



Weston Turville C E School

"To Pursue Wisdom Within a Christian Ethos"

Weekly Notes 4th September

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone after the summer break. It is great to see all our children fresh and ready to start a new school year. These weekly newsletters come out every Wednesday so don't forget to look out for them as they have lots of important information in them.

As always there is plenty happening this term for you to be aware of. Most importantly, there will be induction evenings for parents with children in Years 1-6 from 6-7.30pm this coming Monday. This will entail a 15 minute presentation from your child's teacher followed by an opportunity for questions. Exact timings to follow. Class R parents will be able to meet the Reception staff individually in the next three weeks.

PTA

The PTA have put together a programme of events for the year, including events close to the children's hearts, such as the Christmas Fair. There is no guarantee that these events will go ahead though because several committee members have stepped down and have not been replaced. We are therefore looking for new volunteers.

If you would like for these events to go ahead please volunteer by contacting the PTA at westonturvillepta@hotmail.com or letting us know so we can put you in contact with current volunteers.

Children's Book Sale

There will be a book sale after school on Thursday 12th September to raise money for the church appeal. It will take place in the hall from 3pm and all families are welcome.

Clubs

Most clubs will start in the second full week of term and a list will be provided shortly. The three football clubs, multi sports club and junior dodgeball club will start next week.

11+ Papers

Year 6 will be taking their 11+ papers next week. The practice papers will be on Tuesday and the real papers on Thursday. We ask that all visitors are as quiet as possible because the children will be sitting them in the main hall.

Family and Individual Photos

On Friday 20th September individual photos will be taken by Danny Higgins 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 you will need to bring your children to the school hall between 8.15 and 9am. Pictures will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Those with siblings in Year 2 and above don't need to stay and are welcome to leave them with Mrs Brooks who will be in the hall with them – but please feel free to stay if you would like to!

Office Hours

The official office opening hours are 8am – 4pm. After that time the telephone is not answered although parents can still send emails through.

School Uniform

We have attached a copy of the school uniform policy to the Weekly Notes this week as a reminder.

Stationery Kit

Infants do not need to bring any kit to school.

Juniors need to bring –

HB pencil
Pencil sharpener
(one that collects shavings is best)
30 cm ruler
(preferably not one of the folding or bendy ones)
Coloured pencils
Eraser
Pritt Stick
Highlighter pen
Fibre tip pen, eg Berol Handwriter, with blue ink
(cartridge pens are not suitable for Year 3)
Small non permanent whiteboard pen (optional)
Scissors (optional)

Those in Years 4-6 should also bring –

Cartridge pen – blue ink – if this is preferred to the fibre tip pen
Pair of compasses
Protractor
Simple calculator (not scientific ones)

Medication

If your child has prescribed medication, such as an epipen or an inhaler, you will need to check it is in date, send it to school and fill in the appropriate form.

We do not allow or administer non-prescribed medicines.

Village Hall Car Park

The Parish Council have been in touch to let us know that the building works at the Village Hall are ongoing and therefore there are fewer parking spaces available at the moment in the car park. Please consider parking elsewhere and walking. The Five Bells car park is still available for parents at pick-up and drop-off times.

FREE Tudor Fayre at Bucks County Museum

Information from Aylesbury Town Council:

The Tudor Fayre is a historical feast for all your senses. Taking place in Bucks County Museum from 11am till 4pm on Sunday 8 September. The story of the Terrible Tudors will be brought to life in the Museum gardens by the talented crew of Unbound Theatre, we are hoping that you'll have a giggle and learn a few things along the way too. Joining them in the garden, are the brilliant Aylesbury Academy of Arms, they will have a large performance area for you to marvel at their skill and talent. With Plessis Armouries on hand too.

Inside the museum you can meet King Henry VIII, a navigator, confectioner, spinner, musicians and engineers. This year it is the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci. Leonardo's Engineers will be bringing several of his machines and inventions for you to see, including his portable bridge, gun carriage, and diving suit. Build and test your own flying machine just like Da Vinci's.

