



Weeton Monthly News



Weeton St Michaels Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our January monthly newsletter. Its been a very busy 4 weeks in school after returning from the Christmas break, where on earth has that time gone?

STAFFING UPDATES

As most of you know Ms Watson left Weeton last Friday to pursue her finance career in another school in St Annes. This has obviously now left us short staffed in the office until we hopefully recruit next Thursday 8th Feb. We have Emma Wilmott from my home school Mayfield temporarily supporting school 2 x days a week which will be either Monday and Wednesday's and Tuesday and Thursday's on alternate weeks. Please bear with us as we're a 'man down' and we ask that parents leave an answer phone message that can be picked up by staff if the office isn't manned if you need to speak to someone.

We also welcome Mrs Jennie Beavers to Acorn class who is currently covering for Mrs Pilkington. Mrs Beavers and I have been work colleagues in the past for 6 years and she comes with a wealth of experience. I will write out to parents of Acorn class separately next week when I have more information moving forward.

As a final note the process for recruiting your new Headteacher is well underway being led by the LEA and your Chair of Governor's Jed Sullivan. The chair will be in a position to write to you all in the coming weeks once the process has been completed.

STUNNING STARTS

What exciting stunning starts the children have experienced this term. Acorns had a wonderful visit to Blackpool Zoo to introduce their science work on animals. Saplings had an 'Ancient Greek' day to continue their wonderful work on Ancient Civilisations and Oak had a 'Mayan' day - which included dressing up as they undertake some wonderful work on the Amazon Rainforest. I really hope that the children came home excited to tell you about their days as they are most certainly excited to find out more about their areas of learning.

NEW FENCNG

You will have seen the new fencing which has now been installed by the front entrance. One of the first items I raised at Weeton was the security of the school, which I started to address immediately. We are still in need to start the work on the two remaining gates which lead onto the church and the school/church field. These are to be made higher to ensure the premises can't be entered unauthorised. The process isn't a fast one unfortunately but these are still a priority for school and will be in place hopefully, in the near future. This now means that access to the office is open however parents will need to ring the bell for assistance if the office isn't manned.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Unfortunately I have had to make the difficult decision to stop the 'After School Club' as an ongoing provision in school. The overheads for bought in services have now increased to £40 per session with sometimes only 1 or 2 pupils attending. This has now had a significant impact on the schools budget as we are running this at a loss. We will still seek to provide private providers for possibly 1 night per week over a half term. We will let parents know what is available in the future. We do realise however that some parents maybe stuck on the odd occasion and school will most certainly support families with this as a one off - there will still be costs incurred however to cover staffing costs. AFC Fylde will continue to run a sports club every Tuesday until Easter with all pupils welcome. These still need to be booked and paid for via arbor. **This does not effect breakfast club which will continue to run as usual.**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Apologies as there seems to have been some mix up regarding the Class Assemblies for this half term which are still on your parental calendars. We have had to cancel these this half term but they will be in place for next half term. I will ask teachers to let you know when these will take place. There will still be a 'Roll of Honour and Attendance Assembly' for all parents to attend on Thursday 28th March at 1pm before we close for school at 2pm for Easter.

As always, thank you for your continued support, Weeton may well be small its most certainly mighty! Mrs Miller



DATE	EVENT
FEB 9TH	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM FOR HALF TERM
FEB 19TH	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.45AM
MAR 6TH	PARENTS EVENING ALL PUPILS
MAR 7TH	WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP DAY (THEME TO BE CONFIRMED)
MAR 10TH	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE ST MICHAELS CHURCH 11AM
MAR 14TH	CHOCOLATE NON UNIFORM DAY PTFA EASTER BINGO EVENT
MAR 15TH	COMIC RELIEF NON UNIFORM DAY
MAR 22ND	PTFA EASTER BINGO EVENT 6.30PM ALL WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL
MAR 25TH	PARENT CELEBRATION OAK CLASS
MAR 26TH	PARENT CELEBRATION SAPLINGS
MAR 27TH	PARENT CELEBRATIONS ACORNS
MAR 28TH	TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOS - 9AM FAMILY ASSEMBLY 1PM SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM FOR EASTER