



# WESTON NEWS

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

**Monday 15 November – Diabetes Assembly**

Tuesday 16 November – Sanfilippo Awareness Day

Wednesday 17 November – Stoke City 7s assembly

Thursday 18 November – Blue Class assembly

**Friday 19 November – Odd socks for anti-bullying**

Tuesday 7 December – Red Class nativity (pm and evening performances)

Thursday 9 December – Gold and Turquoise Christmas performances (pm and evening)

Friday 10 December – KS2 trip to Regent Theatre pantomime

Monday 13 December – Purple Christingle Service

Tuesday 14 December – Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas crafts workshop

Thursday 16 December – Reception, Year 1, Y2 trip to Amerton Farm

Friday 17 December – Weston's Got Talent

Friday 17 December – Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 4 January – School reopens for staff and pupils

Thursday 27 January – Orange Class assembly

Monday 7 February – Year 6 Boreatton Park residential trip all week

**Tuesday 8 February – Safer Internet Day**

**Thursday 10 February – Green class assembly**

**Friday 18 February – Break up for half term**

**Monday 28 February – School reopens for staff and pupils**

**Thursday 3 March – World Book Day (dress up)**

## A message from Mr Cutts

It's Anti-Bullying Week next week and the children will be completing related activities throughout the week, culminating in odd socks day and an assembly on Friday, together with a special menu at lunchtime.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

From the Anti-Bullying Alliance:

*Our call to action:*

*Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say hey.*

*In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.*

*Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.*

*It starts with one kind word. It starts today.*



## Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair this year. The children loved looking at the selection of books and we sold lots of them, including via the online ordering system. The result is that school will receive commission that will be spent on brand new books that all the children can enjoy. Our next book fair is scheduled for March and all children will be given a money off voucher that can be redeemed at that fair. We expect to be able to invite you into school for that one so you can peruse the selection alongside your child. More information will follow in due course.



## Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Year ambassadors continue to relish their roles and lead pupil voice in key areas. Current highlights include:

Today, the Eco Ambassadors are planting bulbs to brighten up the school grounds and wild flowers to encourage insect life in conjunction with Lovell Homes. They have also developed plans to build animal habitats with younger children.

The Digital Ambassadors have recorded vlogs and shorts, including one of the revamped library. They are also supporting the Year 1 children with their computing learning.

The Learning Ambassadors have accessed training in Early Reading and will run reading workshops for children in Reception, under the guidance of Miss Watkins.

The PE, Fitness and Sport Ambassadors have set up and are delivering a mini-games activity club at lunchtimes for children in key stage 2.

The Safeguarding Ambassadors have developed activities to promote anti-bullying and the kindness theme for next week.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have set up and are running a mindfulness club for children in key stage 1 and Reception to benefit from at lunchtimes.

They have all met with the School Council too, to make sure that all of their hard work benefits all of the children at Weston.





## Library

We have rejigged our key stage 2 library to ensure that its primary function is a library and not a learning space. We are in the process of adding our large selection of books to our new library app, which will be used to check books in and out as well as provide recommendations. Year 5 children are being trained as librarians and it will be used throughout the day. The library also contains shelves of books that link to children's prior learning so that they can



continue to foster their developing love of subjects they have learnt about in lessons the previous term, or year or even further back. With soft furnishings, enticing book baskets and an ambience that supports reading, we very much hope that the library promotes reading for pleasure, with reading remaining firmly at the heart of our whole school curriculum.

## Remembrance

The children have spent time in their classes learning about Remembrance this week and we raised lots of money for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies and related items – thank you

for your support. The children made poppies to be displayed outside of All Saints' Church and school will be represented at a Remembrance service at the church this Sunday at 6pm. Staff and children will be in attendance and the children will lay a Remembrance wreath.

## Craft Fair

There is a Craft Fayre on Saturday 20 November at St Mark's church hall in Shavington. Everyone is welcome.

## Friends of Weston Village Primary School

There are lots of plans for the year ahead as we look to get the Friends of Weston activity back on-track following the pandemic. More information will follow about upcoming events, including an exciting festive treat for the children. Watch this space! [The Annual Report can be found here.](#)



**Saturday 20th November  
10am-3pm**

**St Mark's Church Hall  
Shavington CW2 5DP**

Browse a range of locally crafted Christmas gifts  
Hot and cold drinks & refreshments

**Free entry!**

Contact Gaynor:

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## Diversity Update

To date, we have completed considerable work on promoting diversity and equality within the planned and wider curriculum, including a full curriculum review, sourcing books and resources, engaging in staff training and ensuring that due consideration is made in this respect when reviewing policies. We have further plans including engaging with the No Outsiders programme and including a dedicated diversity and equality item on the newsletter.

To add to our action plan, we would like a parent perspective. The first meeting of the Weston Diversity Working Group will be on 1 December at 4pm, via Zoom. More information will follow, including a request for parents to advise of their attendance. The initial meeting will be to set terms of reference for the group – purpose, protocols etc. It will be an opportunity for parents to say why they want to be involved and what their perspective is on Weston's approach to inclusion, equality and diversity, including race, gender and relationships. The aim is not necessarily for parents to come up with solutions or actions (although I am aware that there is considerable experience and expertise within our parent body) but to provide a broad insight, ideally from a broad spectrum of parents and carers.

## Pumpkin Sale

Thomas (Green), held his annual pumpkin sale last month, supported by Phoebe (Purple) and Emily (Red). They held a stall at the Wychwood Village pop up market. The children grew the pumpkins organically themselves at the Weston Allotments, where they have neighbouring plots.

The children decided to donate ALL the money made to the Salvation Army, in memory of Thomas's 'Grandma Janis' and raised an incredible £150. Well done children – what great horticulture and community spirit!



## Stars of the Week

Here are most of the Stars of the Week from the last fortnight. These children have embraced the Secrets of Success and have been recognised by their teachers. Well done children – keep it up!









## Bikeability

The children in Year 5 completed their Bikeability level 2 training across two

days this week. The training is designed to build their cycling confidence, skill and road safety awareness. The instructors were very complimentary about our children, scoring them 10 out of 10 for attitude and effort. The children were also complimented by local residents for their sensible and respectful attitudes, when they took to the local roads.



## Children In Need

We have raised lots of money today and raised awareness of Children In Need. Thank you so much for your generosity with donations of money and cakes! We could have given cakes to a school 3 times the size of Weston – you are so kind!



## ParentMail - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

- 1 November – Important Medical Information
- 3 November – Year 5 Bikeability
- 3 November – Upcoming Events
- 4 November – Burst Water Pipe
- 4 November – Book Fair
- 5 November – Advent Window Trail
- 9 November – Friends of Weston Meeting
- 10 November – Children In Need
- 11 November – Friends of Weston Annual Report

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Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

*Thomas Cutts*