



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary:

10th and 11th September – Sportscape after school clubs start

13th September – Meet the Teacher evening

21st September – Individual and family school photos

27th September – Yellow Class Assembly

27th September – Book Fair starts

2nd October – KS2 cross-country competition

3rd October – Book Fair ends

12th October – Harvest Festival

15th and 18th October – Parents Evenings

22nd, 23rd, 24th October – Parents Maths Workshops

25th October – Orange Class Assembly

26th October – Break up for half term

Welcome Back from Mr Cutts

I am delighted to welcome everyone back. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents and families of our new starters in Red Class and elsewhere in the school. I am very much looking forward to working with you all.

The staff and I are very excited about the year ahead. As well as building on the successes of last year, we are looking forward to implementing new approaches to enhance our teaching and the education and development of the children. These include 'Mantle of the Expert', an approach to teaching that makes learning more immersive and engaging and Secrets of Success (see below).

Communication

This is the first of a new-look newsletter, which will be sent home every two weeks, via parentmail. It is one of the many ways we communicate with parents, alongside regular parentmails regarding specific information or forms requiring a parental response. We also share information about your own child through our regular use of home-school diaries and parents evenings. If you use Facebook or Twitter, please like and follow

our page for regular insights into the daily goings-on at Weston (identical content on both platforms). If you want to check information such as term dates, download a form or policy or access information on school performance, you will find this on our school website. We hope that you will always feel fully informed and suitably in the loop. As always, we welcome feedback.



New Staff

Following Mrs Mitchell's retirement, we moved quickly over the summer to appoint a new teacher in order to enable me to continue to fulfil the acting headteacher role and to release Mrs Hornby and Mrs Lawton, the Key Stage 1 and 2 leaders, from their timetables so that they can support the operational leadership of the school.



We extend a very warm welcome to Miss Bell, who will teach in Red Class every morning and two afternoons in both Purple and Aqua classes, per week. Miss Bell was appointed as the successful applicant from a high number of applications for the advertised role. Miss Bell has experience teaching throughout the primary phase, with particular expertise in the Early Years.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Grindley who joins us as a one to one teaching assistant in Red Class. Miss Grindley has amassed years' worth of experience in the Early Years as deputy manager of Stepping Stones Nursery.

Clubs

This year, we intend to offer a greater variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs that are accessible to more children than ever. More information about these clubs will follow soon. All clubs provided by school will be free of charge unless specific materials are needed, in which case a small charge to cover the costs of materials will apply. Please see the separate letters for information regarding Miss Jolene's School of Dance, which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday after school (costs apply) and a girls football club, which will take place every Friday after school (funded by school), for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Sportscape Clubs

You will soon be able to apply online to access this half-term's Sportscape Clubs. School uses some of its Sports Premium funding allocation to provide these clubs at no charge to parents. Following last term's trial, we are delighted to continue running these clubs this year. Please note that this year they are only available to children from Year 1 to Year 6, not Reception. Children who took part in the clubs last term are not eligible to take part this term, in the interests of fairness. If your child has previously accessed the clubs and you sign them up again this term, their place will be reallocated.



Meet The Teacher

Our meet the teacher evening is on Thursday 13th September from 6pm – 7pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about the curriculum and routines of the class as well as ask any questions.

We recognise that many of you have more than one child in school. We ask that you choose just one teacher to meet (or two if both parents are able to attend). As a school, we value a consistent approach and any information regarding homework and behaviour, for example, will be the same from class to class. We send out parent information leaflets every term per class, which detail the curriculum and other expectations. If you are particularly keen to meet with more than one teacher, please make arrangements to catch up with the relevant teacher at another time. We have an open door policy and teachers are available at the end of most school days or other times by appointment.

If at all possible, please don't bring your children. If this is unavoidable, please keep them with you rather than letting them wander through school or play outside. You will be able to park on the school car park or the Key Stage Two playground.

Bug Club, MyMaths, school website, TT Rockstars logins



This week your child will have all the relevant (for their year group) website logins stuck into the front of their home-school diaries. Please do login with them and encourage them to use the websites regularly. As ever, in-school arrangements will be made for those children with limited or no access to the internet at home.

Secrets of Success

We have celebrated effort and resilience for a long time at Weston but in an attempt to really single out the characteristics of successful people and to actively promote and reward those qualities, this year we are very excited to introduce Secrets of Success to children throughout the school. The Secrets of Success are 8 qualities which we believe are essential to ensuring success at school and in the future. These are:

