



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

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

Monday 14 and Thursday 17 – Parent consultation meetings

~~Friday 18 March – Comic Relief~~

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

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

Wednesday 27 April – Orange class visit from audiologist

Monday 2 May – Bank holiday

Thursday 5 May – Purple class assembly

Monday 9 May – Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 26 May – Queen's platinum jubilee party (details tbc)

Thursday 26 May – Gold class Assembly (subject to change)

Friday 27 May – Break up for half term

Monday 6 June – Back to school

Wednesday 15 June – New Reception starters parents' meeting

Thursday 16 June – Year 5 to Alsager School activity day

Thursday 16 June – Turquoise class assembly

Monday 20 June – Diversity week

Tuesday 21 June – Green and Orange class performances (afternoon and evening)

Thursday 23 June – Dr Robot coming in (STEM)

Friday 24 June – Shavington Academy in to lead Year 5 drama workshop

Wednesday 29 June – Red class assembly

Thursday 30 June – Sports Day

A message from Mr Cutts

We invest significant time, money and energy into school improvement, underpinned by a frequently reviewed self evaluation approach and a related school improvement plan. One aspect of our work in this regard is our work with an expert external school improvement partner (SIP), who regularly comes into school to support us in identifying strengths and areas to work on. Last week he came in and spent the day focussing on reading.

The SIP's report identified many strengths about reading at Weston, including *"[the school is] in a strong position to become a consistently, extremely highly effective reading school"*; *"the school never rests on its laurels and the further development of reading is always an area of continued focus"*; *"right from the beginning of Reception the school promote a love of reading through a wide range of high-quality activities"*; *"the enthusiasm and high-quality provision in Early Years give pupils an excellent start"*; *"leaders have built a very strong reading intent and implementation which results in consistently strong impact"*.



We recognise that if children can't read, they can't access lots of the curriculum and this has a significant impact on their academic success and emotional wellbeing. The single most important 'home learning' any child of any age can engage with is reading and being read to.

We are proud of our work around reading and have acted swiftly on the SIP's development points to further enhance our reading offer. [Find out more about reading at Weston.](#)

Dates Correction

Please note that there was a typing error in the 'dates for your diary' section on the previous newsletter. The new starter's parents' meeting is 15 June, not 25 June and the Year 5 to Alsager and Turquoise class assembly are on 16 June, not 26 June.

Mrs Hornby

Mrs Hornby is leaving Weston at the end of this school year. She and her husband have got lots of exciting plans away from the world of work. It won't be the last we see of Mrs Hornby, who has always been a champion of the staff and children at Weston and will continue to come in and cover classes or support learning in other ways.

Mrs Hornby and I started at Weston at the same time back in September 2003. We both embarked on our middle and senior leader pathways at the same time and have been close allies throughout the years. Together with Mrs Lawton, Mrs Hornby gave the school and me invaluable leadership support during the long term absence of the previous headteacher and beyond as assistant headteacher, and I have always valued her counsel, support, honesty and loyalty. She will be a big loss to the Weston team but will leave a clear legacy from her 19 years on the team. I know that, like me, parents and carers will be very grateful for all of her hard and valuable work over the years at Weston and wish her all the very best for the future.

The staffing set up for next year will be confirmed in due course.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Visit

Cheshire Fire and Rescue spent the afternoon with Red class this week. The children learnt about the brave and important work that the fire fighters do and how they use their equipment. They even got to try out the hoses! Fantastic learning about people who keep us safe!



Year 5 Play Leader Training

Chris Hughes from the Crewe and Nantwich School Sports Partnership spent the day with us delivering play leader training to all the Year 5 children. Through classroom and active outdoor sessions, the children developed their leadership skills and gained a keen understanding of how to effectively lead playground games with younger children.



Queen's Jubilee

We have plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer – 70 years after her accession to the throne. We will let you know full details nearer the time but in-school plans include a 'street party'. We are also working with the parish council and other key organisations in our community to coordinate activities across the weekend of the jubilee. Watch this space.



World Down Syndrome Day

As you can see from the dates section, Monday 21 March is World Down Syndrome Day. The date (21/3) is significant as it signifies the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down Syndrome. The symbol of World Down Syndrome Day is a sock, because chromosomes look like socks under a microscope.

