



WESTON NEWS

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

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

29th March – FoW Easter egg hunt

1st April – Theme week – Try Something New

1st April – rearranged KS2 cross-country

5th April – Break up for Easter

22nd April – School reopens for summer term

1st May – School nurse drop-in

7th May – Reception 19 activity afternoon

9th May – Blue class assembly

13th May – KS2 SATs week

20th May – KS1 SATs week

20th May – Year 4 visit to Alsager School's library

23rd May – Turquoise class assembly

24th May – Break up for half term

A message from Mr Cutts

Preparations for Theme Week are well underway. The teachers have all planned a range of activities including tent pitching, line dancing and learning Chinese! Visitors to the school will provide the children with opportunities to try taekwondo, first aid, sign language, massage, physiotherapy, darts and much much more. We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and wider community who have volunteered to come in and support the week in this way. There are even plans to make it an annual event.

We chose **Try New Things** as a theme because it is one of our **Secrets of Success**. We talk about these in school every day. Why not ask your child what they mean and how they can embody these attitudes – the formula for success at primary school and beyond.



Work hard, Concentrate, Push yourself, Imagine, Improve, Understand others, Don't give up, Try new things.

Comic Relief

The school ambassadors organised an excellent Red Nose Day. The children looked fantastic in their red clothes and wacky

hairstyles. The teachers were full of praise for the ambassadors who organised and led a brilliant 'find the teacher' treasure hunt. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £400 for a worthy charity.



Parents Evenings

Both Parents Evenings were very well attended last week, with almost every child's parents coming in to speak to the teachers about progress, attitude, friendships and targets. The teachers are always happy to arrange quick meetings or have telephone conversations with you throughout the year, if there is anything you would like to discuss. The partnership between school and home is crucial so we thank you for your support. We are also grateful for your feedback around everything we do in school. With this in mind, keep an eye out for a parent survey after Easter.

Year 1 and 2 Football

Miss Wright and our football coach, Laura, took two teams of Key Stage 1 children to the Crewe Alex training facilities at Reaseheath where they played lots of football matches against teams from other schools in a regional football festival. One team won 3 matches and lost 1 and the other team won 1, drew 2 and lost 1. All the children **worked hard** and showed they **understand others** through their excellent sporting behaviour.



Smokebusters

The Crewe and Nantwich fire and rescue service came in to see Year 5 last week. They talked to them about causes of house fires and ways of reducing risks. They worked with the children on developing personal fire plans – which route the family should take out of their house in the event of a fire in certain locations. The children got to go in the smoke tent (not real smoke) and had a look at the huge array of fire and rescue kit on the fire engine.

Friends of Weston

Friends of Weston have plenty of events lined up over the coming months. Next up is a just-for-fun Easter egg hunt for all the children, next Friday 29th March. If you haven't joined the Friends of Weston Village Primary School facebook page, please do. That is a significant forum for the sharing of information around upcoming events and dates of meetings. The group work hard and have a lot of fun and are always keen for as many parents and grandparents as possible to get involved.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support at our recent book fair. The commission we receive from the money you spent will enable us to buy new books for school. Following the last book fair, we were able to buy new colour banded books for Key Stage One, books for the Key Stage Two library and loads of dictionaries to replace some that had seen better days. If you are having a Spring clean and have any good as new, only-been-read-once quality books that you are looking to rehome, please consider donating them to us.



