



# WESTON NEWS

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

5<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

23<sup>rd</sup> April – School reopens for summer term

1<sup>st</sup> May – School nurse drop-in

9<sup>th</sup> May – Blue class assembly

13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week

20<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs week

20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 visit to Alsager School's library

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Turquoise class assembly

24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term

**3<sup>rd</sup> June – School closed for staff INSET**

**4<sup>th</sup> June – School reopens for pupils**

**10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 phonics screening check this week**

**12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 to Alsager for activity day**

**13<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 rounders competition**

**14<sup>th</sup> June – School nurse drop-in**

**19<sup>th</sup> June – Reception 2019 parents meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day**

## A message from Mr Cutts

What a wonderful week we have had! The children have enjoyed lots and lots of different experiences as part of our **Try New Things** theme week. These experiences included boccia, taekwondo, blind football, tri-golf, physiotherapy, darts (with a world champion), CV writing, first aid, different languages, tasting new foods, cookery, tent pitching, massage, new art techniques, car upholstery and much much more. Those of you with social media, please see Facebook or Twitter for lots of pictures from the week.

We know that the children have gained a great deal from these experiences. When we talk to them about what typifies successful people we say they try lots of new things, enjoy having a go, look for opportunities and find their E Zone (the energy zone you find when work feels like play, time flies by, you don't want to stop and you don't notice anything else). We encourage this all the time but a week like this week, which I hope will become an annual event, could have set some children off on the path to success in a new hobby or possibly even a career. For that I am very grateful to the hard working staff team and the many volunteers who have been into school this week.



## Funding

I am delighted to be able to inform you that our bid for a school building improvement grant has been successful. The grant is for new windows and external doors for the whole building and work will

commence in the summer holidays. As an academy, we are allowed to bid for certain pots of money that aren't available to maintained schools. I am told that it is rare for a school to be awarded a grant so soon after converting to academy status, so we are especially thrilled.

### Hoodwinked

A massive well done to all the children in Blue and Aqua classes who excelled on stage last week in their performance of the Robin Hood story, Hoodwinked. Their singing was particular impressive. Thank you very much parents and grandparents who provided the children with such fantastic costumes. Low-price, high-quality, professionally-prepared DVDs of the show are still available. Fill in the form or, if you need more information, call into the school office.



### pBuzz

The children in Orange and Green classes have been learning the pBuzz for the last 10 weeks through tuition from a brass teacher. They had the chance to really show off what they had learnt by performing in front of the whole school in a special pBuzz concert. We were impressed by their rhythm, ability to produce a rich sound and ability to read basic music.

### Crewe Lyceum Dance Performance

Mrs Chadwick has been teaching ballroom dancing to her largest ever group of dancers from Y1 to Y6 this year. Their recent lessons were in preparation for a performance at the Crewe Lyceum alongside other schools in the area, last week. They were utterly amazing! They performed two dances including one emotionally charged routine inspired by homelessness. Both dances were choreographed by Mrs Chadwick. I am very grateful to Mrs Chadwick for her dedication and hard work in getting the dancers 'stage ready' and incredibly proud of all of the children, who represented the school in true Weston fashion: maximum effort, maximum smiles!



### Nurture Room

We want to thank the Friends of Weston for their large financial contribution to our brand new nurture room. This is a space for children who have sensory difficulties and sometimes need a place away from the classroom. We are proud to be able to offer this facility and on being a fully inclusive school with the



capacity to both develop and challenge children regardless of any behavioural or academic barriers. This view is cemented by some recent feedback – colleagues from local primary and secondary schools have visited us in the last two weeks to learn more about our approaches to teaching reading and maths, especially to the most able learners and Cheshire East's autism and behavioural specialists have advised other primary colleagues to visit Weston to learn about our effective practice in these areas.



Contrary to popular opinion, we do have limited spaces in some year groups. Do you know anyone who is looking for a different school for their child or who has just moved into the area? Tell them to get in touch and have a look around Weston.

