



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Thursday 15 September – Individual and siblings school photographs

Monday 19 September – Amaven PE assessment day

Thursday 22 September – School book fair delivered (here until next Wednesday)

Tuesday 4 October – Harvest workshops for Year 1 and 2

Friday 7 October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 13 October – Friends of Weston disco (tbc)

Monday 17 and Thursday 20 October – Parent/Carer consultations (format tbc)

Thursday 20 October – Aqua Class assembly 10am – parents invited

Friday 21 October – Break up for half term

Monday 31 October – School reopens for staff and pupils

Tuesday 8 November – Orange Class assembly

Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November – Year 5 Bikeability

W/b Monday 14 November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 14 November – Fluenz vaccinations for all children

Friday 18 November – Children in Need and Year 4 Bikeability

A message from Mr Cutts

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Weston. We have had a wonderful first week back. All of our new starters in Reception and across the school have settled in well and there is a real buzz of hard work and enjoyment up and down the corridors.

There is a lot to look forward to this year. Keep an eye on the dates section on the newsletter to see what is going on. We have a full and cohesive curriculum packed with enrichment activities including trips, visitors, sporting activities and more. School isn't just a place for learning and the positive impact of wider school life on personal development is not underestimated at Weston.

As ever, our home/school partnership is crucial to your child's success so stay in touch and let us know when things are going well or when they aren't. Keep an eye on Class Dojo and ParentPay and stay even more connected by following our social media.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

Just last term, our community came together in celebration to mark the queen's platinum jubilee and our children have learnt a great deal about her life, service and family. We have addressed the news in school by acknowledging it and answering questions. Everything we have done has been considered, sensitive and age-appropriate.



The coming days will bring a period of national mourning and provide an opportunity in school for reflection on the queen's life and legacy and to look ahead to the future of the monarchy.

New Faces

We welcome Mrs Tyrrell to the teaching team this year. We also welcome three new midday assistants: Mrs Platt, Miss Bradley and Miss Williams. All four make excellent additions to our happy staff team and have already settled in very well and got to know colleagues and children alike.

Nut Free School

Here is your regular reminder that we are a nut free school. Some of our children have a severe nut allergy and the only way to manage the risk to their health is to insist that no one brings nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes children, staff and any visitors. The obvious risks are with packed lunches and when children bring in sweet treats for classmates on their birthdays. If you require any further clarification, please ask.

Medical Needs

One of our pupils, Faye in Year 2 (Mrs McKenzie's class), is currently undergoing chemotherapy and, as such, has a compromised immune system. If Faye were to be exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles, she would be at serious risk. If you suspect your child of having any of these illnesses, you should let us know immediately so that we can inform Faye's parents.

Faye's parents have asked me to convey their thanks for all the support and donations they received for their charity event to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in June. They raised a fantastic £2240!

Secrets of Success

We continue to underpin our school ethos with the Secrets of Success. Through this approach, we really single out the characteristics of successful people and actively promote and reward those qualities. The Secrets of Success are 8 qualities which we believe are essential to ensuring success at school and beyond. These are:

Try new things



Concentrate



Imagine



Understand others



Work hard



Push yourself



Improve



Don't give up



What is success?

Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself. Successful people feel good about:

- how hard they have tried
- who they are
- what they spend their time doing
- the choices they have made in their lives.

We will continue to award dojo points to children when they demonstrate these skills. Through your child's Class Dojo portfolio, you can see their dojo total and which Secrets of Success they demonstrated in order to earn them.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two parent governor vacancies. Our governing board is strong and effective and while we are part of a multi-academy trust, Weston's board operates with a full scheme of delegation. Please look through all the attached information, which describes what the role involves, what a governor does and doesn't do and the election process. It is a rewarding and important role yet one that is voluntary and requires commitment. Please do get in touch if you wish to discuss the role with me.

Uniform

The children look very smart on their return to school. Please be reminded of our uniform policy, which is on our website. The key detail is here:

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 or detail:

- 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



- Pupils are permitted to wear watches. For safety reasons, the children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings, which must be removed for PE lessons and after school sports clubs.
- Pupils are not permitted unnatural hair colour (hair must be one colour) or extreme hairstyles, including designs or lines shaved into hair.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear make up or nail varnish
- Outdoor coats should be waterproof

Our uniform supplier is Smart Choice Uniforms in Alsager.

Calendar and Term Dates

A calendar of 2022/23 events has been sent. More events will be added through the year, including sporting activities, other trips, choir and performance events and themed days. Throughout the year, keep an eye on the website calendar, which is always kept up to date and on the dates for you diary box at the top of every newsletter to stay on top of upcoming school activity. This year's term dates are also on the website and next year's will follow soon.



What's New Around School?

Since we closed for the summer, we have fitted new carpets and flooring in all corridors and some of the classrooms. It looks very smart and fresh. We have developed the Year 1 outdoor area and will work with Lovell next month to fully refurbish the nature area and mud kitchen area next to Red class.

Electronic Permissions Form

Many thanks to all parents who have taken a minute to complete the electronic permissions form that was sent at the end of last week. Most have you have done so. The deadline is Monday 12 September so if haven't yet done so, please complete the form as soon as possible.

If you have more than one child at Weston, please complete the relevant survey once for each child and complete one survey per child.

[EYFS and KS1 Survey](#)

[KS2 Survey](#)

Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. We amass lots of lost property every term, much of which is never claimed, including jumpers and cardigans, bottles and even coats. Being responsible for your own property is a life skill and we ask that you reinforce this at home in order to keep lost property to a minimum.

Mobile Phones

The children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. There may be occasional exceptions to this such as if a child has come to school from one parent's house and is going home to another parent's house. If this is absolutely necessary, please agree it with the class teacher in advance and they will keep the phone, which should be fully switched off, in a locked cupboard during the day.

The School Day

Here is a reminder of timings. All children can be dropped off from 8.30am and no later than 8.55am, which is the start of the school day.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 can be collected from just before 3pm until 3.10pm. Children in Key Stage 2 should be collected from just before 3.15pm until 3.25pm. Families with siblings in both key stages should collect during the later slot. Please don't arrive earlier than these times or park on East Avenue, Cemetery Road or other nearby roads. If you arrive early, please park and wait at The White Lion. Thanks to our arrangement with The White Lion, you are also welcome to park there and walk down to school to collect.

Above all, please drive slowly and carefully near school.

Exciting News

Miss Wright is expecting a baby in the new year. Mrs Armitt, who is due to return to work imminently following her maternity leave, is also expecting baby number 2 and will take maternity leave again later next year. We are excited to be welcoming two new members to the Weston family! Arrangements for covering the maternity leave of both staff will be shared in due course.

Friends of Weston Village Primary School

Our new Reception starters will have brought home a goody bag today, courtesy of the Friends of Weston. The bag contains some treats and information about the Friends and how they work closely with the school to put on excellent activities throughout the year for the children. Look out for their Facebook page too.

ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the start of term:

1 September – Class Dojo – please read if you have children who are new to school

1 September – September 2022 menu

2 September – Important information ahead of the new school year and calendar

7 September – MAT merger update

And Finally...

Please look out for updates through the year in every newsletter on our work on diversity and our student ambassadors.



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

Thomas Cutts