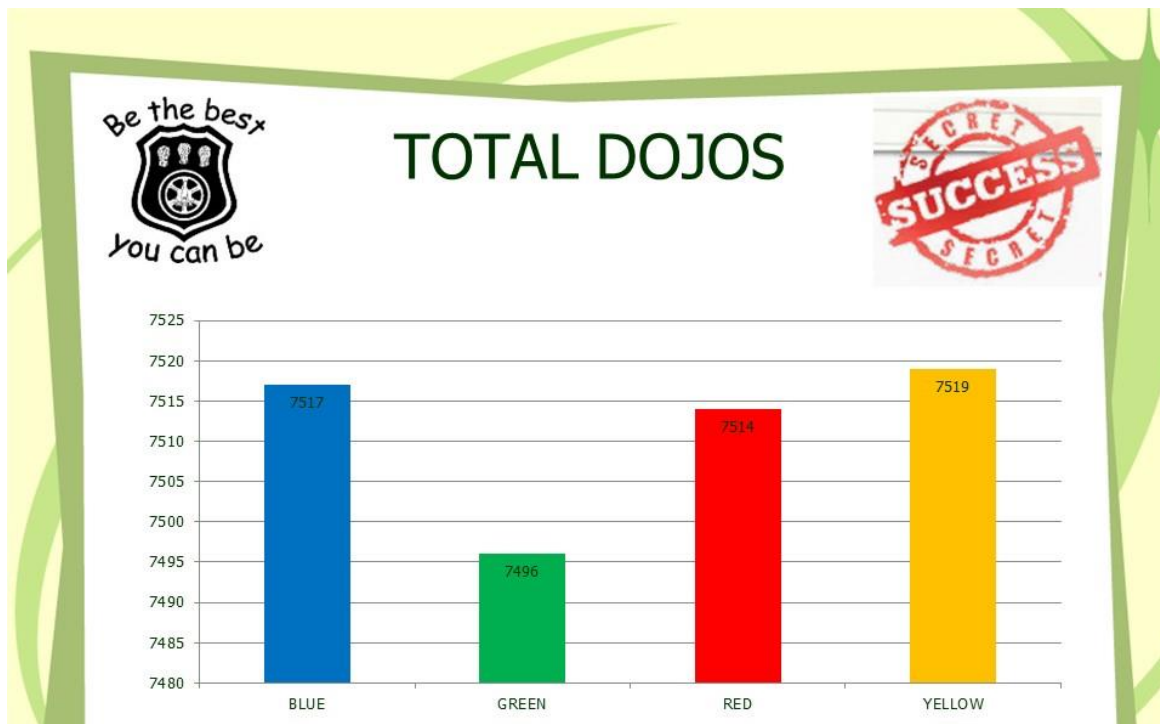
The teachers regularly talk about their struggle to choose stars of the week because the children embrace our **secrets of success** so wholeheartedly.

My advice is try to pick children who haven't got such a sweet tooth! I'm getting a bit of a reputation down the Sainsburys biscuit aisle!

I really don't mind that this group cleaned out a whole packet of chocolate digestives between them because they earned every crumb (wish they'd pick up every crumb!) Super stars one and all!

Celebration Assembly

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



Thomas Cutts