



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Tuesday 29 November – KS2 Sports Hall Athletics

Thursday 1 December – KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre

Thursday 1 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Hall Christmas lights switch-on

Friday 2 December – Friends of Weston festive film night

Sunday 4 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Christmas Fayre

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)

Tuesday 13 December – Christmas dinner day

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

Tuesday 3 January – INSET day (school open for staff training and The Hive)

Wednesday 4 January – School reopens for all pupils

Wednesday 25 January – Blue Class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Wednesday 1 February – Choir to Young Voices in Manchester

Monday 6 February – Children's mental health week

A message from Mr Cutts

We look to the last 3 weeks of term with a sense of excitement for all the varied and interesting activities to come. It's easy to forget that just 12 months ago we were having to change or stop certain plans due to Covid outbreaks and stick to very strict protocols when handfuls of parents came in to watch the Christmas plays. We certainly haven't thrown caution to the wind with illness – there are some bugs going around and we have some quite vulnerable children – but we have seen first hand the positive impact that a full programme of enrichment activities can bring to the children.

As well as clubs, performances, sports, choir activities, craft workshops, Friends of Weston fun and Weston's Got Talent, the children will enjoy some festive trips over the next few weeks. Because these opportunities provide important opportunities for the children to develop character and the Secrets of Success, we weave them into our curriculum and actively ensure that every child is engaged.

Although it's a tiring term for school staff, it's such an exciting one and we look forward to seeing the children head into the Christmas break on a high and coming back in 2023 ready to hit the ground running.

Yellow Class Assembly

Thank you to Yellow Class parents for coming along to watch their class assembly yesterday. We enjoyed a curriculum showcase, with children sharing their learning from art, history, English, French and music, among other things. We were treated to three songs, including the class's favourite French song, which is still stuck in my head now! 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.





Early Years Garden and Mud Kitchen Area

We are very grateful to Lovell Homes who came back in this week to further refurbish our outdoor Early Years area. They provided lots of soil and woodchips as well as paint (which will take place in the Spring). They also gave us benches and storage boxes together with lots of hours of labour to really enhance the area.

Children In Need

Miss Bell and the school council put on a great Children In Need event, which included lots of forest school activities and an amazing obstacle course among other things. The children enjoyed the day and looked great in their yellow/spotty attire and, in some cases, crazy hair and face paints. Thank you so much for all your support – we were able to use the day to highlight the important work of the charity, particularly right now when so much children are going hungry and suffering from the impact of the cost of living crisis.



Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was anti-bullying week. In our actions, interactions and all around our school environment we support the children's understanding of what bullying is and what it isn't. We teach them explicitly what to do if they have any worries, which might include worries about bullying, both in school and out of school, including cyber bullying. Throughout the week, we reinforced this key message and the Inclusion Ambassadors ran a poster competition. The winners were announced in Celebration Assembly – well done to Daisy, Sophia, Henry and Harley.



Bikeability

The children in Year 4 completed Bikeability Level 1 last week. They developed cycling skills on the playground that will be built on next year when they undertake their Level 2 training. They worked on making good and frequent observations, maintaining the most suitable riding position, communicating their intentions clearly to others, checking their bikes are fit for a journey and how to pedal safely and correctly.

Friends of Weston – Christmas Event

Friends of Weston are running a festive film night for all of the children on Friday 2 December. Take a look at the flyer, which was also sent out via ParentPay, for details.

Football Competition

A team of Year 5 and 6 represented Weston in a football competition today. They won all 3 games and have qualified for the next stage. This English Schools FA competition ultimately ends in national finals played at Wembley next Summer. Well done Weston!



Ambassadors Update

The community ambassadors attended the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church this evening. They contributed to the service by laying our school wreaths and reading a poem to the congregation.

Poppies

Scarlett poppies can flutter
like fragile butterflies
in the dry yellow corn of summer

And they can dance
like graceful ballerinas
among the feathery stalks
of barley.

Red poppies can glow
like bright little lamps
on our warm winter coats
in November.

And they can whisper
like long lost voices
from the forgotten fields
of Flanders.



Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. **We STILL 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.

Reception 2023

I continue to show lots and lots of families around our school ahead of the deadline for Reception 2023 applications – 15 January 2023. Don't forget that even if you already have children at Weston, you **must** apply for a Reception place if your child is due to start school next September. You could risk missing out on a place at Weston. [Apply via the Cheshire East school admissions website.](#)

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 last newsletter:

- 15 November – Letter from the immunisation team
- 15 November – Friends of Weston meeting
- 16 November – Bikeability Year 4
- 17 November – The Hive Christmas holiday club
- 21 November – Theatre trip information and sandwich bag order (KS2)
- 24 November – KS1 Christmas performance
- 25 November – Friends of Weston movie night



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

Thomas Cutts