



Weston Turville C E School

"To Pursue Wisdom Within a Christian Ethos"

Weekly Notes 21st April

Class Photos This Friday!

Danny is coming to take class and leavers' photos on Friday and will be offering prints from £9.

PTA Dare to be Different Day

The PTA's 'Dare to be Different Day' before Easter was a triumph! Thank you so much to everyone who made such an effort and created a great atmosphere in the school as well as raising much needed funds.

Covid-19: Lifting the Restrictions in School

Our hot meals service re-launched successfully on Monday with many children eating a hot meal and others eating their packed lunches outside because the weather has been lovely. Each bubble sits on one side of the hall or the other and the tables are cleaned before the next bubble comes in.

We have also made the decision to mix the Early Years bubble with the Year 1/2 bubble outside at lunchtime, and likewise the Year 3/4 bubble and Year 5/6 bubble as they have been able to spread out on the field. There was great excitement about this!

From next week the junior staff would like to re-introduce '**Feelgood Friday**'. When the children arrive on Fridays they are encouraged to run or walk several times around the school field before the whistle blows for lining up. This increases fitness and looks after mental health.

Assuming the government sticks with their roadmap...

From 17th May further restrictions will be lifted -

- Junior classes will be able to sit in groups rather than rows in their classrooms.
- Early Years and Years 1/2 will have assembly in the hall together.
- The juniors will have assembly in the hall together.

From 7th June (after Half Term) -

- The school will revert to our pre-pandemic opening and closing times, and break and lunchtimes. All children will be invited to arrive in school between 8.40 and 8.55am (except for pre-schoolers on morning session who should continue to arrive at 8.30am). Infants will leave at 3pm and Juniors at 3.15pm.
- Infants will be able to join the Juniors for 'Feelgood Friday' runs.
- The Year 5/6 production will go ahead at the end of term, as will the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.
- Sports Day will go ahead later in the term.

Nature Reserve Development

We are delighted that Paul Stack, of Chiltern Rangers, will be spending the day in school on Tuesday 18th May to begin our project of developing the Nature Reserve. He is going to start dividing the space up into zones and mapping it, including grouping the seating so whole classes can sit together for lessons.

This is the first day of several and part of it will be spent creating a bird hide wall and sculptural bird feeders with the help of groups of children. There will be further days in the Autumn to continue the development.



We would like to thank the PTA for raising a significant proportion of the funds for the project and tools for the children, and also Heart of Bucks who have match-funded it.

Working outdoors is another way to protect our children's mental health and educate them in how to look after their mental health in the future.

Autism Awareness

Autism Awareness Day was on Friday 2nd April. If you'd like to know more about this condition and bust some common myths take a look at this video –

<https://click.convertkit-mail.com/k0ux364wogh6hvxgenil/p8heh9h95rwe77fq/aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9oYUJFTlc5NIQ1Zw==>

Parking in Walton Place

Concerned residents living in Walton Place have been in touch about parents parking in front of their driveways and on their verges at drop-off and pick-up. They are very concerned about not being able to get on or off their driveways themselves and the ability of emergency vehicles to reach them. Please park considerately always.

Facebook Friend Requests

Staff are currently receiving Facebook friend requests from parents which is really lovely and testament to the strong relationships between school and home.

Please don't be alarmed that they have not accepted your request. They don't mean to be rude and are simply following the school's staff code of conduct which does not allow them to become friends with parents on social media platforms.

Mental Health – Zones of Regulation

We are introducing the concept of 'Zones of Regulation' across the school this term. This is a systematic, cognitive-behavioural approach used to teach us how to regulate our feelings, energy and sensory needs in order to meet the demands of the situation around us and be successful socially.

There are four 'zones' – blue, green, yellow and red. The aim is to be in the happy 'green' zone.

We all encounter trying circumstances that test our limits from time to time. If we are able to recognise when we are becoming less regulated, we are able to do something about it to manage our feelings and get ourselves to a healthy place.

How can you help yourself?

