



# WESTON NEWS

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

Thursday 16 September – Individual and siblings school photographs

Friday 1 October – Harvest Festival

**Tuesday 5 October – Harvest workshops for Turquoise, Gold and Purple**

Thursday 7 October – Yellow Class assembly

w/c 18 October – Parent Consultation Evenings

Thursday 21 October – Aqua Class assembly

Friday 22 October – Break up for half term

Monday 1 November – INSET day

Tuesday 2 November – School reopens for pupils

**Thursday 4 November – Book Fair (for a week)**

**Friday 12 November – Children In Need**

**Thursday 18 November – Blue Class assembly**

**Tuesday 7 December – Red Class nativity (pm and evening performances)**

**Thursday 9 December – Gold and Turquoise Christmas performances (pm and evening)**

**Friday 10 December – KS2 trip to Regent Theatre pantomime**

**Monday 13 December – Purple Christingle Service (tbc)**

**Friday 17 December – Weston's Got Talent**

**Friday 17 December – Break up for half term**

## A message from Mr Cutts

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Weston. Parents will know that we have already faced some COVID related challenges but putting that to one side, it has been a very successful start to the year for the children. Every classroom has been full of happy children and purposeful learning. Our new starters have benefitted from a few days of being in a smaller group, to get to know the school, the staff, each other and to generally settle into Weston in the most positive way. We can't wait to welcome them all in together on Monday!

There is a lot to look forward to this year. We have scheduled some trips and sporting activities and have other events and activities in the pipeline as we build back the full school experience. School isn't just a place for learning and the positive impact of wider school life on personal development is not underestimated at Weston. Naturally we will pay heed to the ongoing COVID situation but our approach is to look at what we can do by removing barriers, rather than what we can't.

As ever, our home/school partnership is crucial to your child's success so stay in touch and let us know when things are going well or when they aren't. Keep an eye on Dojo and Parentmail notifications and stay even more connected by following our Facebook and Twitter.

## New Faces

We welcome Miss Thomas to the teaching team this year. We also welcome Mrs Bradley who has taken on the chef manager role in the kitchen. Although she is employed by our caterers, she is very much part of our team. Mrs Henshall has joined us as temporary SENCO and we have a new Chair of Governors, Mrs White, who has spent time in

school and will bring lots of experience as a former headteacher and current school improvement partner to the governing board.

## Nut Free School

Here is your regular reminder that we are a nut free school. Some of our children have a severe nut allergy and the only way to manage the risk to their health is to insist that no one brings nuts or products containing nuts 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.

## Secrets of Success

We continue to underpin our school ethos with the Secrets of Success. Through this approach, we really single out the characteristics of successful people and actively promote and reward those qualities. The Secrets of Success are 8 qualities which we believe are essential to ensuring success at school and beyond. These are:

Try new things



Concentrate



Imagine



Understand others



Work hard



Push yourself



Improve



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.

We will continue to award dojo points to children when they demonstrate these skills. Through your child's Class Dojo portfolio, you can see their dojo total and which Secrets of Success they demonstrated in order to earn them.

## New Outdoor PE Kit

We are delighted to see so many children wearing our new outdoor PE uniform. They look incredibly smart and as the weather turns, the children will remain suitably attired in their outdoor PE lessons. The children have given us some really positive feedback about it – they love wearing it!



If you haven't got your child's yet, don't worry. This year, the uniform policy continues to include plain navy tracksuit (plain black is acceptable). Remember that this will be ammended ahead of 2022/23 to just plain navy or the new school tracksuit, however the new school tracksuit is very much available right now from our uniform supplier – Smart Choice Uniforms in Alsager. The tracksuit bottoms are priced at £10 (3/4 to 9/10) and £12 (11/12 to 13) and the hooded top is priced at £15 (3/4 to 11/12), £16 (13) and £18 (adult s/m/l).

### Calendar and Term Dates

A calendar of 2021/22 events has been sent. More events will be added through the year, including sporting activities, residential trips, other trips, choir and performance events and themed days. Throughout the year, keep an eye on the website calendar, which is always kept up to date and on the dates for you diary box at the top of every newsletter to stay on top of upcoming school activity. This year's term dates are also on the website and next year's will follow soon.

### Morrisons Good To Grow

We have signed up to the Morrisons Good to Grow gardening equipment scheme. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token for Weston. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Weston as the school you'd like to donate them to.



We will be able to exchange those Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to keep our children growing!

### What's New Around School?

Since we closed for the summer, we have installed new lockers for the children in Yellow and Aqua classes. The lockers look smart and really open up (and tidy up) the cloakroom area. We have a plan to replace other in-class cloakrooms with lockers.

Following the removal of the conservatory, we have installed new external doors and windows in Turquoise and Gold to match the ones we installed in the rest of the building 2 years ago – smart, secure and energy efficient!



The new Reception area now has a canopy between the new classroom and the main building. This will provide more protection from the elements for children, staff and equipment during outdoor learning.





## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Some volunteers including Weston parents have organised a Macmillan coffee morning event at the Wychwood Village Hall on Sunday 26 September, 10 am until 12.30 pm.



Some parents may have been familiar with Hannah Neal Squire who was a parish councillor and the proud owner of the COW (Coffee On Wheels) mobile. She brought it to Weston Sports Day and otherwise did lots for the community. She always arranged the MacMillan coffee event but very sadly she passed away over the summer. The community are keen to recognise all that she did and to continue this wonderful community event.

## Electronic Permissions Form

Many thanks to all parents who have taken a minute to complete the electronic permissions form that was sent at the start of the week. Most have you have done so. Please complete the form before the deadline of Monday 13 September. [Click here to access the form.](#)

## Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. We amass lots of lost property every term, much of which is never claimed, 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.

## Mobile Phones

The children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. There may be occasional exceptions to this such as if a child has come to school from one parent's house and is going home to another parent's house. If this is absolutely necessary, please agree it with the class teacher in advance and they will keep the phone, which should be fully switched off, in a locked cupboard during the day.



## Stars of the Week

This week's Stars of the Week have had certificates and a treat.

We require your permission to put photos of your child into the newsletter. In the same way that our social media is publically accessible, our newsletters are saved onto our school website and are therefore available to the wider public. You will need to give us this permission via the online permissions form that was sent out this week. When we have collected everyone's form, we will share the photos of this week's superstars, who all embraced our Secrets of Success, in the next newsletter.

## ParentMail – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

29 August – Start of term COVID and School Dinners Update

30 August – Class Dojo

31 August – Important Medical Information

4,6,9 September – Various COVID correspondence

6 September – Data Collection (online form)

6 September – Year 6 Swimming Lessons

## Attention All Parents!

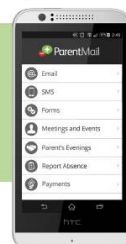


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7 September – Holidays 2021/22 (please note the additional holiday day)

7 September – The White Lion Breakfast Offer

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

*Thomas Cutts*