Try new things

Work hard



Concentrate



Push yourself



Imagine



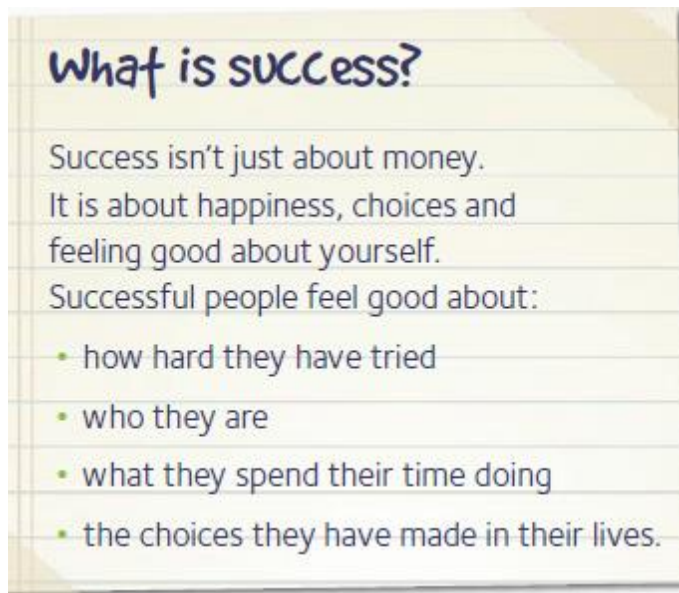
Improve



Understand others



Don't give up



More information will follow soon.

Peanut Free School

Please be advised that we are now a peanut-free school. One of our children has a severe peanut allergy and the only way to manage the risk to his health is to insist that no one brings peanuts or products containing peanuts into school. This includes children, staff and any visitors. The obvious risks are with packed lunches and when children bring in sweet treats for classmates on their birthdays. If you require any further clarification, please ask.

School Uniform

Don't forget that you can order new uniform from a variety of sources, either via the school (uniform order forms are available on the website and from the school office), directly from Smart Choice Uniform in Alsager (63 Crewe Road, Alsager) who have a large assortment of Weston branded items in stock or online from Tesco embroidery service:

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/weston-village-primary-school/22054.school>

Key Stage Two Snack Prices

As ever, snack is available for children in Key Stage Two every morning playtime. The prices are as follows:

Half toasted teacake – 36p

Half bagel – 36p

Crumpet – 36p

Half slice of toast – 12p

Fruit cuplet – 42p

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. Sometimes they will need to wear it on days other than their usual PE days. Please check page C near the front of your child's home-school diary for a reminder of our uniform policy, which lists the school PE kit and acceptable uniform.

Parking



As ever, we are incredibly grateful to The White Lion for allowing parents to park at the beginning and end of the school days. We ask that you respect the local residents and keep pedestrian safety in mind by not parking on Poppy Close, East Avenue or Cemetery Road.

The school gates are kept closed at the start and end of the school day in the interests of pupil safety. Parents are not permitted to park or drop-off on the school car park at these times without prior permission.

Data Collection and Diary Forms

Please provide up to date contact names and numbers by completing the information and consent forms on pages 5, 6 and 7 in the home-school diary as soon as possible. It is particularly important that we have up to date contact information, including more than one emergency contact. If other circumstances have changed, please let us know via an email to the office admin@weston.cheshire.sch.uk or by sending in a note in a sealed envelope. This includes the following: address, medical and dietary conditions that have come to light over the last 12 months.

Attendance



We recognise that some absence is unavoidable but would ask that appointments be made outside of school time if at all possible. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their child attends school and we reserve the right to request medical evidence for absence when relevant.

If parents want to take their child out of school during term time, as ever they are expected to fill in a leave of absence form, available from the school website or school office. A decision will then be made regarding whether or not the absence is authorised due to 'exceptional circumstances'. Please note that holidays will not normally constitute 'exceptional circumstances'. As a school, we follow government guidance and our approach to attendance mirrors that of schools nationwide.

Unauthorised absences, persistent absenteeism (attendance below 90%) and persistent lateness can all result in penalty fines from the local authority. Your child's teacher will speak to you if their attendance drops below 95% to establish how the school can support you and your child in ensuring their regular attendance.

Water Bottles

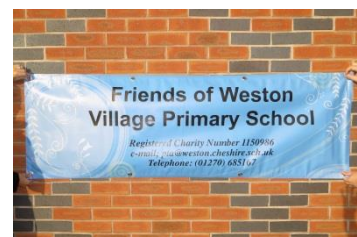
We encourage children to bring a water bottle to school and take it home every day to be washed. Children also have access to water fountains in school. Please note that children are not permitted to bring anything other than water in these bottles. They are allowed to bring an additional non-fizzy, sugar-free drink with their packed lunch, to be drunk with their lunch at lunchtime.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. We amass a huge quantity of lost property every term, lots of which is never claimed, including school shoes, trainers 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.

Friends of Weston

We are blessed to have such an active parent group who raise lots of money for the school to spend on things that enhance the children's experiences at school. The Friends of Weston run several successful events every year and are always keen to recruit new members to the team. Their AGM is next Thursday, 13th September at 7.30pm at Wychwood Park Hotel and everyone is welcome. Their hot events for this term include the hugely popular firework display (date tbc) and the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December.



Parent Helpers

We are incredibly grateful to the parents who volunteer their time to come into school for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis to hear children read. If you helped in this way last year and would like to continue, please let me or the class teacher you worked with know if you haven't already. If you are able to commit to coming into school on a regular (weekly) basis, please let me know and I will be happy to discuss the role and the necessary process before such a role can commence.

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

Thomas Cutts