



WESTON NEWS

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

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

20th October – Virtual parent consultation evening by appointment

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

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23rd October – Break up for half term holiday

2nd November – School reopens for all pupils and staff

13th November – Children In Need (plan tbc)

16th November – Anti-bullying week

10th and 11th December – Year 5 Bikeability

17th December – Key Stage One Christmas crafts

A message from Mr Cutts

As we near the end of our first half term, amid rising levels of Covid infection and with Cheshire East moving onto the national watch list, I want to take this opportunity to reassure parents about our measures, which we keep under constant review. Whilst we have made some tweaks over the early weeks of the year, the measures that we have in place to preserve the integrity of bubbles, to maintain enhanced hygiene and cleaning approaches and to quickly isolate suspected cases remain robust.

Parents should be aware that there are cases in our community and that some local schools have had confirmed positive cases among children and staff. We haven't had any positive cases among the children and staff at school and I am very heartened by the responsible and pro-active approach of our parents, who are making use of testing facilities and isolating their children pending the results of tests. All of the gains made by each of the above measures, combined with us limiting parental interaction at key times of the day, gives us confidence that we are doing all we can to keep staff, children and, by extension, families and the community safe.

We are refining our procedures for identifying close school contacts in the event of a positive case, to limit the impact on the education of the children to the greatest extent, without compromising safety. We are also further refining our remote education offer so that in the event that children are required to

isolate, they will have access to our curriculum, teaching methods and feedback in order to mitigate any negative impact on their learning.

It is worth noting the current local public health information, which shows that the current spike in cases in our area is seemingly not directly linked to schools reopening, although the wider opening of society has certainly had an impact. The spikes are currently in the 18-29 year old age group.

New Staff

Following recent appointments to the teaching, admin and site teams, we have recently appointed new staff to join our teaching assistant and Hive teams. I will introduce you to them when they have officially started but I am delighted to be able to welcome them to the Weston family and know that they will enhance the educational and pastoral support that the children access at school. We currently have vacancies for midday

assistants. If you are interested or know anyone who is, go to the vacancies page on our website or contact Mrs Machin, the school business manager at sbm@weston.cheshire.sch.uk.

Harvest Workshops



Rev. Rachael Griffiths and Sara Randle from All Saints Church came in this week to deliver some harvest workshops to the children in Key Stage One. The children all had a good time and learnt a lot about the significance and meaning of harvest. Rev. Rachael comes into school every week to deliver an assembly to the children, who are on a bubble-based rota. She has given a glowing report on the children's attitudes and enthusiasm towards learning!

Schoolhouse Nursery, Weston

You may or may not know that the old school building on the main road in Weston, which has been used as a private nursery since our current school building was built in 2002, has been taken over by Townhouse Nurseries, who operate other private nurseries in the area. Lots of work has been carried out on the new Schoolhouse Nursery and it is open and fully operational. We have always had strong links with the village nursery and both Weston

and Schoolhouse are keen to work closely together in the interests of providing a seamless transition from pre-school to Reception, with the children fully ready for the Reception curriculum. Mrs Armitt and I paid them a visit this week and met the team, saw the exciting developments that are already in place and saw lots of happy children. We look forward to working closely with the team at Schoolhouse over the coming months and we are sure we'll see lots of the pre-schoolers at Weston, next September.

Bikeability

Having sent the school calendar last week, we have since been able to add in Year 5 Bikeability, having looked at the measures that can be put in place to ensure that it can be run in a covid-secure way. It will take place in December and further information will be sent nearer the time. The children will need their own bike or the use of a bike in order to access the training, which we consider to be an important aspect of their developing understanding of safety.



Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray

The school nurse team will be in next Wednesday, 14th October to administer the fluenz nasal spray, which is a quick and painless procedure. Flu is caused by a virus which can be very unpleasant for children and can lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Children spread flu easily, so vaccinating them helps to protect others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people. The school nurse team have worked with us to establish a very covid-secure approach to administering the nasal sprays.

Student Leadership Team

Here are the school councillors. They will work under the direction of Mr Robinson, Mrs Armitt and Miss Watkins to set agendas for class council meetings and feed back to the council in order to develop initiatives

that benefit all of the children. This year, the children will continue to develop the work of last year's councillors, on anti-bullying. They will also focus on emotional wellbeing and mental health.



The Year 6 councillors are the School Council Ambassadors and form part of the Year 6 student leadership team, together with four Safety Ambassadors, four Eco Ambassadors and four Sports Ambassadors. The roles have a wide-ranging remit and will require hard work from all of the children who will essentially represent all of the other Weston students. As the year develops and we are able to relax certain restrictions, we look forward to giving all of the Year 6 children the opportunity to develop their leadership and other related skills.





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. There is no picture of this week's Reception superstar as they were all having too much fun when I went around to take photos! They will appear in the next newsletter.





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

Thomas Cutts