



WESTON NEWS

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

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

4th October – Y5/6 tag rugby competition

5th October – Y3/4 football competition

12th October – Harvest Festival

12th October – Y1/2 football festival

15th and 18th October – Parents Evenings

20th October – FOW event - Blitz Firework Display

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

25th October – Orange Class Assembly

26th October – Break up for half term

A message from Mr Cutts

The children have settled very quickly into the new school year and I have really enjoyed spending time in every class and talking to the children about their learning. They have got to grips with Secrets of Success and are starting to recognise how they can be masters of their own destiny and that success is not predetermined. They have racked up hundreds of dojos and the ping that accompanies the awarding of a dojo is now a very familiar and welcome sound.

At Weston, we know how important it is for the whole school family to adopt the Secrets of Success and to find their energy zone (ask your child) by enjoying learning. With this in mind, the whole staff team are really looking forward to their Forest School training this week, led by Miss Wright. Other staff have recently enjoyed training on peer coaching and autism, all of which will directly impact on the quality of teaching and pupil development at school.

Meet the teacher

Thank you very much to all who attended the Meet the Teacher evening. We had lots of positive feedback and will continue to make sure that parents are fully informed and that the partnership between school and home is strong. If you have any questions or feel that anything isn't particularly clear, please don't hesitate to ask your child's



teacher. Remember, a parent information sheet was sent home from every class containing information about the curriculum, homework, PE kits and other important information. Finally, don't forget to keep checking our Facebook page to find out about the wonderful learning experiences and individual success stories from our school.

Ambassadors

Meet our school ambassadors, James, Xavier, Isobel and Brooke. Their role is to represent the pupils and work hard for them in lots of different ways. These include visiting other schools and venues with school staff; meeting with visitors to our school; working on their own projects in order to make school an even better place for all the



children; reinforcing friendly and caring playtime attitudes by choosing ambassadors' playtime stars of the week; working with the school student council and regularly communicating with families and our community through this newsletter. They were chosen after applying for the role, which will be hard work but rewarding. A message from the ambassadors – “We are really honoured to be given this job and we will try our hardest to work hard for the other children and be the best we can be. We hope to leave a lasting mark on the school because we are so grateful for what the school has done for us. Also, we enjoyed the jaffa cakes in our first meeting with Mr Cutts!”

School Student Council

Here are most of the school student council, together with the school ambassadors (look out for photos in the newsletter and on Facebook of the full council as they carry out their jobs over the course of the year) . They have been chosen by their peers to represent their classes in school council meetings with our staff



lead, Mr Robinson. Their job is to lead class council meetings and take the views and ideas of their classmates to school council meetings in order to make a positive impact on every child's school experience, through initiatives and fundraising. The first class council meetings are this Thursday.

They are: Red - Henry W and Daisy, Turquoise - Amelia and Theo S, Gold - Oliver W and Zoe, Purple - Samantha and Oliver Q, Green - Katie and Finlay E, Orange - Cameron and Eleanor, Blue - Caleb and Roisin, Aqua - Aban and Ellie.