There will be make-and-take crafts with the Queens Park Arts Centre and our Tudor Trail around the event.

We have a "quiet room" upstairs (with lift access) for those visitors who need to get away from the hustle and bustle.

This event is entirely free of charge – so you've got nothing to lose by coming along – you may even learn a thing or two and the kids will have a great time.

Cinderella Rockerfella

We are pleased to announce that the collections following the two performances of the Year 5/6 production of Cinderella Rockerfella raised £109.14 for Christian Aid. We would like to thank the children for a fantastic performance, Mr Hyams for filming the show, and all our parents for their donations.

2018-19 Achievers!

At our annual Achievers' Assembly in July many children were recognised for their outstanding achievements during the year. We would like to congratulate the following –

Bridie S (6), Roxana X (5), Evan S (4) and William P for winning the *Class Achiever Award* for their class.



Lexi E, Charlie C and Katie C from Year 6 for winning the *Business Enterprise competition*.

Sam R, Sam E, George D, Harrison B, Charlie C, Harry R, Dominic R, Will M, James W, Archie M for being joint winners of *the Boys' Football League* with Cuddington & Dinton School.



Phoebe C, Bella B, Cory N, Bradley A, Harry N, Alfie W, Ashley T for finishing third in the *Mixed Football League*.



Oliver M, Sam E, Stephanie N, Oliver F, David B, Christian T, Annabella S, Kanishk S, Daniel DW, Daniel T, Ethan P, Isabella G, Jensen G, Noah D, Dominic A, Jacob A, Olivia R, Laura F for *100% attendance* during the year.



All of Year 3 for achieving their swimming awards.

House Points Trophy



Many congratulations to **RICKARD** who won the house points trophy with a whopping 3321 points!



Shining Stars

Yi L, Isabella E-S (6)
Roxana X, Harry B, Jake S, Lewis B-H, Isla M, Keira B, Zara M, Henry D, Harry N (Class 5);
Ava R, Emily H, Oliver F (4);
Ella E, Charlie S, Olivia D (Class 3);
Marnie N, Lily-Grace L, Annie P (Class 2);



Wise Owls

Lexi E (6)
Alfie W (5)
Wyatt N, Victor C (4)
Jaydan T (3)
Dotty T (R)

Stars of the Week



For week ending 19th July

Class R

Kai C for being fabulous and taking on a part in the class assembly at the last minute.

Class 1

Jessie P for her positive, hardworking attitude.

Class 2

Anton C for being a little ray of sunshine all year!

Class 3

Charlie S for always being ready with a thoughtful answer in lessons, constantly finding ways to be helpful and being kind to others.

Class 4

Harmony-Leigh N and Oscar G for always being really helpful, reliably carrying out lots of jobs and giving messages.

Class 5

Freya L for singing her heart out in the production and showing how much she enjoyed herself with her fabulous smile all the way through!

Class 6

Flora O'N for singing and acting perfectly in the production despite doubting herself early on and missing several practices due to cheerleading commitments.

House Points

INGRAM 0

KIRTLAND 0

LANGSTONE 0

RICKARD 0

Dates for the Calendar

School opens for the Autumn Term – 4th September @ 8.40am

Parents' Induction Evenings – 9th September from 6pm

11+ testing week – 9th September

Children's Book Sale – 12th September @ 3pm

Family and Individual Photos – 20th September

Year 6 River Dart Week – 29th September

A Note from the PTA

The PTA would like to thank the Class 6 parents for their support over the years and the Class 6 students for helping the PTA so fantastically at the Christmas Fair and Fitness Festival. We wish them well in their new schools!

As promised we have a total raised for the Bouncy BBQ which was an amazing £1200, so thank you all so much for your support. It takes us to £7,800 raised this school year, some of which has been spent already on nature, cooking, sports and playground equipment but we will be spending approximately £4,500 over the summer holidays on another set of iPads so that there are two sets for the children to use. This is something the school were not able to put in their annual budget so without your support the children would not have this important technology. The sad truth of funding for schools is that school budgets do not fully cover what our children need for their education and your support of the PTA to raise money is vital.

