



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

~~11th February – Green class assembly – postponed (see item in newsletter)~~

12th February – Break up for half term

~~12th February – INSET day (school is open for staff training only)~~

22nd February – School reopens (both remote teaching and critical worker provision)

4th March – World Book Day (costumes) (see dates item in newsletter)

8th and 11th March – Parent Consultation Evenings (subject to change)

Thursday 1st April – Break up for Spring break

19th April – School reopens for Summer term

Monday 3rd May – School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

A message from Mr Cutts

What a start we have all had to 2021. It is almost a year since the first suggestions that coronavirus may have a significant impact in our country but very few could have predicted the extent to which it has affected schools. The impact on education and the related impact on parents and carers and on home lives and work lives has been significant. That all pales into insignificance for most people when considered next to the impact on the health of many of our loved ones and on people in our community.

I have written to you at length about how this all relates to Weston and about how we have are managing the logistics of the current situation, including our multi-faceted education offer. Since I last wrote, we have heard the beginnings of a plan for the wider opening of schools. The Prime Minister has stated that schools will not open more widely until 8th March at the earliest. He also stated that schools and families would be given two weeks notice, suggesting that the plan for that wider opening will be made clear in good time. Assuming that this includes the necessary fine detail, then all of us will agree that this is a welcome announcement.

When we have this plan, I will share how we will implement it at Weston with you all. If it is the case that all primary children return at the same time, then I don't expect that we will be required to implement any measures beyond what we already have in place.

If primary schools open more widely in any kind of phased way, we will clearly need to amend our plan for both on-site and remote education. I suspect (and these are just my thoughts) that any phasing of the wider opening is most likely to apply to secondary schools, based on the planned approach from government in December, before the national lockdown was announced. We must all wait until next month to see how transmission rates and the progress of the vaccination programme actually impact on the date and nature of wider opening.

We look forward to the day that it is deemed safe enough for all the children return and to resuming our full and rich calendar of activities for pupils and families. In the meantime, thank you for all of your support and the tremendous effort you are providing to support your child's remote education. Although we are segregated and apart, the Weston community spirit burns brighter than ever.

The Hive

Some children who are currently attending school are also attending The Hive. The Hive will not be open to anyone over the February half term, mainly due to staff availability.

Some parents and carers will have received reminders of bills they have been sent for their use of The Hive last term. It is obviously necessary for those bills to be settled. Please contact us as soon as possible to settle your bill or to let us know if there is a reason why you are struggling to pay for the service you have used, so that we are able to work with you to find a solution.



INSET Day – Date Changed from 12th February to 7th June.

You will know that schools are closed to children but open for staff for 5 days every year. These days are known as INSET days – in-service training days – and are used for staff training. Our next INSET day is on the school calendar and term dates document on the website as February 12th – the last day before half term. **We have had to rearrange this**

INSET day. The staff were scheduled for an inspirational day of training around behaviour, culture and relationships, which now can't go ahead for covid related reasons. We have been able to reschedule it for Monday 7th June (first day after the June half term), which will now be an INSET day. School will now be 'open' to children on 12th February for remote teaching and critical worker provision and closed to children on 7th June for staff INSET.

New Build



Following protracted delays that were out of our hands, I am delighted to report that work has commenced on the new build, that will see the Annex and conservatory areas removed and replaced by a state of the art modular classroom, connected to the Reception classroom by a fixed canopy. I will share photographs of the build over the coming weeks and we hope that it will be ready for use by the start of the summer term.

Dates

The current situation has had an impact on much of our regular school calendar. Over this current period of partial closure, we have some class assemblies scheduled. We intend to rehearse, record and share these when the children return to school. Look out for further information in due course.



Other planned activity may change. World Book Day is 4th March and most children will be at home. We still hope to mark the occasion in some way and more information will follow. Of course, every day is a day to celebrate books and reading but a national event can help to both stimulate and inspire.

Our parent/carers consultation evenings are scheduled for the week beginning 8th March. These meetings will take place remotely, like those in the autumn term. Those dates are subject to change in light of new information related to the wider opening of schools.

New Staff

This term, we welcomed two new midday assistants to the staff team, Miss Addis and Mrs Leonard. It's a strange time to start a new job, but they have settled in quickly and are very welcome.

Stars of the Week

With so many children working hard at school and at home, it is only right that we reinstate our Stars of the Week after a very brief hiatus. Look out for the celebration assembly on Class Dojo, where the teachers announce the class Stars of the Week. As ever, it's hard to choose just one child who has shone, since so many of the children are working their socks off. We look out for evidence of the Secrets of Success! Well done to all the stars.

Try new things



Work hard



Concentrate



Push yourself



Imagine



Improve



Understand others



Don't give up



What is success?

Success isn't just about money.

It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

- how hard they have tried
- who they are
- what they spend their time doing
- the choices they have made in their lives.

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

Thomas Cutts