



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

10th February – Year 6 residential visit to Boreatton Park (all week)

11th February – Safer Internet Day

11th February – Blue, Orange and Green Creation workshops

13th February – Green Class Assembly

13th February – Orange Class Annie rehearsal

14th February – School closes for half term holiday

24th February – School reopens

25th February – Orange Class Annie matinée

27th February – Orange Class Annie evening performance

28th February – Y3/4 football competition

5th March – World Book Day (dress as a literary character)

9th and 12th March – Parent consultation evenings

19th March FoW Discos

23rd March – Mrs Chadwick's ballroom dancers performing at Lyceum

26th March – Blue and Aqua afternoon and evening performances

A message from Mr Cutts

Following my correspondence about online safety earlier this term, next week is Safer Internet Day. We will be taking the opportunity to reinforce the work that we do with the children throughout the year in this crucial aspect of child safety.

The Digital Ambassadors will lead a whole school assembly on Monday (before they head off to Boreatton Park) and the children will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the following potential online risks:

Conduct – Children might be at risk because of their own behaviour, for instance sharing too much information.

Content – Age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be quite accessible to children.

Contact – Children can be contacted by bullies or people who want to groom or who seek to abuse them.

Commercialism – Young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites.

Please talk to us if you have concerns in this area or need advice or support.

Playground Leaders

The Year 6s have been wonderful buddies over the first half of the school year and their Reception friends love playing with them and spending time with them at playtime. However, the school ambassadors and safety ambassadors have been thinking about all the other children on the playground. Some of them may feel, at different times, lonely, isolated or withdrawn. They may be having a



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet



struggle with their self-confidence and find it difficult to get involved in playtime games.

As a community, the children are naturally very caring and look out for each other. However, the 8 ambassadors want to do more. They, together with the other Year 6s will, on a rota, spend some of their playtimes wearing their new, playtime leaders high-vis vests and encouraging children to use our new 'play stops', where they can stand if they have no one to play with. As role models they will encourage safe and fun games and positive qualities and relationships in the children.

The rest of the school councillors have also been involved in the training and can also be relied upon to model excellent playtime behaviour and look out for those in need of a friend.

Boreatton Park

Next week, Year 6 head off to Boreatton Park, a PGL centre in Shropshire. They will enjoy a week of exciting and adventurous activities, the opportunity to develop their independent skills and lots of sleep(!) Parents can keep an eye on what they're getting up to via the school website and the school Facebook page. We hope you enjoy a peaceful week!



Orange Class Assembly

What a great job Orange class did in their assembly yesterday! A particularly large parent audience enjoyed a real treat as the children shared lots of their recent learning and gave a sneak preview of some of the songs they'll be singing in their performance of Annie at Alsager School at the end of the month. The audience were particularly impressed by their rendition of a song which listed every monarch of England. It had such a lot of lyrics and they delivered it brilliantly! Well done to Miss Bell and of course the wonderful children.



Free Chester Zoo Tickets

Thank you to everyone who flagged up the free tickets to schools that Chester Zoo are offering. Just to let you know that I have applied – I'll let you know if we're successful!



Friends of Weston

Over 130 children came along to the Friends of Weston film night this week. They all enjoyed the films and the food! I've never seen so many onesies, soft toys and huge beanbags! Events like these aren't a success by accident and I'm very grateful to the FoW team who organised it all and to the many teachers who gave up their evening for our children.

Athlete visit

As you know, last week we welcomed Andrew Small to school. He is a medal-winning, international Paralympic athlete and he gave us all a real insight into his life and his career. He was incredibly inspirational and although he was only supposed to be spending the morning at school, he had so much fun with our children that he stayed all day, speaking to different classes and getting involved in their PE lessons.



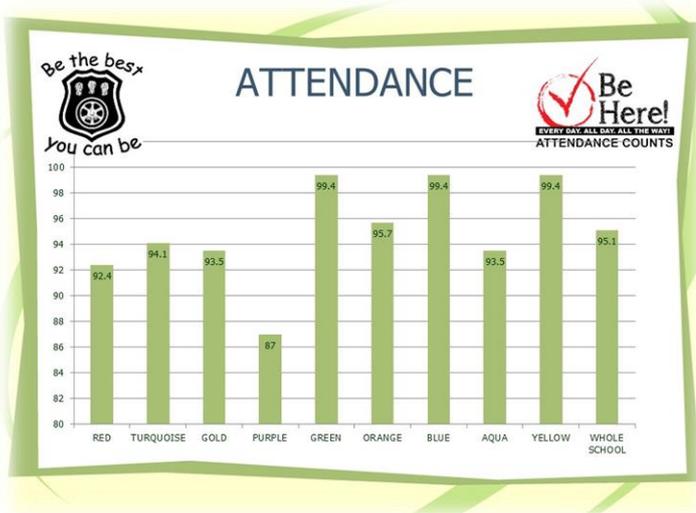
Young Voices

Last week, 78 excited children and a large group of equally excited teachers and parent volunteers attended Young Voices at Manchester Arena. This massed choir event saw us performing alongside 8000 other children. After a rehearsal throughout the afternoon, the arena filled up with parents and relatives who enjoyed the spectacular performance. We sang a wide range of songs and medleys alongside some fantastic singers including The Shires, The Voice winner, Ruti and Tony Hadley. Needless to

say we had lots of fun, despite the late night. What an experience!

Celebration Assembly

Here are our most recent stars of the week. They demonstrated lots of aspects of our **Secrets of Success** and being chosen as stars of the week is reward enough. The juice and biscuits were also very welcome! Over recent weeks, more and more children have been telling me about other children who they have noticed **working hard, pushing themselves, understanding others and never giving up**. How wonderful! We can see that approach of celebrating attitude and not outcome is well-embedded.



Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.

Thomas Cutts