Next year sees a curriculum change to whole class guided reading rather than small group guided reading. This means each class will need at least 16 copies of each book but preferably enough for each child in the class to have their own book. Some classes use 6 different books per year for guided reading so this will be a considerable expense. We are planning a shared fundraising with the School Library team in October to raise money for these books and the library so please look out for this when school starts in September.

Our PTA Chair and Secretary have had to step down and so we are looking for two people to take over. If you think this is something you would like to do please get in touch. There would be an extensive handover so you wouldn't be left doing these roles on your own. We are also always looking for people to run events or help run events. Currently we have one person who has volunteered to run the Christmas Fair but this needs to be a team of preferably three people. We really need your help for events like this (which the children love) to continue.

There are lots of ways to be part of the PTA and if fully joining doesn't work for you, it's something you can dip in and out of. We had one parent that ran two smaller fundraisers this year with support from the PTA and that meant the children had gifts to give their parents and we had £450 of fundraising that wouldn't have otherwise happened.

Sometimes the information about PTA events isn't as easy to find as we intend it to be, so for 2019/20 we are proposing to have a PTA Class Champion to be the go to person for each class if you have any questions. If you would like to volunteer for your child's class please contact the PTA on westonturvillepta@hotmail.com

Finally as you may be sorting out uniform and stationery over the holidays that requires naming, www.mynametags.com gives us money back on orders made through them using our school reference 34942 as per the attached poster.



WESTON TURVILLE CE SCHOOL

Uniform Policy



The children at Weston Turville CE School wear a school uniform –

- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- Plain white polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.
- Black low heeled shoes
- Grey tights or socks with skirts, shorts and trousers, and white socks with summer dresses.
- White polo shirts with the school logo are worn for trips and special occasions, or any time the children choose to wear them.
- In warm weather children may wear blue and white summer dresses.
- Sandals, which offer protection to children's feet (i.e. heel strap, covered toes, low heeled) in black may be worn.
- These should be appropriate for school wear - not beach/sports or fashion.

In PE children wear –

- Black plimsolls indoors
- Trainers outdoors (these do not need to be a specific colour)
- Black shorts/PE skirts
- Plain white t-shirts or for older children coloured t-shirts appropriate to their house
- Navy/black track suit bottoms or leggings for outdoor wear if necessary
- These should be stored in a traditional style pump-bag which can hang on a cloakroom peg.

All children in Y3, and older children who cannot swim 25m confidently, need a one-piece costume or trunks (not shorts), a towel and a swimming hat. All jewellery must be removable for swimming.

School Uniform Shop

School uniform can be purchased from the National Schoolwear shop in Aylesbury Friars Square or online at Tesco's. We offer a small selection of second hand uniform for sale in the school.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all clothing worn, or brought to school, is named. There is a Lost Property box in the dining room, and the contents are regularly shown to the children. Parents are welcome to come and look for items that their children have lost. Lost Property is disposed of at the end of each term.

Jewellery

Children may wear a watch. Chains, rings, bracelets and other jewellery are not permitted in school. Only one simple stud earring per ear is allowed. These present a safety hazard and we urge parents to think carefully about whether children should wear them to school. All jewellery must be removed for PE, Games and Swimming lessons. It is therefore a good idea to have ears pierced during the longer summer break. The children must be able to remove all jewellery for themselves as staff cannot be responsible for this task. Parents should also note that the school cannot accept responsibility for the safekeeping of jewellery. We do not allow the children to wear make-up, tattoos or nail varnish.

Mufti Days

From time to time we hold "mufti days" where children may wear non-school uniform clothing. On these days we would expect the children to wear appropriate clothing and shoes; jewellery is not permitted, but children may wear face paint and colour their hair.

If you're in doubt about what is or is not school uniform...

Children may not wear jeans, leggings, sportswear, "fashion" items, high heels or trainers (other than for PE). Parents are welcome to call into the school for advice.

Generally speaking...

If it is not stated in the uniform policy that the children may wear an item, then it is not permitted.