



# WESTON NEWS

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

**Monday 24 February – STEM Ambassador in to deliver rocks and fossils workshop to Green class**

Thursday 27 January – Orange class assembly

**Thursday 27 January – Y5/6 football finals**

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

~~Monday 7 February – Children's Mental Health week all week (see below)~~

Tuesday 8 February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10 February – Green class assembly

**Monday 14 February – Children's Mental Health week all week (changed from previous week due to Y6 residential)**

**Wednesday 16 February – Turquoise and Gold class church visit**

**Thursday 17 February – Class and leavers photographs**

**Thursday 17 February – FoW Film Night**

**Friday 18 February – Dress to Express day**

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)

Monday 14 March – Science week all week (activities planned)

Monday 14 and Thursday 17 – Parent consultation meetings

**Friday 18 March – Planetarium in school for every class**

Monday 21 March – World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 24 March – Blue and Aqua class performances (afternoon and evening)

**Friday 25 March - Junior Safeguarding Conference**

Monday 28 March – Try New Things week

Friday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

Wednesday 20 April – Back to school

## A message from Mr Cutts

As you can see from the diary dates, there is a lot going on this term, with our ongoing focus on mental health and emotional wellbeing taking a central role in lots of our activities. In terms of the curriculum, we are exploiting the timing of science week this term to bring lots of exciting experiences into the school, including a planetarium and some guest STEM ambassadors. Watch this space for more information about science week itself.

On the weather front, we have had some cold days and more are expected. Please do make sure that your child always brings a coat to school and ideally a hat and gloves so that they can stay warm outside at playtime.

When you are dropping off and picking up, please drive slowly onto the turning circle. We intend to put up a 5mph sign in due course. These times of the day continue to run relatively smoothly but we understand that there have been one or two angry exchanges involving parents. Please do your best to model positive behaviour in front of the children.

## Uniform

Some children are not consistently wearing the correct school uniform, **including PE uniform**. Here is a reminder of our policy. Please ensure that your child adheres to the policy in full.

All polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans, PE t-shirts, PE hooded tops and PE jogging bottoms are available as branded items. However, it is not a requirement that pupils wear any of these items, provided their uniform conforms to the following and has **no** other branding, colours or patterns:

- pleated or plain black or grey skirt or smart black or grey trousers

- light blue polo shirt
- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- plain black, white or grey socks or tights
- blue and white checked dress (summer)
- black shoes (not trainers)

PE and after-school sports clubs:

- navy blue shorts or navy jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- navy blue tracksuit top
- light blue t-shirt
- black or white trainers



*This year, plain black tracksuit bottoms and tops are acceptable but when you are replacing items, we ask that you replace them with navy blue items.*

Larger supermarkets stock plain uniform that adheres to our policy and our uniform shop, [Smart Choice Uniforms](#) in Alsager, sells all of our stock in all sizes.

### Clubs



All of our children have had the opportunity to sign up for a number of extra-curricular clubs, which are run by school staff every lunchtime. Some children have attended several clubs this week. The clubs currently include construction, film, mindfulness, finger gym, choir, card tricks, philosophy, meditation and story time, among others. Together with our after-school sports clubs, which are all available to all children, free of charge, there are lots of opportunities for the children to explore new activities.

### Upcoming Class Assemblies

Over the next 3 weeks, Orange and Green classes are due to share their class assemblies. Due to the high number of COVID cases currently in school, we are following public health advice and not inviting parents into school for those assemblies. As with recent class assemblies, they will be recorded and shared with parents via Class Dojo. We intend to invite parents in for Blue and Aqua classes' performances towards the end of March. More information will follow.

### Class Photographs

The photographers will be in school on Thursday 17 February to take whole class photographs and Year 6 leavers' photographs.

### Vacancies

We still have two midday assistant vacancies and a vacancy for a play worker at The Hive. If you or someone you know is looking for the type of role that is rewarding and wants to join a friendly team at our school, please [check the vacancies page on our website](#).



## Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our learning, safeguarding and wellbeing ambassadors have supported younger children with some of our wellbeing work. Part of our whole school approach involves helping the children to talk about their worries, the good things in their life and their hopes for the future. Through this work, we are able to effectively support all of the children, identify areas of concern that might not otherwise become apparent and uphold our culture of safeguarding excellence. The collaboration between our oldest and youngest children is very much part of that supportive and safe school environment.

## Friends of Weston Village Primary School

You have already been made aware of the Friends of Weston Film Night here at Weston on 17 February. Lots of school staff are supporting the event, which promises to be well attended and loads of fun!

## Diversity Update

We have signed up for School Diversity Week in June, an annual celebration of diversity and inclusion involving nursery, primary and secondary schools across the country. More to follow.

## Stars of the Week

Once more, there has been an abundance of Secrets of Success on display around school this week. We are very proud of the children's efforts. Here are the Stars of the Week from the last 2 weeks.












## ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

 Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

8 – 21 January – Various COVID Updates

11 January – Friends of Weston Meeting

20 January – Spring Term 2022 Menu

21 January – Friends of Weston Movie Night

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

*Thomas Cutts*