

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we begin to approach the end of the half term, the parents evening slots have gone live on Arbor. Parents evening will be held on **Wednesday 23rd** and **Thursday 24th of October**. If your child has SEND, the teachers will have contacted you to make a separate appointment. This parents evening is to discuss with the teachers how your child has settled in to their new year group and we will share with you things you can be doing at home to support your child's education. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have a school training day on **Friday 25th October**.

NATIONAL CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

Sunday 6th October was National Cerebral Palsy Day. To celebrate this special day, Seb worked with Mr Carslake to put together a presentation to his class and he made them all key rings to raise awareness. Seb confidently shared with the class his story and showed them how they can support him in school. On Tuesday, he came to the office to deliver his presentation to me and Miss Westlake. We are proud of all the children in school but Seb has really demonstrated this last week there is nothing stopping him achieving. Well done Seb we are all very proud of you!

BIG DRAW

During the month of October, we are celebrating Big Draw in school. The theme this year is 'Drawing in Motion'. Each class will be completing art work in the style of their chosen artist. Below is an outline of the different artists and activities they will be doing. Keep an eye on your child's Class Dojo page to see examples of children's work.



THE BIG DRAW FESTIVAL 2024: DRAWING IN MOTION

- Reception will be studying Kandinsky and how his main geometric shapes are surrounded by secondary lines and shapes, creating a sense of movement.
- Year 1 will be looking at the fluidity of line and the work of Jackson Pollock.
- Year 2 will be looking at 'Take your line for a walk' and exploring the artist Paul Klee.
- Year 3 will be doing David Hockney. Using watercolours to paint the motion of swimming pools.
- Year 4 will be looking at Jon Burgerman and creating artwork in the artists chosen style.
- Year 5 are going to look at Van Gogh and creating artwork in the artists chosen style.
- Year 6 are looking at Graffiti art and the artist Keith Haring.

If you would like to explore more about the Big Draw festival please follow the link below.

<https://thebigdraw.org/the-big-draw-festival-2024-drawing-in-motion>

YEAR 5 AT LOTHERTON HALL

On Monday, the sun was shining for Year 5's trip to Lotherton Hall. To enrich their World War 1 topic, Year 5 spent the day learning about the history of Lotherton Hall. The house was owned by the wealthy Gascoigne family and during WW1 the house became a hospital where nurses cared for over 400 soldiers. The class travelled back in time, toured the house and learnt what the different rooms were used for. The children learnt about Solider Pickles and Roberts and decided how best to treat their injuries. Following this, the children handled a range of artefacts and discovered what they were used for. As a final treat, the children spent some time in the wildlife park exploring and using their sketching skills to sketch the animals. Year 5 were a credit to the school and had a great day bringing their learning to life.

BOOK FAIR

We are delighted to inform you that the Weetwood Book Fair is back and will run from **Friday 11th October to Thursday 17th October**. The opening times will be between 8:30am and 8:45am in the morning and 3:15pm and 3:30pm in the evening.

Please note, on **Friday 11th October** the book fair will only open in the afternoon and on **Thursday 17th**, it will only be open in the morning. If you are attending a morning session, please use the Weetwood Lane gate and enter the hall using the covered court doors. The book fair will be **cashless** you will need a smart phone and debit or credit card to pay for the books you purchase.

When you buy books from the book fair the school receives reward points and this enables us to buy books to support the curriculum. Last year we raised over £1000 for school so your support is really appreciated.



ECO TEAM

On Wednesday lunchtime, the Eco team had a visit from Richard at Solar for Schools Energy. Richard talked to the children about his job and how he checks the solar panels but also checks on the efficiency of the building. The children discussed the importance of saving energy and how different appliances use energy even when they are not being used. The children all asked some interesting questions and listened carefully. At the end of the session, they got the chance to try out one of the instruments Richard uses, the heat sensor.

LINEHAM FARM

Every year, Year 4 visit Lineham Farm for their annual residential visit. Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm is dedicated to brightening children's lives by providing unforgettable breaks and valuable learning experiences. As well as providing school residentials, Lineham Farm work with the most disadvantaged children in the city, offering them respite from difficult, and sometimes abusive, home lives. A break at Lineham Farm is filled with adventure, fun and learning in a safe and happy environment – it's childhood as it should be.

