

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

Well done everyone, we have all survived the long half term! Thank you for your continued support in getting your children in to school on time. I know it is tricky the more tired the children become! School attendance is essential and the school's attendance is currently 96.3% which is above average.

It has been lovely to see many of you at our Autumn term parents evening this week. It really helps us to help your child have conversations around their learning and share the targets for the next term.

The book fair was a huge success last week, thank you so much for everyone that took the time to come and buy a book and grow our love of reading. As a result of your spending, we have £1161 in credit with scholastic to spend on books to enrich our library and curriculum.

YEAR 2 FOOTBALL

Last week, Year 2 took part in their first football match of the season. The team left school with much excitement and played four games against local schools. Unfortunately, they didn't win any of their games but what they lost in goals they made up for with enthusiasm and gusto!

YEAR 3 @ HERD FARM

On Monday, Year 3 set out on an adventure to Herd Farm to learn about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron age. They learnt how people hunted, how shelters were made and how they survived. Year 3 demonstrated excellent behaviour and really showed resilience in learning new skills. The instructors and the staff were impressed by the children's questioning to further their learning. Well done Year 3!

RECEPTION TRIP TO THE HOLLIES

Last week, Reception went on their first trip out of school to the Hollies. In the morning they worked with a representative from Leeds City Council who talked to them about seeds and seed collecting, linked in with their Autumn theme. In the afternoon, the children made collections of natural objects and learnt about the trees, leaves and seeds. Thank you to the parent helpers and to the children who engaged with their outside learning.

The Big Draw

Last week we took part in the big draw. We always enjoy taking part in this event and following the theme of the year. The children and teachers are really creative in their approach and really demonstrate their

artistic talents. This year's theme was 'drawing with senses'. Each class took a different approach to this and some classes linked this in to their current topic.

Year 4's sense for the big draw was sight. The class collected autumn leaves to make a collage, made Autumn leaves that tessellated and painted different trees by experimenting with colour mixing. I am sure you will agree the outcome is pretty impressive!

Year 3 have been creating using the sense hearing. They have also been collecting leaves and autumn nature to create their artwork.



PTA

Next half term has quite a few things going on for the PTA who continue to raise essential funds for the benefit of the school. Here is a run down of the things going on so you are all aware:

1. Sunday 5th November – Place your orders for the wreath making evening
2. Monday 6th November – Greentouch Landscapes will be in school to start the upgrade to the pond area
3. Wednesday 8th November – Please remember to order your Christmas Cards
4. Friday 10th November 6pm til 7.30pm – Neon Disco in the School Hall – **SOLD OUT!!**
5. Sunday 3rd December – Santa Brunch in the School Hall – more details to follow
6. Tuesday 5th December – Wreath making in the School Hall – please see below

If you would like to participate in an evening of wreath making with nibbles and festive drinks on Tuesday 5th December 2023 please see the flyer attached and head to the PTA store to order your wreath for £30 plus any extras. <https://weetwoodptastore.sumupstore.com> We have extended the deadline for any wreath orders until Sunday 5th November.

Also two ways for the PTA to fundraise easily are through easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wwschoolleeds/> and amazon smile. Please support Weetwood Parent Teachers Association by signing up on www.smile.amazon.co.uk

If you would like to donate anything further to the PTA you can also donate directly by emailing weetwoodpta@yahoo.com for further details.

Please look out for the sign up sheet to volunteer at the Neon Disco on 10th November 2023 when it is circulated via the class Whatsapp Groups. We will also be holding a **Christmas Jumper Swap** at the disco so please bring any jumpers you would like to swap into school on Friday 10th November and we will run it as a pay as you feel event, with the money raised going to the PTA.

Today, we wave a fond farewell to Mrs Lowe who has worked in school for 19 years. Mrs Lowe has always been a huge advocate for sport, particularly gymnastics, and over the years she taught and influenced many children at Weetwood. I know will you join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Lowe for her time and dedication in to Weetwood over the years. We wish you all the best for the future!



