



Weston Turville C E School

"To Pursue Wisdom Within a Christian Ethos"

Weekly Notes 16th December

Covid Update

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 1s and Year 2s yesterday following their isolation period, which was fortunately shortened by the government from 14 to 10 days. This means they can now enjoy the last few days of the term in school. Clearly, those days of sudden isolation caused disruption to staff plans so what they expected the children to be doing this week has had to be adjusted. A big thank you to our staff who quickly put the remote learning plan into place and have been working creatively ever since!

Thank you also to all our families for your support over the last term, and for being adaptable to changing circumstances. School is the very best place for our children and together, apart from one or two disruptions, we have managed to keep them here all term.

Despite the good news about the vaccine, next term is likely to bring more of the same. We must remain vigilant and observe the measures put in place to keep the virus at bay – handwashing, extra cleaning, ventilation, wearing of masks, social distancing – as well as isolating positive cases and contacts as quickly as possible.

**If your child has symptoms of the virus please keep them at home and order a test.
Please always make contact with the school if you or your children test positive for the virus.**

Together we can keep our children in school where they need to be!

Meanwhile, it is very important that you let us know if your child tests positive for the virus between the end of term and 24th December if their symptoms have developed within 48 hours of being in school. Please use the office@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk email address to do so. This is because we still have a duty until then to inform other families that their children will need to self-isolate.

Latest Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

For Martin Tett's latest Coronavirus update please click [here](#). In it he outlines the latest figures on the virus across Buckinghamshire, and progress on the vaccine roll-out. He also outlines the Council's 'Helping Hands' programme for those who may need some help to make ends meet.

For more details on how to get help with food and other support over the break please check out the [Helping Hand web page](#).



End of Term Arrangements

At the end of each term we usually close at 1.30pm. This term, in order to keep the social bubbles separate, we will be dismissing the children at the following times –

F1 and F2, Year 1 and Year 2 – 1pm
Year 3 and Year 4 – 1.15pm
Year 5 and Year 6 – 1.30pm

The children will leave the site via their usual gates. The last day of term is this **Friday**.

PTA Christmas Fairs



What a burst of joy it was last week for our children to attend their Christmas Fun Days! Covid rules made them very different but still the children (and helpers!) had a great time. Christmas jumpers and antlers were everywhere, along with lots of happy children playing games, trying their luck on the tombola, making and purchasing Christmas presents and eating Christmassy treats.

Thank you so much to our PTA Mums and to all the parents in each bubble for making this happen in a Covid-safe way.

For more photos see our website [here](#).

Message from the PTA

We do hope all the children had a great time on their Christmas Fun Days. We are so pleased to have been able to pull the week together. It was magical to see the children having such fun!

Many thanks to all the parents that helped each day. Your enthusiasm, time and support were greatly appreciated. To Tom Dean for the generous Lindt donations, to Polka Dots and Roses for the beautiful ribbons and Carleigh B Childminders for the baubles. Last, but not least to everyone who donated through our Mufti Day.

On behalf of everyone on the PTA may we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year 6 Christmas Cakes!

Our Year 6s have thoroughly enjoyed their DT project this term – to design and make a Christmas cake! This is not an easy task and we must congratulate them on the results. A big thank you to Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Lucas for shopping and assisting with the baking!



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to let you know that between us all we raised £145.35 for the Royal British Legion's annual poppy appeal in November.

Parents' Evening Survey Results

Thank you so much to the 123 parents who responded to our survey about the delivery of parents' evening meetings this term. Due to Covid-19 we were unable to hold face to face meetings. 102 of respondents took part in online meetings and 20 had telephone consultations. When staff were asked the same questions their responses mirrored those of parents.

Many pros and cons were identified by both parents and staff...

Pros	Cons
Parents can log on from anywhere and both parents can attend from different locations. Teachers spoke to more parents, especially Dads.	Lacks the personal touch and opportunity to get to know the teacher, pick up non-verbal information, build relationships
No need to arrange childcare	No opportunity to see the child's work or look at the classroom – work on walls, environment, see what the child sees every day
No journey to school and back so more time efficient	Technical issues – internet connections, time delays, problems with sound etc
Meetings were efficient and kept to time	Two- or three-way conversations difficult due to time delays resulting in talking over each other.

Face to face appointments are the most popular. 76 parents said they would prefer these with many saying whilst online appointments are more convenient, nothing can replace the face to face opportunity to build relationships and gain the most information.

42 parents said they would prefer an online appointment.

5 parents said they would prefer a telephone appointment.

Other comments/suggestions

- Perhaps both online and face to face appointments could be offered, eg Monday for online, Wednesday for face to face.
- If the meeting is online, they would need to be longer than ten minutes to allow for technical issues.
- For online meetings, perhaps photos of children's work could be provided.
- Some parents felt that they would opt for face to face if they had an earlier appointment and online for a later one.
- Staff suggested that a video of classroom displays could be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Staff suggested that because parents did not get to see children's work at parents' evenings this term we could ask the children to choose their best piece of writing and best piece of maths. We can then photocopy these and send them home. With many children absent we are not able to do this before Christmas. Instead we will send home copies of this work early next term.

Admissions Policy Consultations: Other Schools

By law all schools must consult on their admissions policies every seven years, and in any year where significant changes are to be made. The Local Authority is the admissions authority for voluntary controlled and community schools and are undergoing a consultation - [click here for more details](#).

Weston Turville CE School is a 'voluntary aided' school and the Governing Body, rather than Buckinghamshire Council, is the admissions authority. We are not proposing any changes to our admissions policy so are not consulting. However, you can view our policies on our website [here](#).

Other schools are consulting on their policies, including Aylesbury Grammar School, Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, the Cottesloe School and Wycombe High School. You can view their consultations here –

[The Cottesloe School](#)
[Aylesbury Grammar School](#)
[Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School](#)
[Wycombe High School](#)

Stars of the Week

Class 6 – David B, Ellie H, DayDay P
Class 5 – Roxie B, Hassan R, Olivia D
Class 4 – Marnie N, Alfie-Jack L, Lochy C
Class 3 – Charlie G, Otis S, Mason W

Shining Stars

Class 6 – Victor C
Class 5 – Ella E, Lily R, Alfie T-L, Haydan M, Harley K, Ruby W, Jaydan T, Roxie B, India-Rose L, Mia B
Class 4 – Finn A-M, Jayson S, Heidi S, Annie P, Emily S, Otto VB, Charlotte R
Class 3 – Harry K, Annaliese N, Noah D

Wise Owls

Class 5 – Michael S, Lily B
Class 4 – Kanishk S, Nia M, Thomas W, Olivia L, Dylan R
Class 3 – Florence E, Nidhi S, Ruby C

Well done everyone!

House Points

INGRAM 1501	KIRTLAND 1283	LANGSTONE 1370	RICKARD 1601
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Dates for the Calendar

18th December – School closes
5th January – School re-opens
12th February – School closes for Half Term

BUCKS SCHOOLWEAR **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	9AM – 5PM
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	9AM – 5PM
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	9AM – 5PM

STARTING ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER THROUGH TO TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED.

WE RE-OPEN ON:

WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER	9AM – 5PM
THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER	11AM – 2PM
FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY	CLOSED
SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY	9AM – 5PM
MONDAY 4TH JANUARY	9AM – 5PM

WE ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.

Merry Christmas

