



Weston Turville C E School

"To Pursue Wisdom Within a Christian Ethos"

Weekly Notes 9th September

Welcome Back!

We are so pleased with how the return to school has gone! Apart from some confusion about staggered timings and gates on the first day, arrivals and departures have been fairly smooth, and the children have taken well to the new arrangements for social bubbles and additional hand washing. Staff are busily assessing children to see how they have fared with their learning and mental health during the lockdown, and planning how to address any issues.

You will also be receiving **class newsletters** today with more details about what your child is learning and what the routines are, but for those who are worrying about PE days –

Class R – Tuesdays (more to be added)
Class 1 – Wednesdays & Thursdays
Class 2 – Tuesdays & Fridays
Class 3 – Wednesdays & Thursdays
Class 4 – Mondays & Thursdays
Class 5 – Thursdays & Fridays
Class 6 – Mondays & Wednesdays

On PE days **Classes 3-6** should come to school in their PE kits and will go home in them too.

New Governors Needed!

We would like to thank Sarah Andrews and Neil Beattie for their many many years of service to the school as governors, and the tremendous value they have both added. Sarah was Chair of Governors for some time, and Neil was our resident finance and statistics expert! They have both now stepped down for a well-deserved break so we are looking for some new governors.

Please get in touch if you would be interested in talking through the role to see if it might be for you. We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors (those who are active in the church) and a parent governor (anybody who has a child currently in the school).

The Chair of Governors, Paul Fyfe, can be contacted at pfyfe@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk or you can contact Ms Brooks, the Headteacher, at head@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk

Parent Induction Evenings

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to offer our usual parents' induction evenings. However, our teachers have uploaded their powerpoint presentations onto the school website - [Induction Presentations](#)

There will be short delay before the Year 2 presentation is uploaded.

Secondary School Applications

Despite the delay on the 11+ testing dates Year 6 parents should still apply for secondary school places by the 31st October deadline. A letter has been sent out to each of you with instructions for accessing the online portal and a unique identification number to do so. You will need to select both grammar and upper schools for your preferences, and then the County systems will update them automatically on 11+ results day.

Deadline day - 31st October - is in Half Term.

Family and Individual Photos

On Tuesday 29th September Danny Higgins will be coming to take individual photos of all the children during the school day.

Danny is also able to take pictures of sibling groups. If you would like to take advantage of this and you have younger children who do not attend the school you will need to bring your children to the school between 8.15 and 9am and wait in a socially distanced queue. Pictures will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have siblings in the school and would like them to be photographed together please let us know and we will arrange for this during the day.

Violin/Viola/Cello lessons

A message from Naomi Jacob, Bucks Music Trust:-

I teach Violin, Viola and Cello regularly at schools around our county and I visit Weston Turville School on Tuesday mornings. If your child is in the Juniors and would be interested in a free trial with a view to taking up weekly lessons at school, please contact me on nja@bucksmusic.org for further information. I will be adhering to the school's guidelines on cleaning and safety to ensure I can keep students and colleagues safe.

And finally...

A big shout-out for all our fantastic parents! Your children are showing us what an incredible job you have all done with lockdown learning, and have told us enthusiastically about all the unexpected opportunities they were given. Here is a selection of positives -

Spending more time with my family
More freedom to do my school work when I want to each day (eg working through breaks and finishing earlier)
Learning about things I wouldn't at school (eg. finding out about one of the countries I come from)
Being less busy
More time to do the things I enjoy (like playing the piano)
Getting fitter because of the daily exercise
Nobody judging if we sometimes stayed in our pyjamas!
Not having to be somewhere all the time
Playing in the garden more than usual and making up games
Being more creative and coming up with new ideas

House Points

INGRAM 0

KIRTLAND 0

LANGSTONE 0

RICKARD 0

Dates for the Calendar

29th September – School Photos
23rd October – School closes for Half Term
3rd/5th November – 11+ papers
8th November – Remembrance Service in the village
18th December – School closes