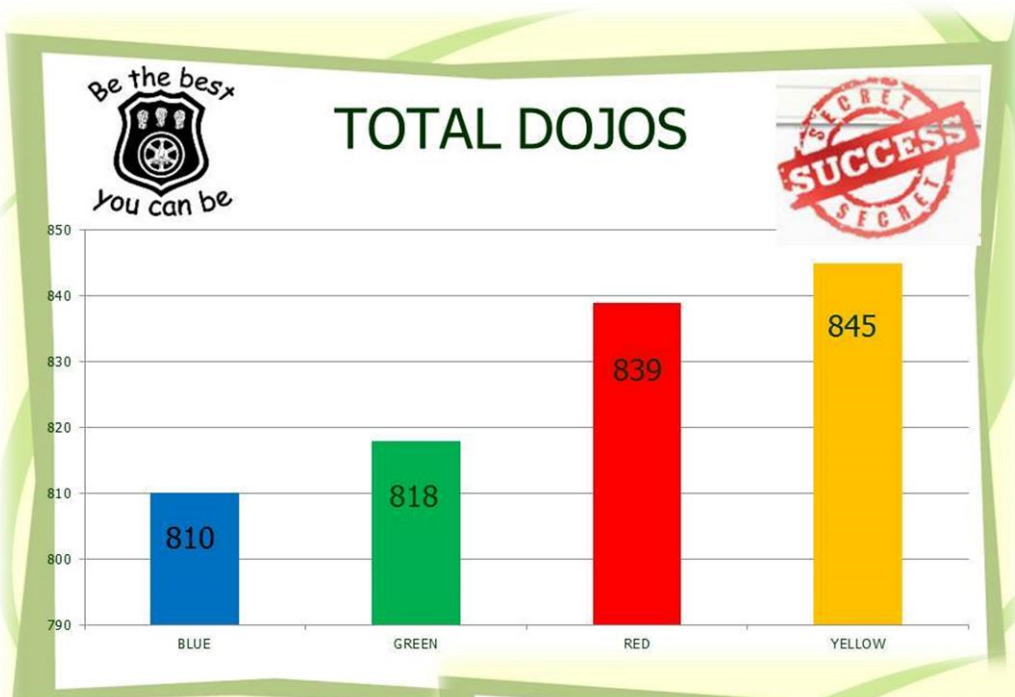
Clubs

Thank you for encouraging your child to try something new (secret of success) by having a go at one of our clubs. They started this week and lots of children are on the registers. We keep looking at how we can offer more to our children by way of extra-curricular and sporting activity. Massive thanks to the staff team who work so tirelessly to offer these opportunities.

Celebration Assembly

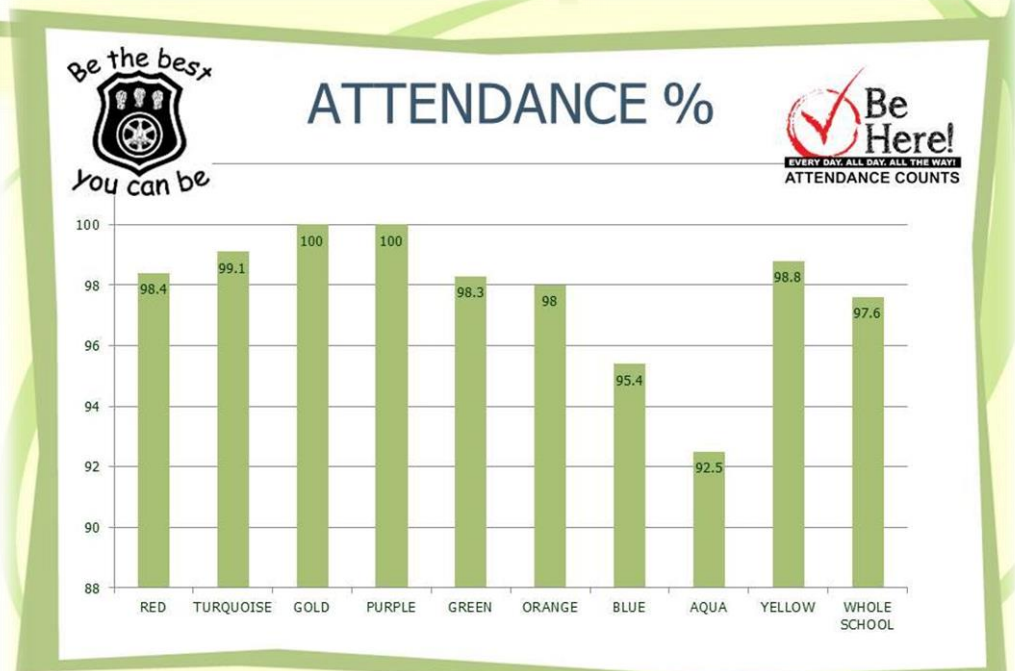
Every Friday, we hold a Celebration Assembly where Stars of the Week are revealed. These are children who have earned lots of dojos by showing their excellent attitudes to learning. Following the assembly, the children enjoy a drink, biscuits and a chat with Mr Cutts. Here are the stars from the last two weeks.





