

WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Thursday 13 October – Book fair (for 1 week)

Thursday 13 October – Friends of Weston disco

Monday 17 and Thursday 20 October – Parent/Carer consultations via Zoom

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

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Please check ParentPay later today for information regarding our upcoming remote Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings. The booking window closes next Friday, 14 October so please book your appointment via the link using the information provided.

A message from Mr Cutts

Thank you very much for your contributions to our harvest collection. At a time when things are tight for many families, your generosity is all the more appreciated.

We spent time in our assembly this morning reflecting on harvest and also discussing foodbanks – why they exist, who uses them and how they work. Children of all ages showed a high degree of empathy and understanding.

All of the food you sent in has been passed onto the wonderful volunteers at Chance Changing Lives in Crewe. As well as supporting many vulnerable people in our immediate society, they also run a Community Pantry, which provides food to people in most need, whatever the reason. Your contributions will help many.

If you and your family are struggling and in need of support or signposting in the direction of support, please do reach out. While our primary function is the education and welfare of your children, we recognise our role in our community of working with and supporting families and have lots of expertise and knowledge in this area.



Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a full-time teaching assistant to join our wonderful team. Please take a look at the vacancy information on our website https://www.weston.cheshire.sch.uk/page/vacancies/44980 and share this it with any suitably qualified friends or colleagues.



Harvest Workshops

Reverend Rachael Griffiths and volunteers from All Saints' Church came into school this week to lead the children in Years 1 and 2 in some activities related to Harvest. They



learnt about where food grows, equality of food distribution and many other important aspects of food production and availability. They also reflected on what they are grateful for. The children really enjoyed and learnt a lot from the fun and interactive activities.

Crucial Crew

On Thursday, Year 6 spent the afternoon at Crewe Alexandra's stadium at Crucial Crew. They spent time in interactive workshops led by SP Energy, Cheshire Police, British Transport Police, Cheshire East Drug and Alcohol Service, Gist and Canal and River Trust. They learnt about lots of aspects of safety including road, rail, water, electrical and online safety and are looking forward to sharing their learning back at school. As ever, they impressed everyone with their impeccable behaviour and attitudes.

Friends of Weston

We are looking forward to seeing the children after school next Thursday for the Friends of Weston Spooky Discos! Following last term's successful discos, we know the children will enjoy a fun, loud and halloween themed experience complete with dancing and games.

Keep an eye out for information on how you can order Christmas cards designed and made by your child to send to loved ones this festive period. As well as organising it all, Friends volunteers have spent time in school supporting the children with their designs.

Diversity Update

In our recent Ofsted inspection we were pleased that the inspectors recognised that the children are provided with a rich diet of opportunities to learn about the diversity of the wider world. We have spent a lot of time carefully reviewing diversity,



equality and inclusion across the curriculum and then ensuring that positive representations of race, faith, gender, disability, neuro-diversity and different relationships are interwoven across every subject. We will shortly be adding a large selection of fiction books to our school and class libraries to further promote these values and positive representation. Look out for more information.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to add Ellice Robertson to our governing board as a parent governor. Ellice provided a statement to support her nomination. Because we didn't have more nominations than we have vacancies,

there is no requirement for a parent vote but I will share Ellice's statement by way of introducing you to our newest governor. She joins a board that Ofsted described as knowledgeable, committed and effective.

I have two children; one is currently in Year 1 at Weston and one will hopefully be starting in Reception next September. I have been incredibly impressed by the ethos of the school and how everyone strives to support every child and their individual needs to 'be the best you can be'. I am keen to give something back to the school, hence my application to be a parent governor.

In terms of skills and background, I am a teacher in an infant school and lead Pupil Premium within my school. I have just completed an MA in Education where I researched parental experience and Pupil Premium. My professional background gives me the understanding and skills to be analytical and challenging about strategy and data.



<u>Book Fair</u>

The book fair will be set up in one of the classrooms after school from next Thursday through to the following Wednesday. Please come along and browse or pick up one or two Christmas presents from the wide range of books on offer. Every book you buy will enable us to buy books for school. Details about the classroom the fair is in will be made clear on arrival.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. We currently have a large quantity of unnamed lost property, 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.

ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the start of term:

- 26 September Register for Fluenz vaccination
- 26 September School photograph orders
- 28 September FAO parents of Year 6 children (regarding secondary school applications)
- 29 September Friends of Weston dicso
- 3 October Taste of Italy special menu
- 3 October The Hive October holiday club
- 4 October Friends of Weston meeting
- 7 October Ofsted report

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

Thomas Cutts

