



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (**new dates in red**):

29th September – EYFS and KS1 Harvest workshops (tbc)

2nd October – Virtual harvest service (donations of dried and tinned food welcome)

6th October – Gold, Turquoise, Purple harvest activities

8th October – Yellow Class assembly (virtual and not live)

14th October – Whole school flu vaccination nasal spray (permission required)

22nd October – Aqua Class assembly (virtual and not live)

23rd October – Break up for half term holiday

2nd November – School reopens for all pupils and staff

13th November – Children In Need (plan tbc)

A message from Mr Cutts

We are now well and truly into the new year. Teachers and support staff have worked hard with your children over the early weeks to establish any gaps in their learning caused by last term's disruption and plans are being formulated to address them. On the whole, we can see that a great many children have benefited from your support with their learning.

Indeed, we hold this relationship between school and home in the highest regard and although we can't enjoy the same face-to-face chats with you at the end of the day as we did in pre-Covid times, I know that the home/school dialogue is very much thriving on Class Dojo. Through this, we can share your child's successes easily and instantly, together with any other important information. We hope you feel as connected as you ever did, if not more so. Our positive partnership is a crucial aspect of your child's success.



Harvest

Next Friday is our Harvest assembly, which the children will join remotely. We always take the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our food and to consider how easy it is these days to access lots of different types of food all year round. We reflect on the fact that this wasn't always the case and that for some people in society, there are barriers to them accessing food. To help reinforce our message, we always ask for parents to donate some food and we are asking the same this year. If you are able to, please send in a tin or two or some dried food. We will take it to the Salvation Army foodbank, who are always very grateful for your donations. Please don't send in any fresh food, as the Salvation Army won't accept it and, unlike in previous years, we won't be able to distribute it in time. Some of you have, in the past, sent in some very generous hampers and large boxes of food. Please keep your donations fairly minimal. We will collect them throughout next week and quarantine them before dealing with them early on in the following week.

Primary and Secondary School Admissions 2021



**Apply online
for a school place**

It's quick and easy

You can apply from
1st September 2020 at
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2020 for secondary

15th January 2021 for primary

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2021.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

Late applications may be disadvantaged

If you have children who are due to start primary or secondary school in September 2021, you will need to apply for a school place for them. The easiest way to do this is online. The information for how to apply through Cheshire East is on the picture, together with the deadlines. If you have children at a primary school or secondary school already, don't assume that you don't need to apply for your other children when they are due to start. They will not be offered a place without an application. If you are resident in a different local authority, such as Staffordshire, you can still apply for a place at a Cheshire East school, but will need to apply through that authority. All of the local high schools have relevant information about virtual tours and open days on their websites. I am providing virtual tours of Weston on request – I have given several over the last few weeks and no one has complained of seasickness yet! I can also provide physical tours after 4pm on request, which don't compromise the health and safety of the community. Please talk to us if you need any advice or support in applying for a primary or secondary school place.

School Meals

A message from the school catering team:

Hi Children,

Although it is two weeks into term, the kitchen staff would like to welcome you all back to school and school meals; we have missed you! In these uncertain times, there is one thing you can be sure of: school meals are made and packaged in a Covid-safe environment. Although you only need to pre-order your main meal, the £2.30 cost consists of a **Main Meal, Cake and a Drink**. Each item is fully enclosed and served as a takeaway to ensure that the only person having any contact with your food is you. Please also remember, if you are in years **Reception, 1 or 2** your school meal is **FREE**.

If you don't already, please come and try a meal with us, we would love to see you.

The Kitchen Staff 😊

Attendance

After taking a dip last week, school attendance is back above 97% this week and children (and staff) are getting over the early September colds that lots of us contracted at the start of term. With regards to Covid-19 symptoms, please refer to the list that has been sent home and if you aren't sure, please give us a call. If you are required to access a test for your child and there aren't any available (or you are directed to a drive-in centre hundreds of miles away), please let us know. We have a small supply of tests for use in such cases.

Stars of the Week

Here are this week's and last week's Stars of the Week. They applied the Secrets of Success: Improve, Don't Give Up, Push Yourself, Try New Things, Concentrate, Imagine, Understand Others and Work Hard, and have been recognised by their teachers. Well done to them all.





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

Thomas Cutts