The BLUE zone	The GREEN zone	The YELLOW zone	The RED zone
			
How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?
sad tired bored moving slowly	happy okay focussed ready to learn	nervous confused silly not ready to learn	angry frustrated scared out of control
What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?
Talk to someone Stretch Take a brain break Stand Take a walk Close my eyes	The goal of this exercise is to get to the GREEN zone. What can you do to be happy, calm and ready to learn?	Talk to someone Count to 20 Take deep breaths Squeeze something Draw a picture Take a brain break	Stop what I'm doing Make sensible choices Take deep breaths Ask for a break Find a safe space Ask for help

Outside we are developing areas where children can take a break to move and think, enabling them to regulate themselves and be in a position to make the most of the support they are offered.

Warm Weather

It is great that the weather is turning warmer and we can all get outside more!
Our children need to be prepared though. On hot days please ensure they have –

A named water bottle in school
A hat
Sunscreen applied before school (we have top-ups here)
A light waterproof for showery weather

Violin, Viola and Cello Lessons

A message from a Music Teacher:

Dear Parents and Students, my name is Naomi Jacob and I work for Bucks Music Trust, teaching Violin, Viola and Cello in schools. I visit Weston Turville School on Mondays and would love to hear from any parent whose child would like a free tryout with a view to taking lessons. Lessons can be taught individually or in a small group and would be during the school day. If you would like more information, please contact me on nja@bucksmusic.org

Piano Lessons

A message from a Music Teacher:

Dear Parents and Students, my name is Naomi Jacob and this term I will be providing Piano Lessons to any student who may be interested in learning at school. Lessons will be on Mondays during the school day. Any student interested in taking up Piano lessons would be welcome to have a free tryout so if you are interested please message me for more information on 07727 272150.

Class Newsletters

The teachers have all produced a class newsletter giving you more details about what your child's class will be learning this half term, and any arrangements you need to know about. You can access this from your Parentmail and also on the [school website](#).

Stars of the Week



Class 1
Millie P

Class 2
Ollie M, Yahya N, Romany-Rose K

Class 3
Florence E, Charlie G, Ethan P

Class 4
Charlie S, Hayden B, Emily S

Class 5
Zain M, Alfie T-L, William P

Class 6
Aisha R, Emily H, Xavier H



Shining Stars

Class 1

Mariyah Z

Class 2

Romany-Rose K

Class 3

Luke O'C, Oliver C, Daniel T

Class 4

Charlie S, Toby H

Class 5

Alfie T-L, Emily W, William H, Casey V

Class 6

Lauren B, Ellie P



Wise Owls

Class 2

Jay M

Class 3

Jensen G

Class 4

Thomas W, Jayson S

Class 5

Hassan R, Haydan M

Big congratulations to them all!

The Buckinghamshire Lottery

A great way to support the school is by playing the Buckinghamshire Lottery. You can sign up from £1 per week and could win prizes including a jackpot of £25,000. For every £1 ticket purchased through the school page, 50p is given to our chosen cause and 10p to other causes in the area of Buckinghamshire. Visit

<https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/weston-turville-ce-school> to buy tickets.

A prayer for...

HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh
1921-2021



We pray for Queen Elizabeth and the royal family as they grieve the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
We take a moment to be thankful for his life and the lives of other people who have dedicated themselves to serving others.
We pray for courage and wisdom to find ways to offer support and encouragement to others.
May our own lives be examples of faithfulness and commitment to what we believe.
May we always think of the needs of other people.
Amen.

House Points

INGRAM 1843

KIRTLAND 1500

LANGSTONE 1643

RICKARD 1947

Dates for the Calendar

23rd April – Class and Leaver photos (all day)

3rd May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

17th May – Further Covid restrictions lifted (government allowing)

18th May – Chiltern Rangers in the Nature Reserve

27th May – School closes for Half Term

28th May – Staff INSET day

7th June – School re-opens and reverts to pre-pandemic opening and closing times (government allowing)

14th June – Show for the whole school (postponed from World Book Day 2020)

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OF DANCE



**Dance classes in Weston Turville, Aston
Clinton and Stoke Mandeville**

Classes start 19th April. All safety guidelines
and processes being strictly followed and
available to view.

Offering ballet, modern and tap classes to 3+ years and
adult classes, new students welcome.

Contact us for more information

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