



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

10th November – Remembrance service at All Saint's church – 6pm

11th November – Purple class Great Fire of London day

12th November – Anti-bullying wear odd socks day

13th November – KS1 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics competition

14th November – Yellow class assembly

15th November – Children in Need (wear something yellow/spotty)

18th November – Lovell Homes in to deliver health and safety workshops

21st November – Blue class assembly

22nd November – Lovell Homes in to deliver health and safety workshops

28th November – Y5 Bikeability

29th November – Y5 Bikeability

29th November – Christmas Fair

1st December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Hall Christmas Fair

5th December – Y2 Christingle service at All Saints

9th December – Red class nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

10th December – Choir performing at Shavington HS concert

11th December – Christmas lunch day

11th December – Whole school Fluenz

12th December – Y1 nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

13th December – Whole school trip to Regent Theatre

A message from Mr Cutts

There are lots of concerts and performances over the coming weeks as we move into the festive period. I am really looking forward to watching the choir perform at different venues including The White Lion, Wychwood Village Hall and Shavington High School and one of the real festive highlights will be the nativity performances and our very own Weston's Got Talent towards the end of term. We give the children lots of opportunities to shine and develop their passions and performance is, and will become, a passion of many of our children.



The staff continue to develop their own passions through lots of professional development opportunities at school. Staff have accessed lots of training over the term so far and are looking forward to some high-quality curriculum development twilights over the coming weeks as we continue to polish our broad and rich curriculum.

Anti-bullying

The school council, led by the school and safety ambassadors will kick-off their year-long anti-bullying initiative next week. We do lots of work around bullying in school and help the children to recognise and respond appropriately to bullying. The school council team want to make this a prominent focus throughout the year to ensure that every child, regardless of their age, has lifelong strategies for coping with potential bullying behaviour and views school as the safe and happy place it is. Their first planned event is an assembly designed to raise awareness next Tuesday. The children have been asked to wear odd socks to highlight the fact that we are all different and all equal.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Anti-Bullying Alliance



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Sickness and absence

If you need to take your child out of school, please complete a leave of absence request form and hand it in to the office. Absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances but it is courteous and saves a lot of admin time spent calling home when a child is absent, if we know where they are.

We would also really appreciate your honesty on your pupils absences; on several occasions when a child has come to school after an absence where we have been told that they are too ill to attend school, they have told a friend or the teacher directly about the holiday or day out they have had. It is really unfair to put a child in a position where they are expected to lie about where they have been. It is natural for a teacher to ask a returning child if they are feeling better after an illness absence so please consider the position you are putting them in if you choose not to be honest with us. We really value our home/school relationship and hope that it is based on mutual trust.

In terms of genuine sickness, if your child is off school with vomiting and diarrhoea, the government guidelines that we adhere to are that they stay off school for 48 hours after the symptoms have passed.

Climbing success

Oliver and Ellie from Aqua class braved the elements in their 5 and a half hour hike up Mt Snowdon in aid of a charity close to their family's hearts, the University Hospital Neonatal Unit. They would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who gave them moral support or donated via their justgiving page. They did a great job and really showed off their selfless nature and determination – well done!

Trips and visitors

Lots of the children have enjoyed trips and visitors so far this term, enhancing their learning through immersive and engaging experiences that go beyond their usual fun lessons. Recent trips have included Blue class's visit to Chester, which included a Roman march around the city and Yellow class's visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester to gain a deeper insight into WWII. Visitors



will include Zoolab, who are bringing big spiders, lizards, cockroaches and other creatures for Orange class to handle and The Great Fire of London experience who will immerse Purple class in some fascinating Tudor history. We are all looking forward to our visit to the pantomime at the Regent theatre and intend to take all of key stage two to the Manchester Arena for Young Voices in the new year. With performances, sporting events, high school workshops and Year 4 and 6 residential visits planned, every child gets to try lots of new and varied activities.

Reading workshops

Lots of parents were able to attend our Reception and Year 1 reading workshops. These were an opportunity to sit in a reading lesson and see how certain skills, including phonics, are taught to give parents a clear insight into how to support their child at home. We appreciated all the positive feedback and will continue to run these workshops throughout the year. As well as finding out how to support your child, you get the precious chance to work alongside them in school and sit on tiny chairs! Look out for more information about future workshops on ParentMail.



Aqua class assembly

Mrs Lawton and Miss Watkins helped the children in Aqua class put a great assembly together, which they shared with the rest of the school and their parents. They gave us a real insight into their learning from last half term with some choral poetry, fascinating facts about scientists and inventors and some excellent Ancient Egypt drama, together with a catchy song about mummification!



Friends of Weston

Thank you to everyone who sent in chocolate as part of our non-uniform day at the end of last half term. The Friends of Weston came to collect it ahead of it being used at the Christmas Fair and it filled a car boot! You are incredibly generous and it is very much appreciated. The Christmas Fair is at the end of the month on Friday 29th November. It promises to be another wonderful community event and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Book People's Big Boost



Don't forget that if you're buying books for Christmas, The Book People are running a 'Big Boost' campaign, which is their brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they'll donate £1 to a school of your choice (Weston) for us to spend on books! Just go to thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

Aldi's kit for schools

Thank you for sending in your Aldi stickers. We completed our chart and then some, thanks to a late flurry of stickery activity this week. We will now send our completed poster in and await our new sports kit. We'll also cross our fingers and hope we win £20,000 for the school!



Parking

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, please don't park on East Avenue or Cemetery Road when you drop off and collect your children. Aim to park at the White Lion and take the 3 minute stroll into school. Although the Lovell Homes development at the end of East Avenue is aiming for deliveries to occur between 9.30am and 2.30pm, in the interests of everyone's safety, not least that of the children, and out of courtesy to the local residents who have already been required to park on one side of the road, please use the pub.

Celebration Assembly

Here are our most recent stars. They were the highest dojo earners of last half term in each class. We have reset the dojos for this half term but we will maintain a running total for the year. Remember, we only celebrate when children exhibit the **secrets of success** and anyone can do this. In fact, all of the children do, hundreds of times a day across the school!



Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.