On 21 March, we are:

- selling gingerbread socks for £1
- holding a pennies sock amnesty where each class will fill a sock with loose change – this will run throughout the week (prize for the winning class) Frankie gave each class a sock to fill this afternoon
- wearing odd socks



World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day sharing books and bedtime stories with our friends in different classes and talking about reading for pleasure. The children really enjoyed learning about new books and revelling in some old favourites. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We all have the same determination that every child leaves Weston as an accomplished reader with a varied reading diet and days like World Book Day only enhance our work around reading. Thanks for your support - the children looked great!



STEM Week

Next week is STEM week. Mrs Loveland has coordinated a week packed with learning, experiences and visitors all related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Among the many highlights is a visiting planetarium, which every child will get to experience. A reminder that next Friday is our 'dress like a scientist' day. The purpose of the week is to break down stereotypes, including gender stereotypes, about STEM careers. 'Dress like a scientist' could incorporate anything that represents STEM-related work, from construction to hairdressing to forensic detective – it is a wide and varied field. We have encouraged the children to also think about dressing as people in their families who have a STEM related job including the above and anyone who works in medicine or nursing, zoo keepers, physiotherapy or any job that incorporates science, technology, engineering or maths. The hope is that the children will tell each other about their outfit choices and people who inspired them.



Safer Internet Day

This week, Miss Wright and the digital ambassadors led a Safer Internet assembly. The theme this year is 'Respect and Relationships Online'. We focused on what to do if something made us worried, sad, unhappy, angry etc and the importance of informing a trusted adult when this happens. The Digital Leaders did a great job - they gave the children some scenarios to respond to and reminded the children of who to speak to. [The Safer Internet website is full of useful advice and tips for parents to help them fulfil their important role in keeping their child safe online.](#)

Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Physical Activity and Sports Ambassadors have been supporting PE lessons across the school. They have worked with the staff who are delivering the lessons to develop their understanding of the process of learning specific PE skills. In the lessons, they modelled good form and attitudes to PE learning. Our Safeguarding Ambassadors will spend the day at Alsager School in a fortnight's time at a Safeguarding conference. They will join children with similar roles from other local schools, including the high school, and bring some excellent ideas back to Weston to enhance our safeguarding culture.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

A link for your parent/carers consultation appointment will be sent on Monday/Thursday next week. Look out for it on Class Dojo.

Diversity Update

Children in Key Stage Two have been working on the principle of 'valuing diversity'. To do so, they have learnt about discrimination and what it looks like before asking the questions 'What can I do?' and 'How can I help?'

What Does Discrimination Look Like?

Discrimination can take many forms. What might it look like?

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| ! | • Speaking unkindly about someone's skin colour, language, lifestyle, religion or disability. |
| ! | • Deliberately excluding someone from a group or game based on an aspect of their identity. |
| ! | • Choosing who to play with or be friends with based on their identity instead of their qualities. |



What Can We Do To Help?

How can we show people kindness and respect? Talk to your partner and share your ideas.



There are many ways we are similar to and different from other people and this makes the world an exciting place!

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please remember that the arrival times are no earlier than 8.30am in the morning (and no later than 8.55am) and no earlier than 2.55pm (EY and KS1) and 3.10pm (KS2). Please stick to these timings.

Encanto Competition

Following last month's successful Encanto movie night, Friends of Weston ran a competition to create an Encanto themed poster. Miss Bell and the school council judged the entries and the 7 winners each won a copy of Encanto on DVD and a 'movie night pack' full of goodies to enjoy while watching a film. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition.



Stars of the Week

Here are most of the stars of the week from the last 2 weeks. They embraced the Secrets of Success in a number of different ways and their teachers told the whole school how they had been successful, in Celebration Assembly.



ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

25 February – Covid Update to Guidance

28 February – Pancake Day and World Book Day Menus

1 March – Friends of Weston Meeting

3 March – Aqua and Blue Classes' Visit to Xplore Discovery Centre

4 March – Spring 2022 Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

8 March – Information for Parents and Carers on Covid-19 Vaccination for At-Risk 5-11 Year Olds

10 March – Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Reminder

11 March – The Hive Easter Holiday Club



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

Thomas Cutts