



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

6th May – Bank holiday

9th May – Blue class assembly

13th May – KS2 SATs week

15th May – Turquoise visiting All Saints

20th May – KS1 SATs week

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

22nd May – Friends of Weston discos

23rd May – Turquoise class assembly

24th May – Break up for half term

3rd June – School closed for staff INSET

4th June – School reopens for pupils

10th June – Y1 phonics screening check this week

10th June – Y4 Multiplication Tables Check this week

12th June – Y5 to Alsager for activity day

13th June – Y5/6 rounders competition

14th June – School nurse drop-in

18th June – School nurses in for YR and Y6 height and weight

19th June – Reception 2019 parents meeting

20th June – Sports Day

24th June – KS2 Town Sports - Field

25th June – Green and Orange afternoon and evening performances

26th June – KS2 Town Sports - Track

28th June – Summer Fair

A message from Mr Cutts

It's hard to believe that the summer term is already two weeks old. There is so much to come this term, including finalising the planning for next year. We are looking forward to welcoming 38 new starters into Reception in September and although some of them have siblings or cousins already at school, I'm sure you'll make them and their families feel as welcome as ever if you see them at transition events, Sports Day or the Summer Fair over the next few weeks.

Lots of children have been sent to my office over the last two weeks, for all the right reasons – because they have shone through the various **Secrets of Success**. They have been children with different academic or non-academic strengths but all with one thing in common – the understanding that anyone can be successful, that challenges and a bit of brain-ache are good and that the sky is the limit when you embrace the **Secrets of Success**. I'm so proud of the staff who really foster this attitude and of course the children.

Assessments

You may or may not be aware that many of the children will undertake assessments over the next few weeks. The Key Stage Two Assessments (commonly known as SATs) for Year 6 take place in the week beginning 13th May, with the Key Stage One Assessments for Year 2 the following week. These are national assessments.

At Weston we aim to deliver a broad and rich curriculum and never lose sight of the fact that while the results of these assessments are significant to the school, they are far less significant for the children themselves – no-one puts their SATs results on a CV. That said, we do want the children to 'be the best they can be' and to come to school on time, well rested and with the desire to be successful.

In addition to these assessments, in June Year One children will take a 40 word (both real and 'alien' words) phonics screening check, which will test their phonic decoding skills (more information will follow). Also in June, Year 4 will complete a multiplication tables check. This will be mandatory from next year but we have opted to take part in the trial this year to ensure that we are experts at the process. From the children's point of view, it'll be just like a short session on Times Tables Rockstars.



All of the results of these assessments will be shared with you on your child's end of year report.

Amaven

We have made the decision to build on the great strides we have made in improving child fitness and increasing the amount of sport and physical activity that children are engaged in, by investing in a PE, health and wellbeing approach from Amaven. The approach incorporates a state-of-the-art assessment approach, which will enable teachers to identify individual pupils' physical strengths and areas for development, such as speed, agility, flexibility, locomotor, body control etc. This will inform teachers' planning so that children access a far more personalised PE curriculum. Your child's physical literacy will be shared with you electronically and improvements will be celebrated. As is the Weston approach, we won't celebrate the fastest or strongest children, but will absolutely celebrate those children who make progress because they have worked hard, pushed themselves, improved and not given up.



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The whole school are experiencing an Amaven wellness kickstarter day today. I'm sure they'll tell you all about it.

Uniform

Please refer to the uniform page at the very front of your child's diary (page C). Increasingly, children are wearing clothes that are not permitted, such as football shirts in PE lessons and black trainers instead of black school shoes. Our policy states 'Trainers are not allowed at school' (apart from PE lessons). Our PE uniform is black or navy shorts, light blue t-shirts, black school pumps or trainers. We can be flexible with trainer colours but consider this in future when buying PE trainers. Please name all uniform and note that non-badged uniform is perfectly acceptable, provided it conforms to the policy.

