

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a busy fortnight in school, with trips, World Book Day, British Science Week and Comic Relief. Still to come is Share our Learning next **Wednesday 20th March**, Year 5 are heading to the recycling plant, Tom Palmer is coming in to work with KS2 and World Downs Syndrome Day is on **Thursday 21st March** (please remember to wear odd socks).

RED NOSE DAY

We've had another fun filled day in school celebrating Comic relief. Thank you for all the lovely buns, cakes and biscuits that were donated, they were quite a hit at breaktime. Thank you to Mrs McLane and the school council for organising the event! Each class has been busy telling and making a joke book to add to their book corner. I'm looking forward to reading them. Thank you for all donations through just giving and through the bun sale, we will share the total once it has all been counted!

FOOTBALL

Last week, Yr6 and 5 played against Ireland Wood. They won by a whopping 5-0! Harry, the goalie, did an amazing job of stopping all of the other teams' shots. The goal scorers were Sam, Abdul and George but there was a great team effort and some excellent skills on show from every Weetwood player. Well done everyone!

TRIPS AND VISITS

Last week, Year 6 had a fantastic visit to Magna, the science adventure centre! Magna is a hands-on experience with a variety of interactive exhibits. The centre has four pavilions to explore on Air, Earth, Fire and Water. As part of their day, Year 6 took part in a light workshop that linked to their science topic. The children learnt about shadows, reflection, refraction, fibre optics, lasers, black holes and stars! All the class were wonderfully behaved and enjoyed their trip out.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day. The day consisted of a fun filled assembly with a book quiz, a masked reader competition, paired readers with another class and everyone completed some work about the story The Three Little Pigs. Some children, inspired by raps about

books in assembly, created their own raps about stories. These were very impressive and can also be found on Dojo. Thank you to everyone for the amazing efforts with the costumes – the children looked fabulous. The drawing competition had many entries, which made it very difficult to choose the winners. The winning entries can be found on Dojo and the children have received book prizes. Key Stage 2 also have the author Tom Palmer visiting them next week, which will compliment the World Book Day events.

The main aim of World Book Day is to promote reading for pleasure so please make sure you use your book voucher to claim your free book and keep reading everyone!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week in school. The theme this year is 'Time' and each class has been busy investigating this concept through different questions and topics. These have included: Is time travel possible? Which animals will become extinct in my lifetime? How does a Formula 1 car go so fast? It has been wonderful taking part in online live lessons with real life scientists who taught us about the lifecycle of a beetle.

We have also used this week to begin exploring our newly-refurbished pond area. Following a safety briefing, children have had the opportunity to try pond dipping using our new telescopic nets to find out what is living in our habitat. We have also purchased several pairs of binoculars so that we can make use of the bird hide.

PTA

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA Disco last half term. We continue to raise money for the benefit of the school. The money raised at the Disco will be funding the equipment needed to be able to fully use the newly-refurbished pond area.

We continue to plan for further fundraising events throughout the year so please make a note of the following dates and keep an eye out for further information:

Friday 10th May – Quiz Night

Friday 28th June – Sports Day Picnic

Sunday 14th July – Summer Fair



Preparations are already underway for the Summer Fair and a giant inflatable obstacle course has been booked. We would also like more stall holders this year so if you know of anyone who would be interested in having a stall please get in touch with your PTA Rep through the WhatsApp year group chats or by emailing weetwoodpta@yahoo.com. We are also always in need of gazebos so if anyone has some to donate or for us to borrow then please let us know.

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 8pm at LOAF on Otley Road. All parents and carers are members of the PTA so if you would like to get involved or know more about what we do then please come along.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

Dates for the diary – New dates in red

January	February	March	
Monday 8th January All pupils return to school.	Thursday 1st February: Pre-School & Reception Stay and Play (2pm)	Monday 4th March: Year 6 Trip to Magna	
Tuesday 23rd January Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm	Friday 2nd February: Break the Rules Day – please see above information	Thursday 7th March: World Book Day	
Tuesday 30th January: Dental Survey on 5 year olds – more information to follow	Friday 2nd February: PTA Disco	Monday 11th March: Year 6 Trip to Lawnswood High School to see Beauty and the Beast	
Wednesday 31st January School nurses – Year 6 and Reception height and weight check.	Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th February: Lineham Farm (Y4)	Thursday 14th March: Year 1 Trip to St Chad's Church	
	Change of Date – Thursday 8th February: Second Round of Cross Country at Temple Newsam (Time TBC)	Friday 15th March: Comic Relief	
	Friday 9th February: Dress to Express Yourself School Closes for half term.	Monday 18th March: Year 5 Trip to Veolia Waste	
	Monday 19th February: Teacher training Day.	Tuesday 19th March: Tom Palmer Workshop in school for Year 3-6	
	Tuesday 20th February: All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.	Wednesday 20th March: Share our Learning – 930-1030 (Refreshments in the hall 900-930)	
	Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd: Parents evening.	Trip to watch Leeds Rhinos Netball Training Session for selected Year 4 and 5 pupils (pupils selected have been informed)	
	Thursday 29th February: Year 3/4 Football at Bodington Football Hub – more details to follow Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Thursday 21st March: Odd Socks for Down Syndrome Day	
		Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament	

		<p>Monday 25th March: Non-Uniform Day for Yellow Team</p> <p>Wednesday 27th March: Year 4 Parents Evening</p> <p>Edale and SATs meeting for Year 6 parents at 5pm</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>Thursday 18th April: Year 4 Viking Workshop</p> <p>Thursday 24th April: Reception Trip to St Chad's Church</p>	<p>Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>Friday 10th May: PTA Quiz Night</p> <p>W/C Monday 13th: Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd May: Class Photographs</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 21st June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th July: Year 5 Trip to Harewood House</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>