



# WESTON NEWS

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

8<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 & 2 harvest workshops

15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parent consultation evenings

21<sup>st</sup> October – Blue class trip to Dewa, Chester

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Reception and Y1 parents reading workshops

24<sup>th</sup> October – Aqua class assembly (10am)

25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term holiday

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October – The Hive open every day

4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens

4<sup>th</sup> November – Yellow class trip to Imperial War Museum, Manchester

5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November – Yellow class parent consultation evenings

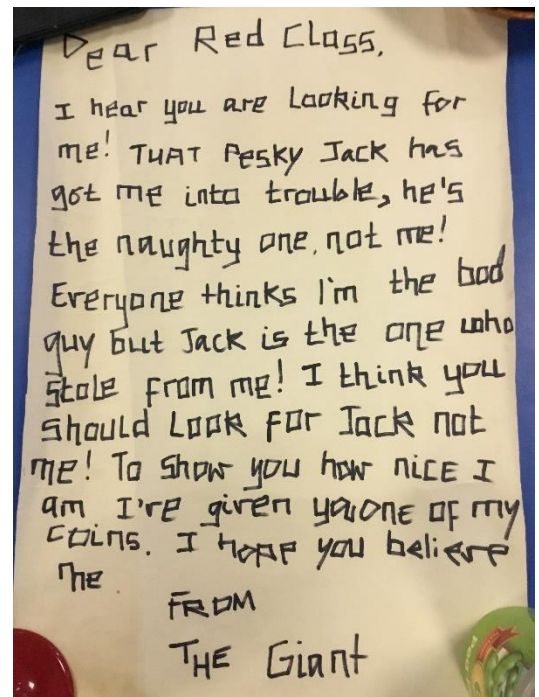
8<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 2020 Open Morning

11<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week

11<sup>th</sup> November – Purple class Great Fire of London day

## A message from Mr Cutts

As ever, I have really enjoyed spending time in every class this week. The learning 'buzz' in every classroom makes them really exciting places to be. Red class were utterly wrapped up in their reading, writing and imaginative play following them receiving letters from Jack and the giant. They even heard the giant's voice – who'd have thought he was from Crewe (or that he sounded so much like Mrs Bedford!) I have enjoyed other learning this week, including the use of practical equipment in classes all the way up to year 6 to represent numbers in different ways and bridge the learning to increasingly complex and abstract maths mastery. I have seen programming, poetry performance, playground equipment construction and lots of reading. The children's educational diet is rich and varied and their skills and knowledge are developed in a sequential and progressive way. The best bit is they love to learn!



The teachers are looking forward to formally sharing with you an update on how your children have settled in and how they are doing with their learning in the upcoming parent consultation evenings. You will receive a ParentMail explaining how to book an appointment using our online system. **This goes live at 6pm this evening.**

## Safeguarding conference

The Year 6 safety ambassadors had a wonderful time at Pikemere School last week. Together with safety ambassadors from other schools, they took part in the Alsager Primary Safeguarding Conference. Through a range of activities they learnt about personal, water and online safety and about how they can support the other children in school in these areas. They will work hard throughout the year delivering assemblies and activities and will meet up with their fellow safety ambassadors at the end of the year to share their achievements.



## Recycling

Our Recycling Ambassadors also started their work in earnest at the start of week. They helped Lucinda Hodges, from ANSA, to deliver an assembly on food waste and composting and have been helping the younger children to compost their banana skins and apple cores this week. They will run initiatives and assemblies throughout the year.

## Football

The year 5 & 6 football team kicked off their season this week. They played two of their five league games on Thursday, losing to Berkeley and beating Sound. Action resumes soon as they battle to make the next round of the competition. Over the last four years we have reached the final three times, winning twice. The current team have got just as lofty aspirations and they started to gel really well in their second game on Thursday, showing that if they push themselves and work hard, they will go far.



## Lovell Homes update

Work is due to begin on the new site at the end of East Avenue on 28<sup>th</sup> October although the perimeter barriers will be erected ahead of this. Whilst there is an agreement in place that will restrict the times that heavy vehicles come and go from the site to avoid school drop-off and pick-up, it is still imperative that parents avoid parking on East Avenue.

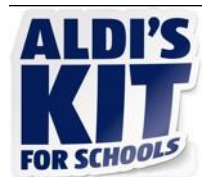
## Harvest

Thank you very much for your very generous donations to our Harvest Festival. The school ambassadors visited the Salvation Army in Crewe this morning to deliver the non-perishable food and find out about how the food is stored and distributed. Year 6 children took the fresh food to some elderly local residents who were very grateful for the donation. Thank you to Mrs Lawton, Mrs Barratt, Mrs McGowan and Mrs Prestage from the Friends of Weston for their help and support.



## Aldi's kit for schools

We are collecting Aldi's Team GB stickers in the hope of winning £20,000 to fully establish a health legacy at Weston. Thank you to everyone who has already brought in stickers. Please send them into school with your child where they will be gratefully received.



## Friends of Weston

Many of the FoW team have been in school this week supporting the children with their Christmas card designs. That's right – Christmas cards! It's creeping up on us and I don't mind admitting that I've already eaten three mince pies. The card designs will come home very soon to give you the opportunity to buy cards with your child's design on to send to friends and family. School earns commission on the cards and every penny is used to benefit the children.