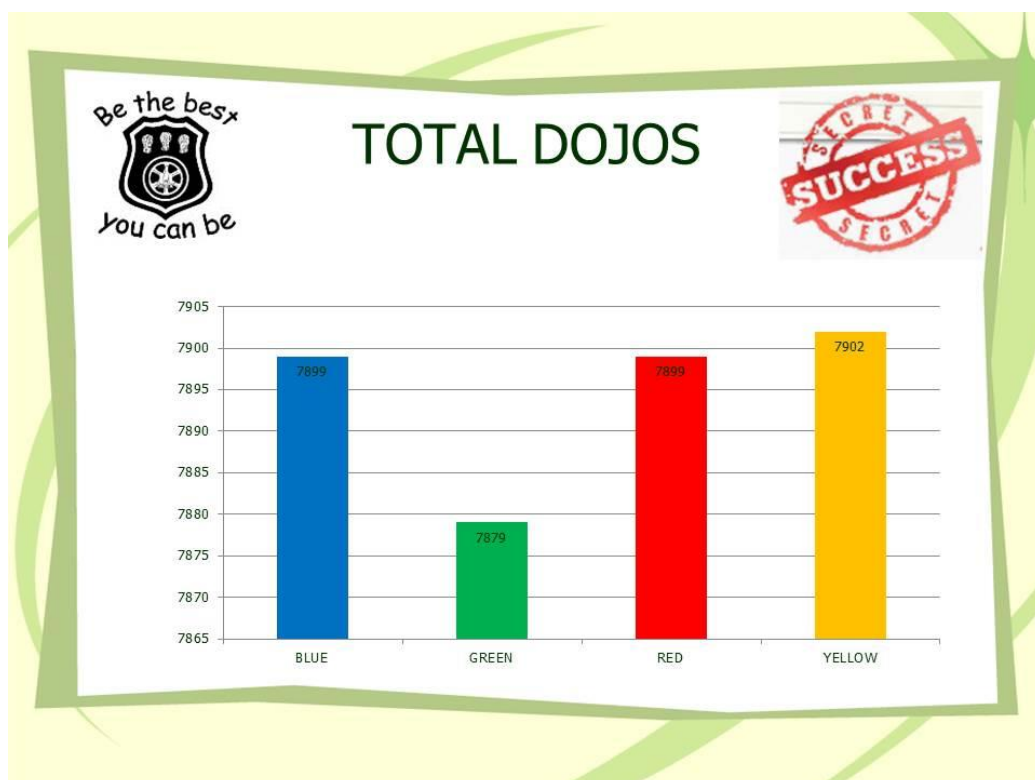
Bug Club

On the subject of books, we are delighted that an increasing number of children are earning certificates for regularly reading Bug Club books. We can say with absolute confidence that Bug Club has a huge impact on the reading development of children. The books are banded and entirely appropriate to a child's reading ability and the questions develop a child's comprehension skills very effectively. As a parent, you don't have to make up inference or retrieval questions of your own when you hear your child read because Bug Club does it for you. The coins and games make it fun too! Every child in the school is allocated Bug Club books as we subscribe to a scheme spanning Early Years to a Key Stage Three level. Whilst some older readers, especially in Year 5 and 6, read very widely and take on challenging and classic literature that they couldn't necessarily access through Bug Club, we expect children in Key Stage One and Years 3 and 4 especially to read Bug Club books regularly – at least 3 times a week, alongside other books. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum for a reason. Thanks for your support.



Stars of the week

Here are our most recent stars of the week. Just look at their beaming, proud faces. They are kind and caring and embrace challenges. They know there's no shortcut to success and that hard work feels good and tastes like several Sainsbury's own brand dark chocolate digestives and delicious blackcurrant squash. Well done to one and all!

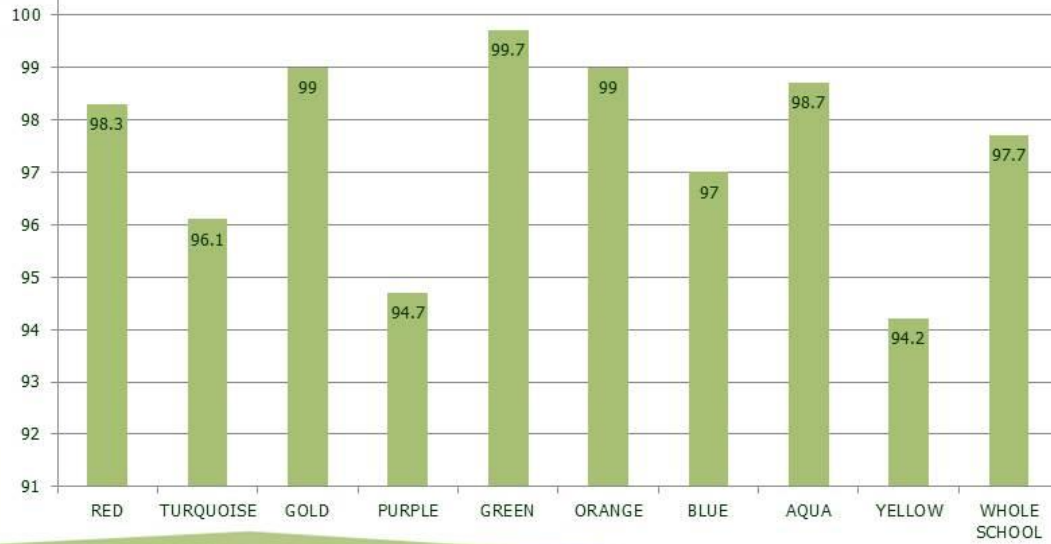


Celebration Assembly

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



ATTENDANCE



Thomas Cutts