In celebration assembly, we also reveal which team won the most dojos each week. As you can see, thousands have been earned already.

We also reveal which class had the best attendance from the previous week. Our school target is 97% attendance for the year.



Silver School Games Mark

We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the silver School Games Mark Award. We earned it as a result of giving lots of children the opportunity to engage in competitions and festivals and by encouraging mass participation in sport last year. Well done to all the children who got involved and thank you to all the school staff who went above and beyond in order to provide opportunities for the children. This year we are aiming for gold!



Selfless Swimming

Mia in Aqua class is taking on the epic challenge of swimming the distance of the English Channel. This equates to 22 miles over a period of 12 weeks and is all in aid of Aspire - a charity which helps people who have been paralysed through spinal cord injury, helping them back to independence. It will equate to 1,340 lengths of a 25 metre pool - around 112 lengths or 1.85 miles a week! Mia has currently raised just short of £300. We will always support anyone in our community who pushes themselves in the interests of others and are incredibly proud of Mia. If you would like to support her, go to this Just Giving page.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mia-atherton-2018-channel-swim-31913



Weston Joins the Maths Hub

Following the successful implementation of White Rose Maths in school last year, led by Mrs Loveland our maths leader, Weston successfully applied to join the North Mids Maths Hub as part of the Primary Maths Mastery Group this year. Mrs Loveland, Mrs Bate and Miss Wright will access lots of high quality training from a maths specialist in order to further develop our school's maths mastery approaches.



Year 6 Student Leaders



As well as school ambassadors and councillors, we have allocated important student roles to several other Year 6 children. Here are our Digital Leaders, Eco Officers and Safety Officers. Their role is to

represent the students of Weston as well as lead initiatives around recycling, safety, including e-safety and computing.

Donation

We are very privileged to have such a supportive community. This includes the many people who give up their time to hear readers, change books and lend a hand in school. One of these helpers is Mrs Spencer (Willa's grandma). Not only is she generous with her time, but she donated money to school for the purpose of buying more reading books. These books are now part of our stock and will be enjoyed by children this year and in the years to come. Many thanks to Mrs Spencer.

Congratulations

I'm sure you will join us in extending warm congratulations to Mrs Loveland and her husband who are expecting their third child in March. It is an exciting time for their family and we wish them all the very best. Arrangements to cover Mrs Loveland's maternity leave will be made in due course.

Friends of Weston Firework Display

Following a very successful night last year, the Friends of Weston have organised another Blitz firework display for Saturday 20th October. More information regarding the event will follow in due course but please add the date to your diary.

Peanut Free School

Just a reminder to all that we are a peanut-free school, due to the severe allergy of one of our pupils. It is particularly important to double check any sweet treats you might send in for your child's classmates on their birthday. Many thanks for your support.

Polite Request

The reading shed, vegetable patches and mud kitchen area outside Gold Class have all been damaged recently by younger children who come to school with their parents to drop off and collect their older siblings. On several occasions, the hosepipe has been turned on too. Please could you support our attempts to sustain an inviting environment for all of our pupils by ensuring that your younger children don't enter the mud kitchen or reading shed and don't pull up planted vegetables.

Data Collection and Diary Forms

Some parents have yet to provide up to date contact information and permissions by completing the information and consent forms on pages 5, 6 and 7 in the home-school diary. Please do so 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.

Parking

We have had several reports regarding unsafe parking in the area at school drop-off and pick-up time and the police have advised us that they will be monitoring the situation. Can I please ask again that you take advantage of the arrangement that we have with the White Lion by parking there and walking the short distance to school.

Lost Property

We have already collected several items of lost property. This is collected in the Key Stage One corridor and in the boys changing room in the Key Stage Two corridor.

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

Thomas Cutts