



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Saturday 11 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Christmas Fair

Monday 13 December – Christmas jumper day

Monday 13 December – Purple Christingle Service

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

Wednesday 15 December – Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 15 December – Zoolab visit to Orange class

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

Despite the ongoing challenges of Covid, we are very proud of the efforts we have gone to, to ensure that the children have been able to access so many enrichment and seasonal activities this term. We have enjoyed some magical performances from our youngest children in their nativity plays. They worked so hard on learning lines and perfecting their singing/shouting! Thank you to all parents for their support with costumes and adhering to the Covid measures. Thank you also to the staff who worked hard to provide the children with the opportunity to perform – such a important experience for them.

As I write, we are looking forward to a Key Stage 2 theatre trip, Reception and Key Stage 1 trip to the farm, Zoolab experience for Orange class, Friends of Weston festive trail for all the children (including a special guest) and our annual talent show – Weston's Got Talent. The children work hard on learning their core skills and the wider curriculum but it is vital, as we approach 2 years of limited opportunities, that the children enjoy as broad a range of experiences and opportunities as possible. Effectively planned and sequenced enrichment, culture, sport and other activities will ultimately have a positive effect on the children's emotional wellbeing, learning, Secrets of Success and life chances and, despite the necessary Covid measures, we must all strive to find that balance between these measures and our responsibility to the children's wider development. That is certainly the approach that we are committed to – taking every effort to remove the Covid barriers.

ParentPay

Thank you for signing up to



ParentPay. We currently have around 80% of children with one connected parent, so please do activate your account as soon

as possible. Once we have achieved as close to 100% as we can, we will prioritise connecting second parents

so that all are all as informed as you are used to. We will then phase out our use of ParentMail completely. The names might sound confusing because they both start with 'Parent' and sound like they have separate functions, but this is not the case. Like ParentMail, ParentPay is both a communication and payment platform.

Please do let us know if you have any issues.

Reception 2022 School Places

It has been a pleasure to show so many prospective parents around our school this term. The window for applying for a place closes on 15 January 2022. If you don't apply for a place, you might not get one for your child at Weston. Please remember that you must apply for a place even if you already have a child at Weston. This is even more imperative this year because, as parents know, we have reduced our admissions number to 30, from September 2022. Parents who live in Cheshire East should apply online via this link <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx> Parents who live in a different local authority, such as Staffordshire, should apply for a place at Weston through their home local authority. Please ask if you need any advice or support.

Wychwood Village Christmas Fair



Welcome to the Team

We are pleased to have appointed Miss Cornes to the Weston team as a teaching assistant. Miss Cornes has lots of experience and is excited to join our school. We know that she will complement our team and settle in quickly.

Vacancies

We still 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 5/6 Football Tournament

A team of Year 5 and 6 footballers represented the school in our first sports competition since pre-Covid last week. They played in a tournament at the Crewe Soccer Centre in Shavington against other schools from Crewe and Nantwich. This stage of the tournament was played over several days. Weston has enjoyed a lot of success over the last 10-15 years in regional football competitions and did us proud once more, winning most of their games and qualifying for the latter stages next month. It was great to see the team push themselves, concentrate and work together to give themselves the best possible chance of success. Well done to all the boys and girls on the team. Thank you to Mr Mahmood and Mr Witter who coached the team.



Choir

Miss Griffith's choir brought a festive feel to the Wychwood Village Christmas lights switch-on last week. The choir sang their seasonal repertoire with smiles and confidence and really got the crowd in the mood. Well done choir! Next up is a performance tomorrow, Saturday 11 December, back at Wychwood Village hall at 11am for the Christmas Fair.

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 have written Christmas cards which will be delivered to local residents to spread some Christmas spirit within our community.

The Safeguarding Ambassadors have worked with Cheshire Young Carers to put together a presentation and assembly that they will deliver to younger children in the new year.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have created 'kindness Christmas tree tags', which are on our Christmas tree in the entrance hall. They have spoken to each class to promote the tags.

A selection of various ambassadors have contributed to Weston's part of the advent trail.



Autism Inclusive

Autism Inclusive is a registered charity based in Crewe. They offer support for those with autism (diagnosed or suspected) and other neuro-diversities and their families. Some Weston families work with them. For more information, go to their website. <https://autisminclusive.org.uk/events/list/>

Friends of Weston Village Primary School

We are looking forward to the Friends of Weston Festive Trail next Wednesday, which will include a visit from a special guest. Lots to look forward too!

Diversity Update

In order to add further pupil voice to our diversity work, we are developing the role of the school council to give dedicated time to what we will call 'Diversity Defenders'. Watch this space for more information.

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



Imagine



Understand others



Work hard



Push yourself



Improve



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.

News From Our Community Partners, The White Lion



FESTIVE FAMILY FUNDAY
JOIN US ON THE 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER.

FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FUNDAY AT THE WHITE LION
WESTON.

MEET SANTA AND HIS REINDEERS BEFORE THEIR
TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

FREE ENTRY





THE WHITE LION
31 MAIN ROAD,
WESTON, NR. CREWE,
CHESHIRE CW2 5NA

Weston Advent Trail

Via, All Saints' Church: The Advent window trails in Shavington, Weston and Wychwood Village are now open. The maps are outside All Saints' Church and St Mark's Church, Shavington. The windows will be on display until Christmas Eve. We hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy the absolutely fantastic work that over 120 households in our Parish have been involved in. Its is outstanding and we are very grateful to everyone involved. Thank you all so much.

Look out for the school on the trail.



Cheshire Young Carers

Ceri, an Education Officer from Cheshire Young Carers came in to school today. She led in class assemblies with our Year 6 and Year 5 children discussing what it is to be a Young Carer. She identified how Cheshire Young Carers can support children who help care for a member of their household. The children listened carefully and shared their lived experiences with their classes.



SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS



Cheshire Young Carers is a charity that operates to identify and support young carers. We offer educational support through schools and provide free respite and activities during evenings and school holidays.

A Young Carer is..
someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family

This includes:

- Learning disabilities and disorders (i.e., down syndrome and autism)
- Physical impairment (i.e., cerebral palsy and diabetes)
- Mental Health (i.e., depression and anxiety)

1 in 5 children are young carers in the UK

They can provide physical care such as bathing and providing medicine, support around the home with cooking and cleaning, as well as emotional support.

We are working with your school to raise awareness and provide support for the young carers in your community.

If you believe you, or a member of your family, are a young carer then please either contact your school or info@cheshireyoungcarers.com for more information on how to access the Cheshire Young Carers service.

ParentMail - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

26 November – Wychwood Village Christmas Lights Switch On

29 November – Orange Class Zoolab Visit

30 November – ParentPay Activation

1 December – Fluenz Immunisation

Attention All Parents!



Have you downloaded the new **FREE** parent App?
Receive and respond to school messages from your smartphone instantly!

You can:

- ✓ Find messages in a clear, uncluttered feed (separate from your busy email inbox)
- ✓ Receive ALL school to club messages on one app
- ✓ Have instant access - no need to login
- ✓ Receive in-app notifications making sure you've started each time you've sent a message
- ✓ Read school messages even when they're not internet connected
- ✓ Preserve your data allowance

 

To download your **FREE** parent App, simply visit the Apple or Android store and search for ParentMail

2 December – Christmas Jumper Day

3 December – The Hive Christmas Holiday Club

6 December – ParentMail/ParentPay Update and Nativity Play Information

7-9 December – Various COVID Updates

9 December – Key Stage Two Theatre Trip (reminder of important organisation information)

9 December – Christmas Dinner Menu

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

Thomas Cutts