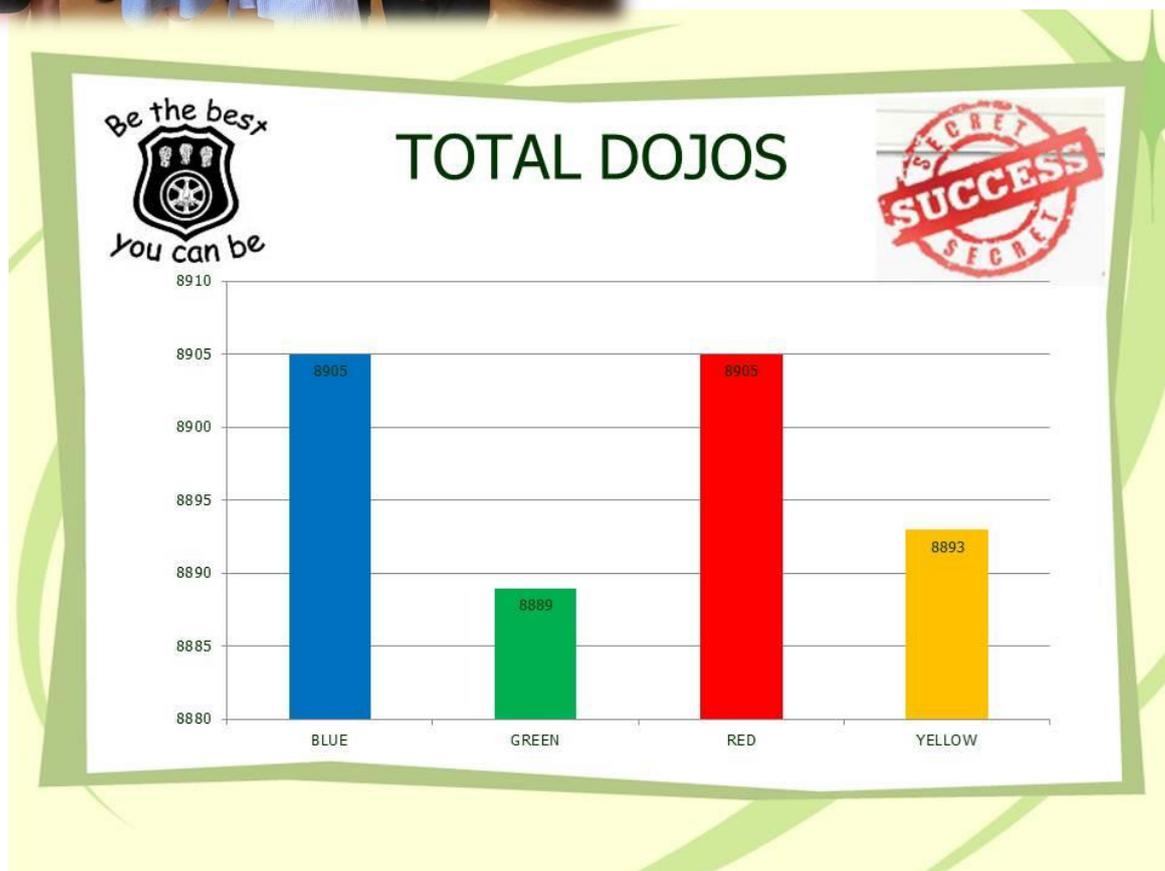
Stars of the week

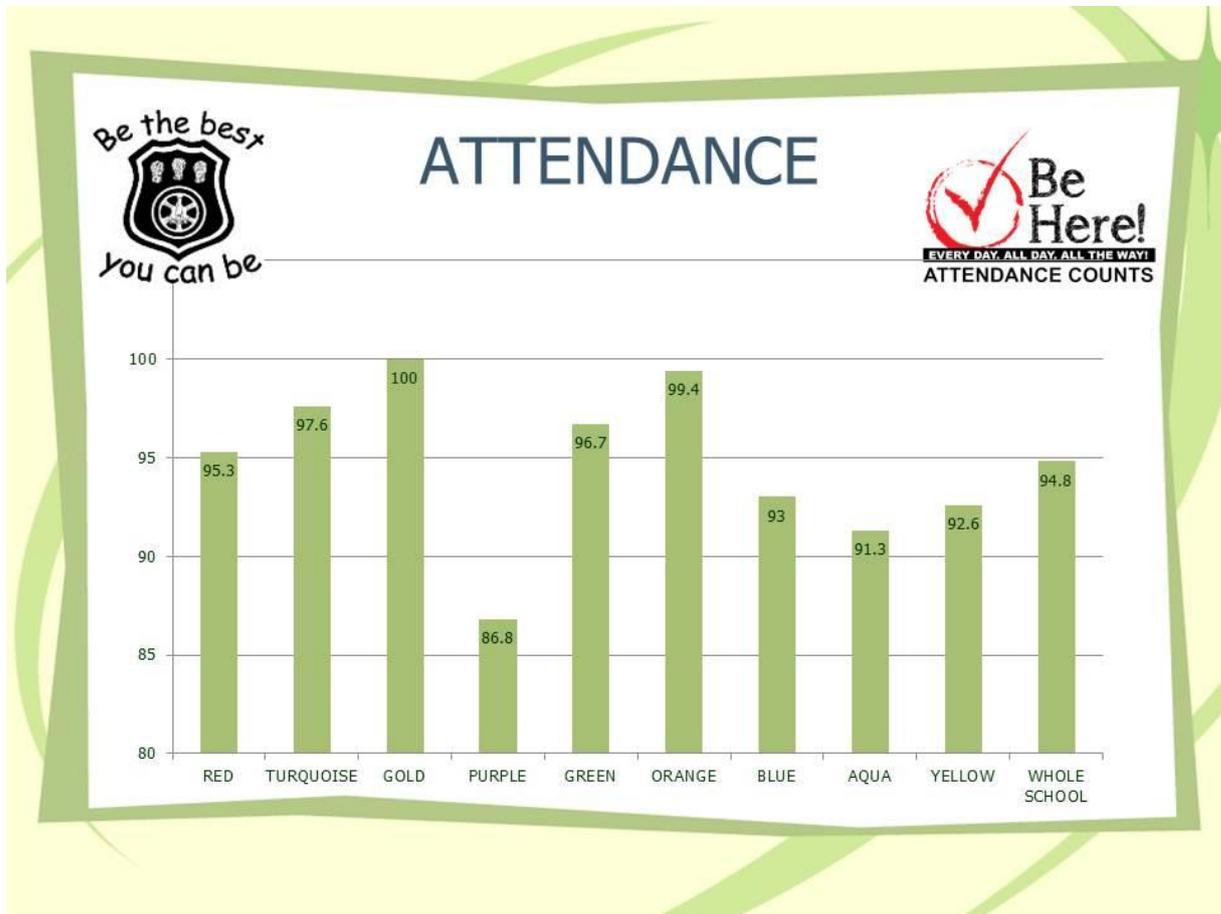
Here are our most recent stars of the week. You may be surprised to hear that some of the older children declined the biscuits. The Star of the Week treat may have to become juice, biscuits, hummus and vegetable batons. Regardless of their snack preferences, they all share one thing in common – they stayed true to the **Secrets of Success**, whatever challenges they faced.



Celebration Assembly

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





Friends of Weston

You will have seen from the dates section above that there are two events on the horizon – the disco and the summer fair. Keep an eye out on the Friends Facebook page, your child’s book bag and posters around school for full information regarding those events. There are exciting things in the pipeline too...!

Thomas Cutts