### Zoolab



The children in Orange class had an amazing experience at the end of last week when Zoolab came in to educate the children about lots of different animals including lizards and snakes. The children saw lots of the animals up close and were able to handle many of them too, including a giant millipede. I 'enjoyed' holding the millipede, with its velcro-like feet, but made a sharp exit before the tarantula came out!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Last Friday, the whole school enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, put on by the Friends of Weston. It was a beautiful afternoon and all the children thoroughly enjoyed their experience. The Friends of Weston have raised lots of funds and, in addition to the nurture room, a big project is on the horizon. Alongside the fundraising, part of their role is enhancing the experience of Weston pupils and this no-fee egg hunt, combined with the chocolatey reward that every child received, certainly delivered on that aim. Thank you once again FoW.

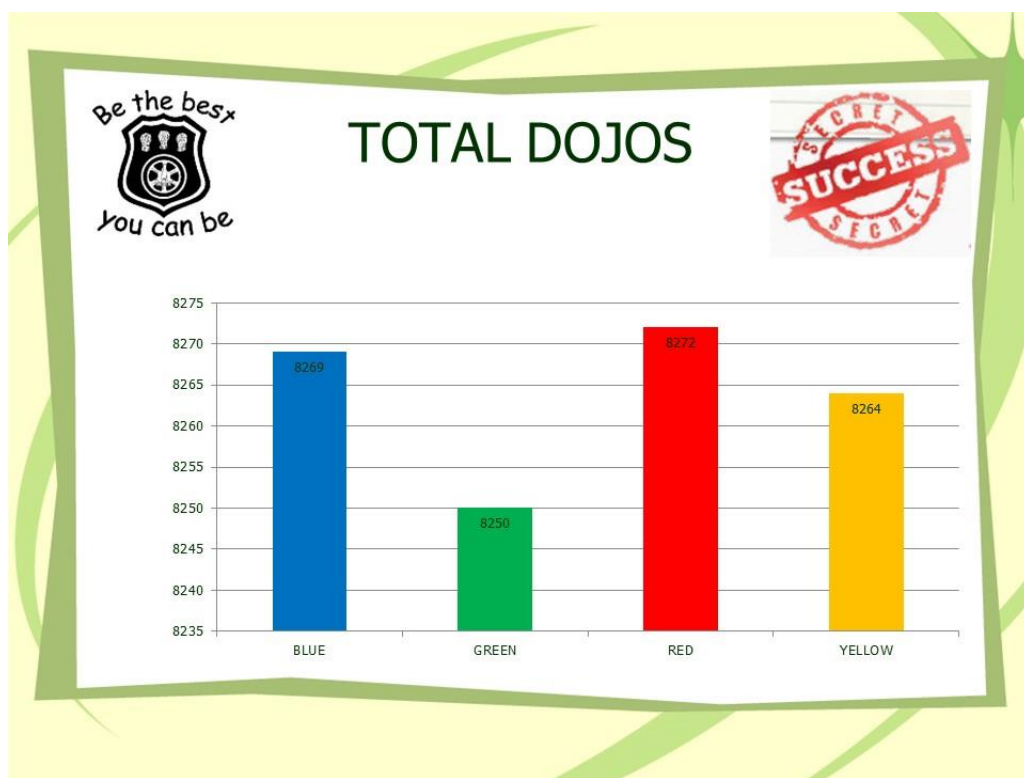


## Timperley Shield

Weston's school football team qualified for the elite Crewe and Nantwich Spring football competition by virtue of winning their autumn league. In the hotly contested Timperley Shield, they progressed to the semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Weaver. The team, who were coached on this occasion by Laura Woodcock, a highly qualified FA coach, did everything expected of them and did us all proud. Well done Weston, once again!