Finally, please can I remind you that PE hoodies should be non-branded and that headbands in school should be simple bands, not with ears etc. as these can become very distracting to the children.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term. If you are taking part in halloween or bonfire night, please stay safe.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

Dates for the diary

September	October	November	December
Monday 18th September: Year 2 Curriculum Evening (5pm-5.30pm)	Monday 9th October: Year 5 Trip to Lotherton Hall	Monday 6th November: All pupils return to school.	Tuesday 5th December: Year 5 – Piece Museum
Wednesday 27th September: European languages day	Wednesday 11th October: Year 6 Trip to Abbey House Museum	Thursday 9th November: Flu spray vaccinations in school.	Wednesday 6th December: Year 1 Trip to Middleton Railway Year 2 Teddy Bear Hospital visit in school (PM)
Wednesday 27th September: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 Phonics Information evening. (5pm-6pm)	W.C. 16th October: Book fair in school.	Friday 10th November: PTA Disco (6pm-8pm)	Thursday 7th December: Year 2 Trip to Lotherton Hall
Thursday 28th September: Individual Photographs	Monday 23rd October: Year 3 Trip to Herd Farm	W.C 13th November: Anti-Bullying Week	Thursday 14th December: Year 6 Trip to see Oliver at Leeds Playhouse
Friday 29th September: Non-Uniform Day to raise money for Leeds Children’s Charity	Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October Parents evening	Wednesday 15th November: Reception 2024 Open Morning (9.30-11.30) Pre-School Open Evening (3.30-5.30)	Tuesday 19th December: KS1 Christmas Show (2.15pm)
	Friday 27th October: Harvest Assembly (Reception and KS1 parents only)	Friday 17th November: Children in Need.	Wednesday 20th December: Reception & Preschool Nativity (9.30am)
	Non-Uniform Day for Leeds Children’s Charity	Wednesday 22nd November:	Years 5/6 Music and Carol Concert (2.15pm)
	School closes for Half-Term		

	<p>W.C 30st October: Half term holiday</p>	<p>Share Our Learning (9am-10am) Year 3 Teddy Bear Hospital visit in school (PM)</p> <p>Friday 24th November: Cross Country Festival at Roundhay High School (PM)</p> <p>Thursday 30th November: Christmas Pantomime (PM)</p>	<p>Thursday 21st December: Years 3/4 Music and Carol Concert (2.15pm)</p> <p>Friday 22nd December: School closes for the Christmas holidays.</p>
January	February	March	
<p>Monday 8th January All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd January Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p> <p>Wednesday 31st January School nurses -Year 6 and Reception height and weight check.</p>	<p>Monday 5th-Wednesday 7th February: Lineham Farm (Y4)</p> <p>Friday 9th February: School Closes for half term.</p> <p>Monday 19th February: Teacher training Day.</p> <p>Tuesday 20th February: All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.</p> <p>Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd: Parents evening.</p>	<p>Monday 4th March: Year 6 Trip to Magna</p> <p>Thursday 7th March: World Book Day</p> <p>Wednesday 20th March: Share our Learning.</p> <p>Thursday 28th March: School closes for all pupils.</p>	
April	May	June	July
<p>Monday 15th April: All pupils return to school.</p>	<p>Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>W/C Monday 13th- Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Thursday 23rd May: School closes to all pupils.</p> <p>Friday 24th May: Teacher training day.</p>	<p>Monday 3rd June: All pupils return to school</p> <p>W.C. Monday 3rd June: Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p>W.C. Monday 10^h June: Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p>Monday 10th- Wednesday 12th: Yr. 6 trip to Edale</p> <p>Wednesday 19th June: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Friday 21rd June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p>Thursday 11th July: Music Show</p> <p>Friday 12th July: Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p>Sunday 14th July: Summer Fair</p> <p>Tuesday 16th July: Year 6 show</p> <p>Wednesday 17th July: Open evening for all parents</p> <p>Friday 19th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly</p> <p>Friday 19th July: School closes to all pupils</p>

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