



# WESTON NEWS

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

Monday 31 October – School reopens for staff and pupils

Wednesday 2 November – Y5/6 football competition

Tuesday 8 November – Orange Class assembly (10am)

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

Thursday 24 November – Yellow Class assembly (10am)

Thursday 1 December – KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre

Friday 2 December – Friends of Weston Christmas event tbc

Monday 5 December – Red Class nativity (1.30pm and 6pm)

Tuesday 6 December – Christmas activity sessions (Reception and KS1)

Wednesday 7 December – KS1 Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Thursday 8 December – KS1 Christmas performance (1.30pm and 6pm)

Wednesday 14 December – Choir performing at Shavington Academy concert

Thursday 15 December – Reception and KS1 trip to Tatton Park

Friday 16 December – Weston's Got Talent

Friday 16 December – Break up for Christmas

## A message from Mr Cutts

We have reached the end of a very full half term. The children have enjoyed an excellent start to the school year in their new classes. Our rich and broad curriculum has seen children developing their skills and knowledge across a wide range of diverse subjects and it is a pleasure to spend time in every classroom and see how well the children engage and how well their teachers and teaching assistants support them. So much progress has been made already!

We have carefully planned lots of other activities into our curriculum and this term we have seen trips and visitors, special assemblies, significant ambassador work, workshops and lots of collaboration between classes. In addition to this enriched curriculum have been other opportunities such as sports competitions, lots of lunchtime and after school clubs and Friends of Weston activities including the fabulous Spooky Disco!

We're only a sixth of the way through the year and we are very excited about the learning and opportunities that are still to come! Thank you so much for your support and collaboration this year. All of the staff here are very clear how important our home/school relationship is to the success and happiness of your children and how they thrive when we work together. Thank you also for the many positive comments and messages you have given us about our Ofsted inspection. We are very grateful and feel like our collective endeavours are a big part of what makes Weston so special. I wish you all a very happy half term break and hope you are able to enjoy some family time.

## 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 with any suitably qualified friends or colleagues.





## Aqua Class Assembly

Thank you to Aqua Class parents for coming along to watch their class assembly this morning. The children shared highlights from their learning so far this year including art, history, maths and writing and really enjoyed having family in to see them. Although we resumed in-person class assemblies part way through last year, this came after the children in Aqua class had done their recorded version, so this was the children's first in-person class assembly since Year 3. They

did really well. The rest of Key Stage 2 joined us in the hall while the rest of the school watched a livestream in their classrooms.

## Zoo 2 U

Some of the children got to enjoy the thrill and learning that goes with getting hands-on with a range of animals this week. Zoo 2 U came in to provide workshops for children in Purple, Gold, Green and Blue classes learnt about reptiles, birds and mammals through various aspects of their individual curriculums such as habitats, food chains and adaptations. This experiential learning really enhances the knowledge of the children and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.



## Clubs and enrichment

The children have access to a wide range of clubs and activities. As well as supporting those children who might struggle with lots of long unstructured lunchtimes outside, they also give lots of opportunities for children to work on one of our Secrets of Success – Try New Things.

In debate club this week they practised making points to support and oppose various motions such as 'children should not have more than 30 minutes of screen

time per day' and 'children should be able to choose which subjects they learn at primary school'. Through fun debating games and activities they will develop their skills over the weeks and be able to present clear and persuasive points and successfully debate.

In construction club this week the children used loose parts to create complex designs, working effectively in teams and demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Other clubs this term have included finger gym, chat and colour, small world, board games, athletics, choir, netball, ballroom dancing and lego. In addition to these are the after school sports clubs. Every club is currently provided free of charge.





## World Food Day

Did you know that this week it was World Food Day? It marks the creation of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation and aims to help people to appreciate the rich and diverse range of cuisines we have and to do what they can to sustain the production of food through environmental awareness.



Did you know that a third of global food is wasted each year? We talked to the children about global hunger, about appreciating the food we have and about how to reduce food waste.



## School Choir

Miss Griffiths and the choir are working hard on their repertoire and will soon be practising and polishing some festive songs ahead of Christmas concerts. Have you seen them singing on our Facebook page? They sound fantastic and take it very seriously. We look forward to taking them to Young Voices at the

Manchester Arena in the new year and giving them the wonderful opportunity to sing in a massed choir in front of a large audience.

## Friends of Weston – Spooktacular Disco

Thank you to the Friends of Weston and the many parent and staff volunteers who helped to make the Spooky Discos such a success last week. The children looked amazing in their various costumes and the entertainer/DJ made sure they all had a fun time. These events are fun for the children but, thanks to your support, they also raise money for the school which is used to benefit the children in ways that the school budget doesn't. We look forward to sharing spending plans and also plans for a Christmas event, soon.



## Football Competition

Some of the children in Year 3 and 4 took part in a local football tournament last week. These children had never played in a tournament before. They did our school and themselves proud competing with courage, determination, and spirit!

Well done, Team Weston!

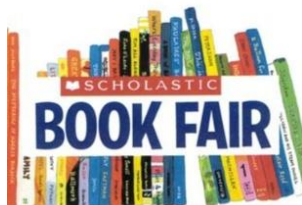


## Quicksticks Hockey Competition

Weston took part in a Crewe and Nantwich School Sport Partnership Quicksticks hockey competition at Ruskin school last week. The Year 5/6 team competed against other schools and did well, only losing one game. The team wore their Weston shirts with pride and displayed impeccable sporting attitudes throughout.



## Book Fair



Thank you so much for supporting our book fair this week. We broke all records for book sales and have therefore raised a record-breaking amount of commission to spend on books that will benefit all the children. Look out for an update once we have bought those books.

## Ambassador Update

PCSO Jolley came into school to meet with our Safeguarding and Wellbeing ambassadors. They discussed similarities between her role in the police (as a well-being advocate) and the children's roles in school. PCSO Jolley then asked our ambassadors to roll out a safety competition where children design a bike helmet. The winner will be selected by PCSO Jolley and their design will be bought to life as a prize for the child to keep. Some designs will also be displayed in Hobbycraft. Thank you for supporting your child with their entry.



Our Community Ambassadors were on hand to support our food collection efforts in aid of Chance Changing Lives recently.

The Eco Ambassadors spend time going around the school at playtime and lunchtime checking on energy use. If necessary, they turn off lights and leave a polite reminder! They also keep a record and tell the rest of the school who the most energy-conscious class is in celebration assembly.



## 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.





## Stars of the Week

In Celebration assembly we celebrate lots of achievements and successes and reinforce our understanding of the Secrets of Success. We also celebrate a star of the week from every class who has demonstrated the Secrets of Success in different ways. Here are most of the most recent stars.

## ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the start of term:

7 October – Autumn 2022 Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings online appointment booking

13 October – Message from the school nurse team regarding the flu immunisation

17 October – Key Stage 2 Theatre trip

18 October – EYFS and KS1 Christmas trip to Tatton Park

18 October – Autumn 2 sports after school clubs

19 October – The Hive October holiday club

21 October – Halloween menu



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

*Thomas Cutts*