



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

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

Monday 7 February – Y5 hockey tournament

~~Tuesday 8 February – Safer Internet Day (rearranged see below)~~

~~Thursday 10 February – Green class assembly (rearranged due to staff absence)~~

Monday 14 February – Children's Mental Health week all week

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)

Thursday 10 March – Y3/4 netball tournament

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

Monday 14 and Thursday 17 – Parent consultation meetings

Friday 18 March – Comic Relief (details to follow)

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

Wednesday 30 March – Y5 trip to Xplore, Wrexham

Thursday 31 March – FoW Easter egg hunt

Friday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

Wednesday 20 April – Back to school

Monday 2 May – Bank holiday

Thursday 5 May – Purple class assembly

Monday 9 May – Year 6 SATS week

A message from Mr Cutts

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to come in to talk to the children about their experience/work in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) during Science week next month. We have lots of other experiences and activities planned and it promises to be a fun and engaging week that should open some of the children's minds to the possibility of a career in STEM.

If you are willing and able to come into school in some capacity that week and give an insight into your STEM work/experience, please let Mrs Loveland know via Dojo or by calling/emailing the school.

Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip

We are sending the Year 6s off on a residential trip all next week to



Boreatton Park in Shropshire. While they are away, they will be trying lots of fun activities from fencing to climbing and high ropes. For most, this will be their first experience of being away from parents overnight and a great opportunity to experience something completely different. The trip will encourage the development of lots of our Secrets of Success, including Push Yourself, Try New Things, Don't Give Up and Understand Others. Parents, from experience, you will miss them more than they will miss you! They will have a fantastic time and we can't wait to hear all about their experiences. Can I draw Year 6 parents' attention to the yesterday's email regarding drop-offs on Monday morning.



Mental Health Week

Although Children's Mental Health Week is next week, we have moved Weston's Mental Health Week to the following week, beginning 14 February.

The theme this year is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

Throughout the week, every class will engage in work that promotes this theme and mental well-health in general. **Look out for information next week on how to buy a mental health week bracelet.**

Parenting Smart <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> is a website that provides parents with a wealth of practical advice and tried and tested tips to support their child's mental health, including advice on anxiety, gaming, routines, sibling rivalry, 'my child pushes my buttons' and lots more.

Class Photographs

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



FoW Movie Night

Friends of Weston's Movie Night is also on Thursday 17 February. Check the flyer for full details of the event, including the online booking system.

The film will be shown to the children in their class groups and there will be a mobile tuck shop on the night. Children are welcome to come in their pyjamas with a cuddly toy and bean bag or cushion to snuggle up on.

In conjunction with FoW, The White Lion have arranged a special offer for parents and carers to take advantage of whilst the children enjoy this event – details on the flyer. Booking in advance is advised and please mention the "Cinema Offer" when making a reservation or upon entry.

We might not talk about Bruno but we most definitely talk about the Friends of Weston Movie Night!

The FOW box office is officially open!!!

**TICKETS £5.50 PER CHILD
INCLUDES A DRINK & POPCORN**

THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
FILM START: 5.30PM (DOORS OPEN 5.15PM)
PICK UP: 7.30PM

**SWEETS & DRINKS ON SALE FROM OUR
TUCK SHOP!**

**Book here!
Scan Me!**

'CINEMA' OFFER FOR PARENTS/CARERS....!
WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A SPECIAL OFFER AT THE WHITE LION
WHILE THE CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING THE FILM?
ENJOY A REDUCED SET MENU:
TWO COURSE MEAL & A DRINK £22.95
SINGLE COURSE & DRINK £16.95 OR A BOTTLE OF WINE AT £16.52

THE WHITE LION

Music Tuition

This term, Orange class have a weekly 'brass' instrument lesson from Mr Birch, via the Love Music Trust. Over the course of their lessons they will learn to play the pBone or pTrumpet. As ever, we encourage the children to embrace the Secrets of Success and to 'Improve' by 'Working Hard' and practising lots outside of lessons, at home – practice makes progress!



Year 6 Ambassadors Update

A selection of ambassadors met with our Chair of Governors, Carol White this week. Carol is a recently retired headteacher and current school improvement partner and she was very impressed by the wide range of skills that the children demonstrated. They spoke articulately about the action plans that they had created and the different approaches they had taken to carry out their various actions. Pupil voice is strong at Weston and meetings such as this one provide our pupils with the opportunity to speak passionately about aspects of school that mean a lot to them.

Dress To Express Day

In order to raise awareness of children's mental health during Mental Health week, the children are invited to Dress To Express. The idea is simple – encourage your child to use colour to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit on Friday 18th February.



Our lives are full of colour and we can use colour to help make sense of how we are feeling, who we are and the world we live in. Your child could wear their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how they are feeling. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions.

It's Not OK to Say: "That's so gay!"

Stop It:

You should not use the word 'gay' when you mean 'bad' or 'rubbish'. You might be upsetting people who are gay, who know someone who is gay or who are offended when the word is used this way. Think about which other words you could use, or whether you could say something positive instead!

Correct It:

If you are with your friends or family and you feel able to challenge the wrong use of the word, you could explain to them that 'gay' does not mean something is bad or rubbish. You could explain to them that it is fine to use the word 'gay' as long as you are using it thoughtfully and you understand what it means.

Report It:

If it has been said and you do not feel able to challenge it, tell an adult.

Don't Ignore It:

Don't let it become normal for your friends to use the word 'gay' like this, and don't get drawn into using it this way yourself just because everybody else does. The fact that everybody is doing something does not make it right. Don't assume that you're not hurting anybody just because no one complains – you might be upsetting one of your friends without realising.

Stay True to Yourself:

You might not always be able to control what others say, but you can control your own behaviour. Remember that your words have power and only you get to decide which ones to use.

Stop it – Explain it – Don't ignore it

Diversity Update

We promote equality and diversity in different ways including through frank, open and age-appropriate discussion with children about how the language we use can be unintentionally hurtful. This week in Year 6 we have considered the power of words, specifically the word 'gay' and the harm that homophobic language and other prejudices can do.

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 most of the Stars of the Week from the last 2 weeks.







ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

24 January – 4 February – Various COVID Updates

24 January – Information regarding proposed MAT merger

26 January – British Science Week Volunteers

28 January – Friends of Weston Movie Night

31 January – The Hive February Half Term Holiday Club

1 February – Friends of Weston Meeting

3 February – Dress to Express Day; Boreatton Park Monday Drop-Off (Year 6 parents)

4 February – Aramark School Meals Survey



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