



Weeton Monthly News

Weeton St Michaels Church of England School

Date: Friday 22nd Sept Issue 4

Associate Headteacher: Mrs Jo Miller



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. Firstly I'd like to thank you all for the lovely messages and comments after my recent bereavement, thank you for your patience, as I know this monthly newsletter has now a combined couple of months within it.

OPEN AFTERNOON

It was lovely to see so many families coming into school to see the new environments, have a cup of tea and look at what the children have been learning over the past term. This was also an opportunity for any new families to have a look around, which there was a few. I hope you'll agree that school looks wonderful and the classrooms are looking exciting and engaging for your children.

PARENTS EVENING

I have had such positive feedback from the teachers about the recent 'Parents Evening'. Thank you to those who attended, as it's a great opportunity to see how the children are either settling into school, or, what progress they are making from their starting points. Always, if you have any issues about your child's education, then please make an appointment to speak to member of staff after school.

ATTENDANCE

You may be aware that the Government are having a real push on attendance in schools nationally. As a school we are monitored by both the Local Authority and also the DfE (Department of Education). Attendance at Weeton has been flagged as a cause for concern, so as a result of this, we are going to be looking at our systems and tightening up on reasons for absence. including holidays in term time. We have a number of parents messaging teachers and even myself to report an absence. **[ALL ABSENCES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE OFFICE. THIS IS THE ONLY METHOD OF REPORTING. Thank-You.](#)**

PARKING

Polite reminder that the staff carpark is for staff only and any pre-agreed parent parking. This includes breakfast club. Parking for school needs to be off the zigzag lines, as this is still causing issues for other road users. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PARENTS CELEBRATIONS

These start next week on:

Wednesday 29th Nov - Acorns EYFS at 1.00-1.45pm Y1/2 2.15pm-3.00pm

Thursday 30th Nov - Saplings 2.15-3.00pm

Friday 1st Dec - Oak 2.15pm-3.00pm

CHRISTMAS

We are very quickly hurtling towards the 'Festive Period' we have the Pantomime on the 13th December with payments needed by **Friday 8th December**. We also have a family 'Christmas Activity Afternoon' from 1.30pm onwards on 15th December. Oak Christmas party day is Monday 18th, Acorns Tue 19th, Saplings Thursday 21st - children to wear own clothes that day. Christmas Dinner day is Wednesday 20th December - Wear a Christmas Jumper and school finishes Friday 22nd December at 3.15pm



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

I want to keep you up to date with the improvements that have taken place since my arrival in April 23. As you will have seen, we have worked extensively on the classroom and communal areas. These areas are now what we would call 'Contemporary' learning environments which now facilitate learning and allow for much more independent learning to take place. We have purchased brand new interactive white boards for every class to support learning, and we have a full bank of ipads for computing and researching in the wider curriculum. We have had significant training and support from the Local Authority in the way of a Teaching and Learning Consultant, as well as Lead Consultant's in English, Mathematics, Early Years, Behaviour and Phonics. We have undertaken a complete overhaul of the curriculum to ensure the full offer is in place across all of the National Curriculum subjects and expectations, as you will see in the parents celebrations next week, this is well underway in classes under the banner of our WOW curriculum, 'The Wonder Of Weeton' curriculum.

FAMILY SUPPORT

We have had an influx of parents wanting to discuss their pupils with school. We always have an open door policy which allows you to speak with us on a daily basis. Due to learning starting at 8.45am daily and our whole school phonics and guided reading approach both Teachers and TA's are required at these times to deliver learning. Mrs Campbell along with myself are available from 8.30am to 8.45am every morning if parents feel they need an urgent discussion about their child. Otherwise can I ask that parents seek to make an appointment with the class teacher for after school at 3.15pm or indicate they'd like a word at home time. As always, as the Headteacher I'm available on my email at any time during the day/night or if urgent, available via a phone call. Please note the phones are not manned over the lunch break.

PARENT ELECTIONS

We are finally in a position to inform parents of our recent Parent Governor election. This was a very close fought contest with Mr Jed Sullivan gaining the majority vote. Thank you to those parents who took the time to return their voting papers. A huge thank you to both Mr Tom Rigby and Mr Craig Hunter for putting themselves forward.

FAMILY ASSEMBLY

We have taken the decision to revise our weekly parents celebration assemblies from January. We are to hold a half termly 'Roll of Honor' assembly in its place with much more emphasis on half termly progress and achievements. Weekly certificates will still be awarded in school by teachers and team captains.

FEEDBACK

I'm really interested in your feedback as parents as to how you feel about the changes we have made, about your child's education and anything you feel you'd like to raise but also including the positives aspects too. This is really important as we continue to move school forward and continue the schools journey to good. I will be sending out a questionnaire shortly for parents to complete.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mr John Matthews the schools long term 'Chair of Governors' is to stand down at the end of the Autumn Term. John has served the school and its community as chair for a substantial amount of time, which is a huge task, particularly as its giving up his own time. As a school, John has seen quite a few pupils, teachers and headteachers come and go and has supported them fully but also challenging leaders at a strategic level. I would like to offer him, on behalf of the school, a huge thank you for everything and particularly the time he has given up. We are making a collection from school for him, if anybody would like to contribute please see Ms Watson in the school office.