



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Tuesday 4 October – Harvest workshops for Year 1 and 2

Friday 7 October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 13 October – Book fair (for 1 week)

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

As you know, we had an Ofsted inspection this week. It has been a long time coming – their last visit was in 2014. The report will be published in around 4 weeks and I will share it with you all then. We are very pleased and felt like the incredibly rigorous process certainly revealed the true Weston and our many strengths.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire, spoke to a member of the inspection team or provided other feedback. The inspectors said some very lovely things about our school and about the children. They felt that the culture of our school and the exemplary behaviour and attitudes of the children makes Weston a special place.

I am personally very proud of the children, our strong relationships with families and also of the entire staff team who go above and beyond every day to make our school the great place that it is.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The period of national mourning made the country feel a little different over the last 2 weeks. For us at Weston, we spent an appropriate amount of time reflecting on the significance of what

was going on, but otherwise, school was the safe and happy place it normally is. Children thrive when routines and experiences are familiar and this was certainly the case. Our Year 6 Community Ambassadors visited the church to sign a book of condolence for the late queen.



Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Parents will know how well we support the children's mental wellbeing at Weston. There are lots of aspects to our work in this area that help us to quickly identify and intervene when children appear vulnerable to the risk of mental ill-health and our culture supports and promotes positive emotional wellbeing for all. To further enhance our work in this area, we have employed Mrs Leopold, who will spend time at our school every week working with children and families in different ways. This will range from family support to ELSA work (Emotional Literacy Support). She has already started to work with some children and is very much part of our Weston family.

Buddies

We could not be any more proud of how well the Reception children have settled into life at primary school! They love coming to school and have quickly understood what it means to be a pupil at Weston – eager to learn, explore and have fun. The inspection team said it was hard to believe they had only been at school for 2 weeks! They each have a Year 6 buddy who spends time with them at playtimes and other times to support their happiness and success at school. The older children help them to develop strong friendships with each other and lead fun and safe playtime games. They spent some time today working on collaboration, turn-taking and active fun! All of the children, young and old, love being a buddy – many of the Year 6s remember their buddy from when they were in Reception!



Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We have developed a system that should support smooth drop-off and pick-up procedures but they start to fail when parents arrive early or park on nearby roads.

- Please don't arrive by car before 8.30am. If you do, you will end up waiting on the zig-zags and you aren't allowed to do this.
- Our drop-off time is between 8.30am and 8.55am. If you arrive after 8.55am, your child will be marked as late.
- Arrive no earlier than 8.30am or park at The White Lion and walk down.
- At the end of the day, Reception and Key Stage One parents should arrive no earlier than 2.55pm.
- Key Stage Two parents (or those with children in both Key Stages) should arrive no earlier than 3.10pm.
- You must not park on Poppy Close, East Avenue, Cemetery Road or other neighbouring roads – park at The White Lion, who very generously allow us to use their car park.
- Similarly, if you arrive early for any reason, park at The White Lion until the correct time and then drive onto the turning circle.

The reason why I am being blunt is because it is important that we do our best to respect the needs of our neighbours. **There are some very elderly and vulnerable individuals on Poppy Close in particular who rely on ambulance access.** If you obstruct the road or park on Poppy Close, you could be putting them at harm. Please work with us and our neighbours to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone – parents, children and residents. Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor

Please let me know if you wish to discuss the exciting opportunity to be a parent governor at Weston and involved in the strategic leadership of our school. The deadline for nominations is next Friday 30 September. So far, only one parent has expressed an interest and we have 2 vacancies. As well as commitment and communication skills and the capacity to think strategically in order to support and challenge school leaders, we would like to add at least one parent governor to the board who would relish a role on our finance committee. Do let me know if you are interested.

Book Fair

Although we had to shuffle our timetables to suit the inspectors and their lines of enquiry, we didn't cancel or change anything during the inspection, with the exception of the book fair, due to staff being required in meetings etc. We have moved it to Thursday 13 October. Details about location will follow.

Harvest Festival

The children will have a harvest assembly on Friday 7 October and our younger children will take part in some harvest workshops earlier in the week. Part of our harvest work on food involves us focussing on those in our community who, for different reasons, require the use of foodbanks. As ever, we really value your generosity and we ask that you, if you're able to, please send in dried food such as tins and packets (no fresh food). We are continuing our partnership with



local charity Chance Changing Lives and their Community Pantry and any food that you donate will be given to them and ultimately support those in need in our community. Please send this food in on the day, Friday 7 October. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Ask your child to sing you our harvest song – they love it!

Electronic Permissions Form

Many thanks to all parents who completed the electronic permissions form that was sent at the end of week one. Most have you have done so. For those who haven't, we are going to assume that permissions have not changed from last year.

[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.

Clubs

Our enrichment clubs have resumed. The majority take place at lunchtime to ensure equality of access for all children. There are a range of clubs for children of all ages and we have been reminding the children of one of our Secrets of Success – Try New Things – and encouraging them to have a go and get involved.



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 ParentMail communications since the start of term:

- 11 September – State funeral bank holiday
- 12 September – FAO parents and carers who use The Hive
- 13 September – Nasal spray flu vaccine information
- 16 September – Zoo 2 U visit to school (some classes)
- 16 September – Ballroom dancing club
- 20 September – Ofsted inspection
- 20 September – Friends of Weston meeting

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

Thomas Cutts