I look forward to seeing lots of you at this year's Fireworks event, which promises to be just as spectacular as last year's.

The teachers were treated to a lovely chocolate cake of appreciation by the Friends of Weston, who also gave each teacher a voucher for £150 to spend on little extras to benefit the children in their class. The appreciation is mutual and we really value everything that they do.

## Open Morning

Our Reception 2020 open morning is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 9.15am. If you know anyone with a child who is due to start school next September, please let them know. We would love to show them around our school.



## Chat Café

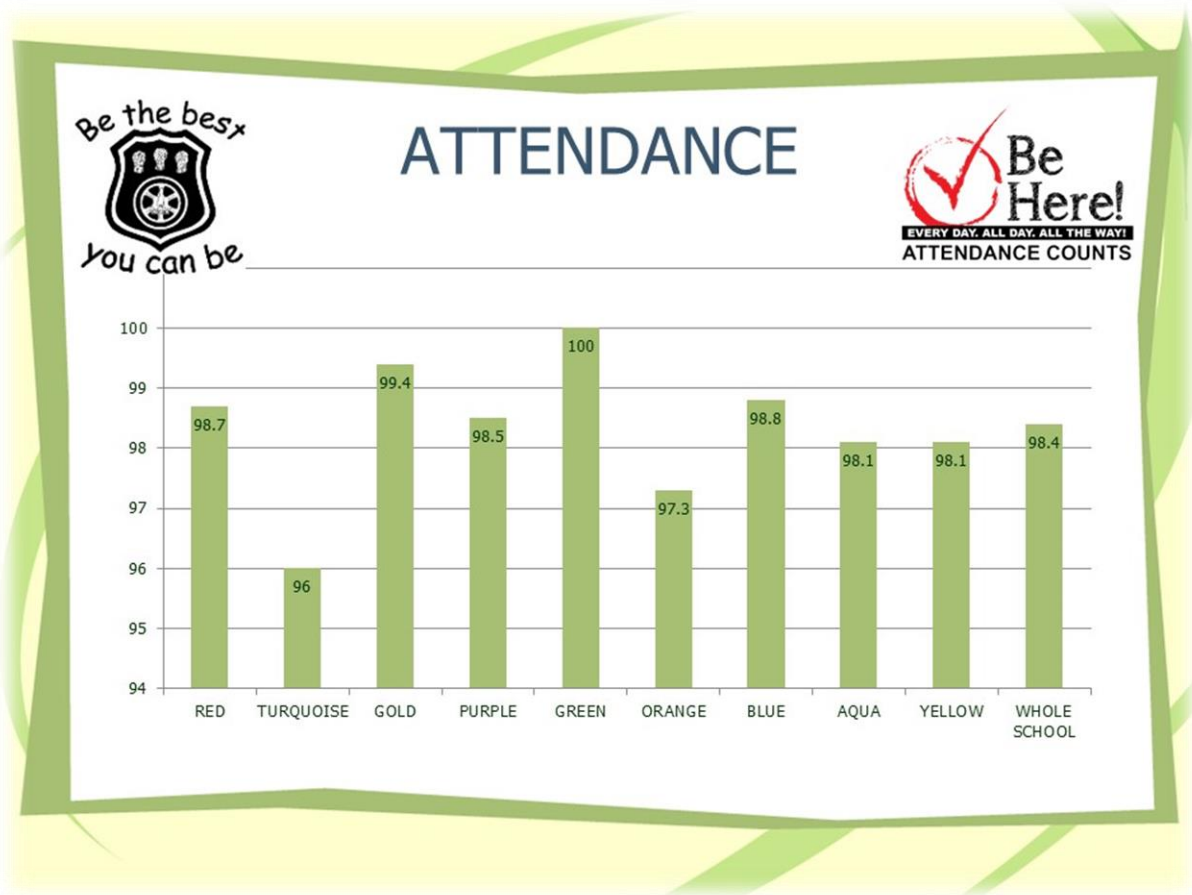
Mrs Rendall, Mrs Loveland and Mrs McKenzie launched Chat Café this week. An initiative designed to encourage all children to talk but especially those with anxieties or worries, for whatever reason. Any child can grab a ticket and arrange to meet with a trusted adult for a chat and some squash. Talking is crucial for everyone's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

## Celebration Assembly

Here are our most recent stars of the week. They were recognised by their teachers for displaying the **secrets of success**. Success doesn't come easily – it requires hard work and resilience. The reward for this effort is the sense of achievement and fulfilment. Oh, and copious amounts of juice and biscuits!



Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.



## Fundraising

Oliver and Ellie Lawton in Yellow class have set themselves a challenge to walk up Mount Snowdon on 19th October. This is to raise money for a cause close to their family's hearts - Royal Stoke Hospital Special Care Baby Unit. Oliver and Ellie were born at 28 weeks and spent the first 12 weeks of their life on the unit. The family had a big journey on the SCBU as Ellie was very poorly. They have both done extremely well to overcome many difficulties and we are all very proud of them both. This challenge is to help Oliver and Ellie to give something back that can help others at a difficult time. They have a JustGiving page and would appreciate any donations in aid of this special cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louiselawton>

*Thomas Cutts*