

WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 July – Primary College (Y6)

Tuesday 5 July – New starters' Gruffalo Games

Wednesday 6 July – Alsager transition day

Wednesday 6 July – Red class visit to Sea Life

Thursday 7 July – Sports day

Thursday 7 July – Year 5 PGL residential trip meeting

Friday 8 July – Annual written reports sent home

Monday 11 July – Turquoise class trip to Brampton

Thursday 14 July – Year 6 leavers' performance (6pm)

Friday 15 July – Year 6 sleepover

Tuesday 19 July – Year 6 leavers' assembly (10am)

Tuesday 19 July – Break up for summer

Our SIP was very impressed with the quality and consistency of our provision

A message from Mr Cutts

We welcomed our School Improvement Partner (SIP) last week for his termly visit. External validation and support from an experienced leader and Ofsted inspector is very valuable.

Following his focus on reading last term, we spent the day looking at personal development at Weston. This included looking at the effectiveness of the school's personal development curriculum, such as Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), Citizenship and British Values. It also focused on wider aspects of the school's work such as enrichment activities and wider opportunities, pupil leadership roles, our work on safety and diversity.



and the Secrets of Success ethos which underpins all of our work and he made the following comment in his report: *"Personal Development is expertly led and managed and the school team 'goes beyond the expected, so that pupils have access to a wide, rich set of experiences'."* We look forward to sharing more insights into



our work on personal development over the coming months.

<u>Braille</u>

Mrs Price-Jones from the sensory team spent the morning in Red class teaching the children about braille. She was very impressed by how interested the children were and how hard they worked. Miles in Red class has been developing a lot of expertise in braille over the last few months and was very proud to share his learning with the rest of the class.

Town Sports

Several key stage 2 children represented Weston at Town Sports last week. The annual event sees schools across Crewe and Nantwich compete against each other over 2 nights. Monday night was the field events at the Cumberland Arena in Crewe and Wednesday night was the track events at the Barony in Nantwich. The children embodied our secrets of success throughout and competed with a smile and constant support for their team mates. They also performed brilliantly. We had several individual first, second and third places. Year 4 and Year 5 won overall and Weston came second in our group.



Friends of Weston

The children really enjoyed the discos this week. Friends of Weston did an excellent job in running this successful event. As well as a DJ/entertainer, there were light up toys, temporary tattoo stations and a



selection of sweet treats on offer too. Well of 200 of our 250 children attended the discos. As well as a number of school staff, there were a large number of Friends of Weston parent volunteers who enabled the event to run very smoothly. We really do appreicate their time and energy. In addition to the discos, jubilee tea-towels are currently available and we look forward to friends of Weston support at Sports Day next week.

Sports Day

We look forward to welcoming parents back to school to enjoy sports day next

week. We will keep an eye on the weather and if lots of rain appears likely, we will cancel the event and let you know. As you know, the children will need to bring their water bottles, hats and sun cream (optimism!) and ideally a blanket to sit on. A few per class would work really well. Safeguarding is a priority at every school and one of the related measures that we have to enforce is that parents remain on one side of the track and pupils on the other. It is imperative that this is adhered to and all staff will enforce this rule. Please

don't try to come over to your child. Also, if you do take any photographs at the event that contain more than just your own child, we insist that you do not upload them to social media. It promises to be a fun event and one that is fully inclusive of all children. We always include a competetive element by having the children represent teams but it is ultimately a celebration of all the children and their efforts and attitudes. We



expect the children to support and encourage all of their schoolmates and very much hope that parents do too. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Transition

Our transition day went well yesterday as children spent a full day in their new classroom with their new teacher. It was lovely to welcome our September 2022 Reception starters too!

Events and activities

So much has been going on this term and the last 2 weeks have been as packed with activity as ever! We have had some class trips, including Orange class's trip to Chester related to their history learning about Roman Britain. We have also welcomed several visitors into school. We welcomed Dr Harris in who worked with all classes on robotics. We welcomed Miss Hughes in from Shavington Academy who led a drama workshop with Year 5. We have also invited parents into school to enjoy a wonderful Red class assembly and Orange and Green classes' fantastic performance of Pirates versus Mermaids. These rich experiences, which are carefully planned in to enhance the children's learning rather than replace it, are particularly important as we continue to build back after lockdowns and mass segregation. Children are having many of the experiences that they would have ordinarily had 2 years ago and are really benefiting from them.



Upcoming events

As well as Sports Day, there are plenty more activities to squeeze into the last few days of term including trips to Sea Life Centre and Brampton and to Primary College at South Cheshire College. Year 6 have plenty to look forward to too, with a party and sleepover to come in addition to their leaver's performance and assembly. We have also made early provisional bookings for next year's Year 6 residential and some Christmas events in order to secure the best prices for transport.

Diversity Update

We marked diversity week last week with activities and discussion designed to challenge and support children's developing understanding of what makes us different, what makes us similar and why we are all equally important and worthy of respect. Part of our discussions addressed discrimination - we recognise the need to always and consistently call out discrimination and support children in identifying what it is and why it should not be part of a healthy and functioning society or school. Here is an example of a discussion prompt.

How Might People Discriminate Against Others within School?

Discuss with your partner, or within a group, how people may show their discrimination within school.

People might:

- deliberately leave someone out of a game or group;
- say something mean about another person's skin colour, religion, disability or another part of their identity;
- tell another person that their personal beliefs and opinions are wrong;
- discuss a person's personal beliefs and opinions in an unkind way.



Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Ambassadors delivered a whole school assembly related to different aspects of safety. The ambassadors will begin to hand over to next year's Year 6 student leadership team, who will all be assigned ambassadorial roles before the summer holidays.

Stars of the Week

Here are our most recent stars of the week. 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.



<u>Goodbye</u>

We said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Eden last week. Mrs Eden has been part of the Weston family for a long time. Her son attended Weston and she has worked here as a midday assistant for a number of years. She even attended Weston herself as a child, when the school was based in the building on the main road where School House nursery is. We wish Mrs Eden all the very best in her new role and look forward to seeing her again soon.



Midday Assistant Vacancies

We have vacancies for midday assistants at Weston. Do you have time in the middle of every day to join a happy and effective team at a successful school? Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to apply for what is an important and rewarding role. Please email <u>admin@weston.cheshire.sch.uk</u> or call the school on 01270 814848 for more details or to arrange a time to come into school, meet with me and learn more about what the role entails.

ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

- Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:
- 20 June FOW Tea Towel
- 22 June Mrs Bedford
- 22 June FOW Summer Disco
- 22 June FAO Parents who use The Hive
- 22 June Red Class Assembly
- 28 June Year 6 End of Year Party
- 29 June Light-up Toys and Button Batteries
- 1 July Jubilee Tea Towel Final Call
- 1 July Year 6 Residential Boreatton Park 2023 (for current Year 5)



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