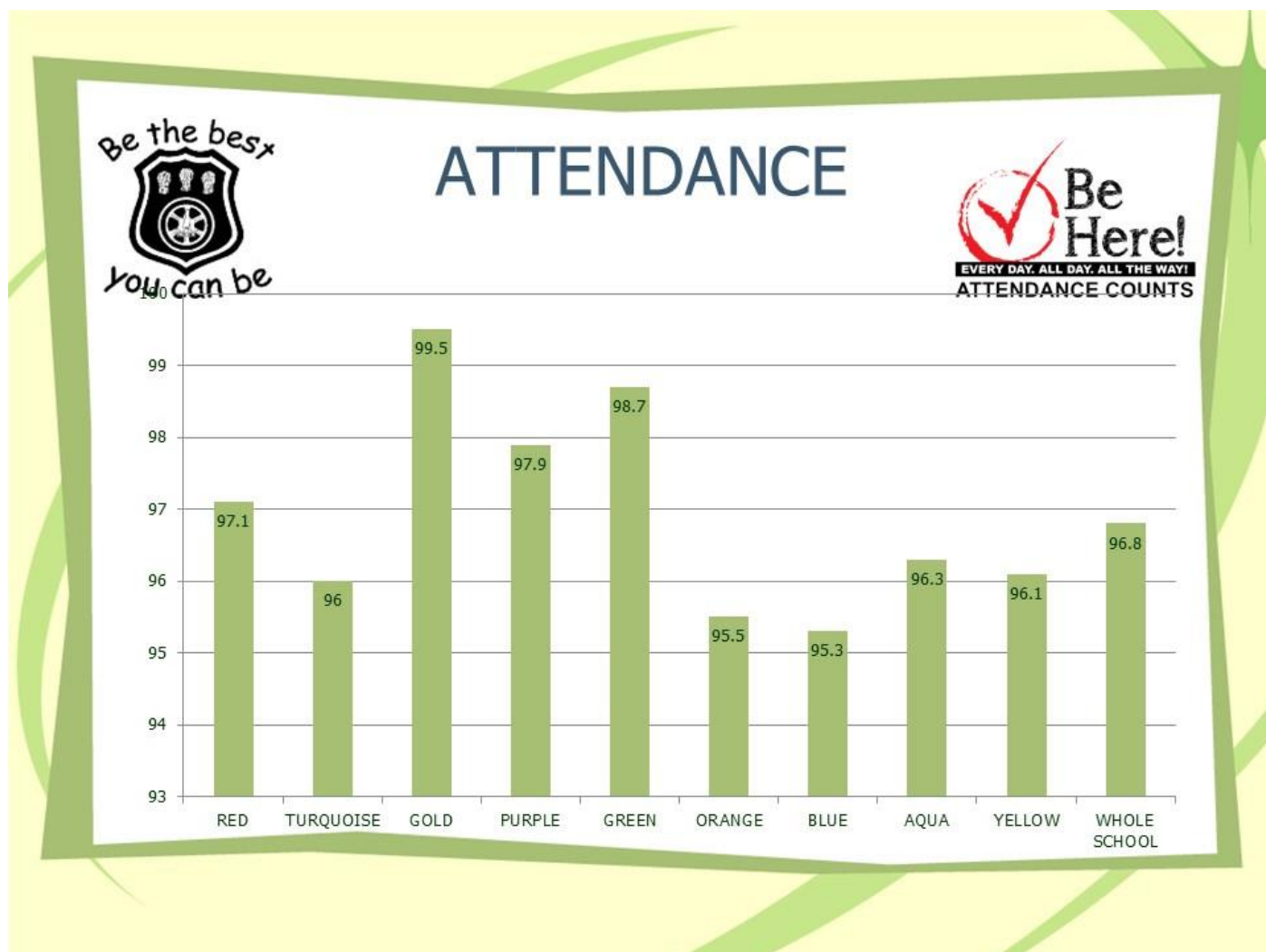
## Stars of the week

Here are our most recent stars of the week. Half of them have enjoyed the absolute delights of a hard earned biscuit or three and half haven't (yet). Can you tell the difference? You probably can't because pride of achievement > eating biscuits. That's the Secrets of Success way!



## Celebration Assembly

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



### Before school

Please don't drop your children off before 8.45am. An increasing number of children are being dropped off early – some as early as 8.30am. Staff attend a daily briefing at this time so the children are completely unsupervised. If you need to drop your children off earlier than 8.45am, I advise you to use our before school club service, Kids Aloud. Of course, you are welcome to bring your child earlier than 8.45am if you intend to remain with them until the school doors open.

### Parking

I'm afraid this is another nag about parking. I heard a worrying report of a car that was parked on the curb on Cemetery Road reversing into a young pupil as she was crossing the road with her mam earlier this week. Fortunately she wasn't hurt but I'm sure you would agree that it would be beyond regrettable if dangerous driving or parking related to school pick-up led to an injury or worse. Please do use the White Lion for parking. They are very generous in letting us use their car park. In the meantime, we are working closely with the police and the council to address the parking situation.

Have a wonderful holiday with your family. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

*Thomas Cutts*