



# WESTON NEWS

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

Wednesday 1 December – Weston Diversity Working Group meeting

Thursday 2 December – Y5/6 football tournament

Thursday 2 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Christmas Lights switch on

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

Wednesday 8 December – Young Carers assembly

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

Friday 10 December – KS2 trip to Regent Theatre pantomime

Saturday 11 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Christmas Fair

Monday 13 December – Purple Christingle Service

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

Wednesday 15 December – Friends of Weston Christmas trail and special guest (during school day)

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

Apologies for the slim column – there were so many new dates to add regarding events next month. Despite the challenges of Covid, there is lots going on and we are determined to remove the Covid barriers rather than allow them to hamper our enrichment opportunities.

At the risk of repeating myself, thank you once more for your support through our current Covid outbreak. We very much hope that all children and adults who are currently isolating due to Covid make a quick recovery. I have lots of conversations with colleague headteachers about the ongoing impact of Covid and firmly believe that the parental support and engagement at Weston regarding the pandemic is second to none. As such, despite the outbreak, attendance has remained relatively good, the curriculum has operated as normal and adjustments have been made to facilitate most other school activity. With our isolating individuals due to return in the next few days and no new cases involving anyone who has been in the building this week, we are optimistic about relaxing our outbreak measures soon. The final step is for all individuals who were asked to access a PCR last weekend, to access a follow up PCR this weekend. This will account for anyone who had Covid last weekend but wasn't yet 'shedding' the virus. This final measure will confirm the end of all current transmission chains.

Thanks again for your support.

## ParentPay

Yesterday you received a ParentMail advising you of our new electronic communication and payments system, ParentPay. Your child will also have brought home a letter with details of your activation code. With effect from Wednesday 1st

December all electronic parent communication and payments will move to ParentPay, which will provide you with all the current features of ParentMail plus some additional functionality. Any parents who currently have a child/children in another school (eg. Alsager School) who use ParentPay, will be able to link all their child accounts under one.

Please do not make any further payments into ParentMail even if your account is in arrears. The facility to make payments into ParentMail will be disabled from today. You will be able to make payments against your new ParentPay account from Wednesday 1 December, providing you have activated your account and email address.

It is essential that you activate your account as a matter of urgency to ensure you are still able to receive email updates in relation to the ongoing Covid situation and other general school information. You will also require an activated ParentPay account for making payments for lunches and trips.

Please do let us know if you have any issues.

## Keele Christmas Tree Farm

We have registered with Keele Christmas Tree Farm to join their Christmas tree scheme. If you buy your Christmas tree there this year, just mention Weston Village Primary School at the till and our school will receive tokens to the value of the purchase. In the new year, all schools participating will receive money back. Full information is on the flyer. 🎄



## Wychwood Park Winter Fair and Wychwood Village Christmas Fair



## Wychwood Village Christmas Lights Switch on

Head to Wychwood Village Hall on Thursday December 2 from 5pm for the following: Rides, Santa, Hot dogs and Burgers, Fireworks and the big Christmas lights switch on! The school choir will be there too to bring some festive joy to the event! Come along and join the community and spread some festive cheer!

## Vacancies

We have two midday assistant vacancies. If you or someone you know is looking for the type of role that is rewarding, fits well with school drop-offs and pick-ups and wants to join a friendly team at our school, please [check the vacancies page on our website](#).

## Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Year 6 ambassadors continue to relish their roles as they lead pupil voice in key areas. Current highlights include:

The Community Ambassadors attended the Remembrance service at All Saints Church, where they read a self-penned poem and laid a wreath. They also helped Rev. Rachael with her Christingle preparations.

The Eco Ambassadors have tidied and enhanced the key stage one nature area – it looks so much better!

The Digital Ambassadors have recorded a short of the nature area tidy-up and are preparing a presentation to introduce the children to all of the staff at school. Our remaining segregation measures mean that some younger children in particular don't know all of the staff's names.

The Learning Ambassadors have continued to deliver early reading sessions to Reception children.

All ambassadors have continued to work through their action plans and are excited about the next part of their work. They are wearing their enamel 'Ambassador' badges with pride.



