



WESTON NEWS

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

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

4th March – World Book Day (see 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

It's half term and we want to say thank you and well done to all of you parents and carers. You have been absolute stars over the last few weeks.

It has been brilliant to see how you've kept your children going and learning through what has been a very challenging few weeks for you and them.

Please try to find some time next week relaxing and enjoying family time with your children. Hopefully the weather will be kind enough so that you can get out for walks.

Remote education will start again on Monday 22nd February. We look forward to seeing the children continuing to fully engage with their school work after half term, refreshed and ready to learn.

We hope that we will be able to welcome all of the children back into school, with their friends and teachers, very soon. We expect to hear about the plans for schools at the same time as more

general plans are announced, on 22nd February. I suspect that this will include a full return for primary age children from 8th March and we will be prepared for this. Like you, I very much hope that this national lockdown, complete with the vast majority of children staying at home, will be the last. Please do continue to observe all the current restrictions to limit the spread of the virus and make a full return on 8th March more likely.

As well as thanking you all for your hard work managing home education, your own jobs and life in general, I would like to thank all the staff at Weston – those providing remote education, those working with key worker and vulnerable children and others without whom we couldn't function. I am immensely proud of the job that all our staff are doing.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

PAN Consultation

As you know, we consulted stakeholders on a proposed change to our Published Admission Number (PAN) from 38 to 30, from September 2022. This would mean us taking no more than 30 children in Reception from that year onwards. Following the conclusion of the consultation, the governing board have reviewed the feedback and voted to proceed with the PAN reduction.

New Build

The annex and conservatory have now been demolished and lots of the groundwork has taken place to prepare for the construction of the new modular classroom that will replace the annex. The work is on schedule and we remain hopeful of all the work being completed by the start of the summer term.



Parent Remote Learning Survey

Thank you very much for your feedback via our parent survey. We had 75 responses. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we are grateful for the praise and support you have given us through the survey as well as the emails and dojo messages that you have sent over the last few days and weeks.

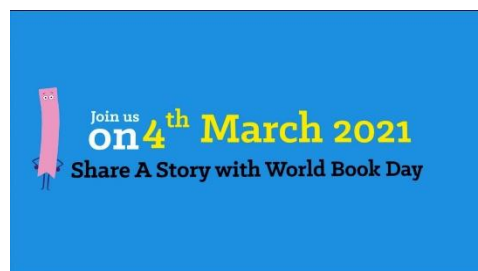
The survey was also reflective of the many diverse home situations that families have. We will continue to work with you on an individual basis to find solutions for some of the barriers that you might face. We have asked before but I will ask again – please do let us know directly if you have any problems with hardware or internet. We have now been able to support a large number of children by providing laptop loans, thanks to the generosity of parents, businesses and others in the community. Just this week, another family has very generously donated money to the school for the purpose of removing any tech barriers to effective remote education. We are truly grateful.



Whilst there are no glaring trends in the feedback to address, you have provided us with some very useful insight which we will factor into our future planning. More will follow, but in the meantime staff will continue to hone an offer that suits the learning needs of the children and is consistent so that the experience of every child is broadly similar.

World Book Day

Although World Book Day on 4th March will see most of the children at home, Mrs Lawton and Mrs Hornby have lots of plans for how to mark the day through a range of activities and interactive sessions. The children would be very welcome to bring a favourite book to one of the live sessions and even wear a book related accessory, if they wanted to. As I said last week, every day is a day to promote the great value of reading and books and we hope that the children are continuing to read daily.



Stars of the Week

With so many children working hard at school and at home, we continue to celebrate Stars of the Week from every class. Look out for the celebration assembly on Class Dojo and on Facebook, 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.

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

Thomas Cutts