

# Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a busy fortnight we have had in school! It has been so wonderful to see so many of you as well as grandparents, other relatives and family friends. We hope we have managed to fill you with festive cheer in time for the Christmas celebrations! The shows have been wonderful this year, it is excellent to see so many children brimming with confidence as they sing, act, play music and dance on stage!

Last week we all enjoyed Christmas Dinner in school. It is always a military operation to get all the pupils fed during lunchtime. This year, the dinner service ran incredibly smoothly, the children enjoyed their Christmas crackers provided by the PTA as well as singing along to the Christmas tunes. A big thank you to the kitchen team and catering Leeds for their wonderful service

## MUSIC

The school choir have been busy practising their Christmas songs since September, we have all thoroughly enjoyed getting in to Christmas so early! Last week, the choir visited St Chads Court (across the road) to sing their repertoire of Christmas hits to the residents. The residents said the choir were wonderful and that they left them feeling very Christmassy. On Friday, the choir also performed to the parents and carers as part of the music show. They all sang incredibly well and we are all looking forward to learning some new songs to share with you in the spring term. Also, on Friday, some of our talented musicians performed the keyboard, piano, violin, flute and recorder as part of the show. I am sure you will agree, there were so many talented musicians in the show and it was wonderful to see them showcasing these talents. Many of these children learn to play an instrument with Mr Duffin but some children learn outside of school. If your child learns an instrument and would like to be part of the show next time, please let me know.

## MUSIC LESSONS

The music lessons for after Christmas are now live on Arbor. These will be running for the 5 weeks in the 1<sup>st</sup> half term. **W/C 8<sup>th</sup> January until W/E 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please ensure you have booked your child into these before Friday the **5<sup>th</sup> of January** to ensure they are on the list to start the first week back.

### **Message from Mr Duffin:**

*Unfortunately, I'm unable to commit to providing music lessons after the February half term this coming year due to touring commitments. I'm looking forward to teaching throughout January into February and I want to thank you all for supporting your children with their lessons, we always*

*have a lot of fun and there are certainly some very capable musicians at the school. I'm looking forward to hearing and seeing them develop. Thanks again, it's honestly such a privilege. I hope you all have a great Christmas.*

*Chris Duffin*

We are currently looking into different music providers to continue these lessons from W/C 19<sup>th</sup> February. As soon as we have more information regarding this we will of course let you know.

## SPORT

The girls football team continue to improve their skills and gel together as a team. On Saturday, they played another friendly match at Boddington football pitches. The girls played a great game, but unfortunately lost the game 2-0. With every game played a victory is getting ever closer. A big thank you to Cesca for helping the team this weekend and a huge shout out to **Alice Pinches** who was most definitely player of the match!

The running club with Mr Crawford is going well and the children are progressing each week. The children who are through to the Cross Country at Temple Newsam have been practising in Meanwood park. Each week their stamina and resilience grows. Here they are cooling down on the swing after running up and down the hills.

After the holidays, Miss Clift has organised for the Yorkshire Cricket to come in to school and teach cricket skills across years 3 to 6. They will be in school from the first Wednesday and will be teaching every Wednesday of the half term. All children in Years 3-6 will need to come in their PE kit on Wednesdays of the first half term. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that PE at Weetwood is black joggers, leggings or shorts and a red t-shirt and a red hoodie (for now- I mentioned in the previous newsletter about phasing out hoodies and replacing them with red fleeces). There should be no obvious branded PE kit.

## YEAR 4 ART WORK

Year 4's art focus has been collage and they have worked hard to create some wonderful pieces inspired by the artist, Matisse. Because of all their hard work, the children's art has been made into prints and will be sold in the local art shop: Art & Framing at Mellor's. The sale of the artwork will contribute towards the Lineham Farm fundraiser. If you are passing over the holidays please nip in and take a look!



As the staff round up this term, they are already busy planning in next terms events. Please take time to look at the calendar and make a note of any additions that impact the cohort your child(ren) are in.

As we have come to the end of the term, there have been a growing number of children arriving late in school. We understand that your children are tired, however, it is important that they arrive to school on time as missing 5 to 10 minutes adds up over time and the time missed will impact the child’s overall attainment. If you or your family are having specific difficulties arriving on time, please come and speak to myself or Miss Westlake.

I really hope you all have an enjoyable and restful break.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mrs Ellison and the Weetwood team.

**Dates for the diary – New dates in red**

January	February	March
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> All pupils return to school.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Dental Survey on 5 year olds – more information to follow</p> <p><b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> School nurses -Year 6 and Reception height and weight check.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February:</b> Pre-School &amp; Reception Stay and Play (TBC)</p> <p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:</b> PTA Disco</p> <p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Lineham Farm (Y4)</p> <p><b>Change of Date - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Second Round of Cross Country at Temple Newsam (Time TBC)</p> <p><b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Year 6 Trip to Magna</p> <p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:</b> West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals (TBC)</p> <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</b> World Book Day</p> <p><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Year 5 Trip to Veolia Waste</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Share our Learning.</p> <p><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b> School closes for all pupils.</p>

	<p>School Closes for half term.</p> <p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Teacher training Day.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:</b> All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Parents evening.</p> <p><b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Year 3/4 Football at Bodington Football Hub – more details to follow</p>		
<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:</b> All pupils return to school.</p> <p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Year 4 Viking Workshop</p>	<p><b>Monday 6<sup>st</sup> May:</b> May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p><b>W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-</b> Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:</b> Class Photographs</p> <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:</b> School closes to all pupils.</p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Teacher training day.</p>	<p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:</b> All pupils return to school</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:</b> Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 10<sup>h</sup> June:</b> Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Yr. 6 trip to Edale</p> <p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Share Our Learning</p> <p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:</b> Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 5 Trip to Harewood House</p> <p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Music Show</p> <p><b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Summer Fair</p> <p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 6 show</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Open evening for all parents</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Y6 Leavers Assembly</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:</b> School closes to all pupils</p>