## School Council Update

The school council ran and judged an anti-bullying poster competition. The winners all received a book as a prize. The council met to discuss the success criteria for an effective poster and had a very tough task in judging the winners. The winning posters are displayed on our School Council board and around school.





## Anti-Bullying Week

We had our first whole school assembly last week in 624 days! It was to mark a very important week in the school calendar - anti-bullying week. We wore odd socks to promote the fact that we are all different and all equal - equally deserving of kindness and respect. We spent time in assembly talking about what bullying is and what it isn't. The children were able to say lots of ways that they can promote our school's anti-bullying culture, including using kind words and actions including online, not excluding others, calling out bullying behaviour and talking to TED and adults in school and at home.



## World Sanfilippo Awareness Day



Lilia in Gold class has a diagnosis of MPS III Sanfilippo - a rare genetic disorder. Last week, we observed World Sanfilippo Awareness Day by learning about the condition through sharing a story. Every child in the school was given a purple awareness ribbon, courtesy of Lilia's

parents. The children in Gold class also enjoyed a disco together.

## Diabetes Awareness Day

Phoebe in Yellow class spoke to the children in Key Stage Two about diabetes and how she lives with Type 1 diabetes. It gave the children a really clear insight into what diabetes is and how Phoebe manages it. She did a great job!



## Friends of Weston Village Primary School

I have met with the new co-Chairs of the Friends of Weston, Jenny Wood and Jenny Barratt, who both have children in the school. We spoke about plans for the year ahead and they gave a positive report of the recent meetings, which were well attended. FoW is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the life of the school. As well as supporting seasonal crafts, FoW are running a festive trail and grotto next month for all the children. We are very excited!

## Diversity Update

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in attending the Weston diversity working group meeting next **Wednesday** 1 December (the last ParentMail said Thursday 1 December, which was an error). Next term we are looking forward to introducing No Outsiders assemblies, which ensure that our message of equality are fully embedded within our whole school culture. The whole ethos is around Inclusion and the purpose of the assemblies is to promote community cohesion and a sense of belonging.

## City 7s

Some of the children enjoyed a Stoke City Football Club City 7s assembly last week. All of the children in Years 2 and 3 have been given a pair of free tickets for an upcoming match and all of the other children have been able to take advantage of heavily discounted tickets. There will be a large Weston contingent at an upcoming match!

## Stars of the Week

There has been an abundance of Secrets of Success on display around school over the last fortnight. Photos of our most recent stars will follow. Here is a reminder of the attributes that we promote, reinforce and celebrate – all children can demonstrate the Secrets of Success.

Try new things



Concentrate

Work hard



Push yourself



Imagine



Improve



Understand others



Don't give up



## What is success?

Success isn't just about money.  
It is about happiness, choices and  
feeling good about yourself.  
Successful people feel good about:

- how hard they have tried
- who they are
- what they spend their time doing
- the choices they have made in their lives.



# COME IN FROM THE COLD

10TH DECEMBER 2021

Why not come join us for a coffee and a bite to eat in front of our fire whilst waiting. With various bar snacks and coffee's on offer it'll make the wait that little easier.



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## News From Our Community Partners, The White Lion

Key stage Two parents will have seen that The White Lion are happy for parents to use the car park while waiting to collect their child after the theatre trip on 10 December. See the flyer for information.

They are also holding some festive family events. Check out the flyer for more details and join the fun!



## ParentMail - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

- 17 November – Odd Sock Day Menu
- 17 November – Key Stage Two Lunchtimes (trainers request)
- 19 – 21 November – Various Covid Updates
- 22 November – Friends of Weston Meeting
- 23 November – The Hive Christmas Holiday Club
- 23 November – Covid Update and Testing Advice
- 24 November – Weston Diversity Working Group
- 25 November – New Electronic Communication and Payment System – ParentPay
- 26 November – Key Stage Two Theatre Arrangements
- 26 November – Infant Performances Important Information

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

*Thomas Cutts*

## Attention All Parents!



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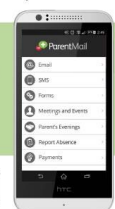
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