Year 4 are raising money to help other children, often less fortunate than themselves, experience the magic of Lineham Farm. Over the course of the next six months, Year 4 will be hosting a range of events to raise money for this wonderful charity. **The first event will be a non – uniform day on Friday 18th October.** We would be grateful if you could make a small donation to the page below to help kick start our fundraising – no cash please https://www.justgiving.com/page/sara-westlake-1728566000992?utm_term=Z_nM7Z4aRK

SEND EVENT

On Thursday we attended a SEND Athletics event. The children worked on many different skills. They practiced throwing javelins and different sports balls, jumping over different obstacles and ran as a team in a relay. Everyone participated all morning, showing great resilience and turn taking. The children came back to school very excited and with lots of stickers.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are rotating after school activities each half term. This is to help ensure every child has the opportunity to join in with different activities throughout the year. This half term we have had KS2 running, Year 2 and 3 football and Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills. The children have enjoyed these clubs and still have a couple of weeks left.

From after October half term we will be running the following clubs:

Club	Day	Staff Member	Information
KS2 Running Club	Monday	Mr Crawford	This will continue from the previous half term.
Cooking Club	Monday	Mrs Watkins	This will be for Year 5 and 6. There will be 2 groups, one from 4th November to 18th November and the other from 25th November to 9th December. Due to the cost of food there will be a small charge for cooking club.
Year 4 Football	Tuesday	Mr Raines	Year 4 development football group. Aimed at those children who want to develop their skills.
Year 2 and 3 Multi-sports	Thursday	Miss Clift	Multi-sports will focus on different sports.

These clubs will start from week commencing 4th November and will run for 6 weeks until the week commencing 9th December. You can book into these activities on Arbor from Monday 14th October.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

Diary Dates 2024.25

September	October	November	December
<p>Tuesday 3rd September: School opens to pupils.</p> <p>Wednesday 19th September: Curriculum Open Evening (4 –5.30pm)</p> <p>Thursday 26th September: European languages day.</p> <p>Friday 27th September: Selected Year 6 Pupils to Leeds Youth Summit</p>	<p>Wednesday 2nd October: Nursery, Reception, Year 1- Phonics Information evening. (5pm-6pm)</p> <p>Friday 4th October: PTA Social at St Chad's Parish Centre</p> <p>Monday 7th October: Year 5 Trip to Lotherton Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 9th October: Individual Photographs</p> <p>Friday 11th October: PTA School Disco</p> <p>W.C. 14th October: Book fair in school.</p> <p>Year 6 Saltaire Workshop</p> <p>W.C 14th October: SEND Parents meetings</p> <p>Friday 18th October: Non-Uniform Day to raise money for Leeds Children's Charity</p> <p>Halloween Costume Swap Shop</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October: Parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 24th October: Year 6 Trip to Abbey House Museum & Kirkstall Abbey Harvest Assembly</p> <p>Friday 25th October: Training Day. School Closed to pupils.</p> <p>W.C 28th October: Half term holidays</p>	<p>Monday 4th November: All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Wednesday 6th November: Year 6 Lawnswood Math's Puzzle Afternoon in school</p> <p>W.C 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week</p> <p>Wednesday 13th November: Share our Learning.</p> <p>Friday 15th November: Children in Need.</p> <p>Thursday 21st November: SEND Bowling Event</p> <p>Friday 22nd November: Christmas Jumper Swap Shop</p> <p>Thursday 28th November: Pantomime</p> <p>Friday 29th November: Christmas Jumper Swap Shop</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th December: Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop</p> <p>Sunday 8th December: Santa Crafternoon</p> <p>Monday 9th December: Flu spray vaccinations in school.</p> <p>Tuesday 17th December: 9.15am – EYFS Christmas Show. 2.15pm – KS1 Christmas Show</p> <p>Wednesday 18th December: 9.15am – KS1 Christmas Show. 2.15pm – EYFS Christmas Show</p> <p>Thursday 19th December: -KS2 Christmas Music Show.</p> <p>Friday 20th December: School closes for the Christmas holidays.</p>
January	February	March	
<p>Monday 6th January All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Tuesday 21st January Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p>	<p>Saturday 1st February: PTA Quiz and Curry Night</p> <p>Wednesday 5th February: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Monday 10th – 12th February: Lineham Farm for Year 4.</p> <p>Friday 14th February: School Closes for half term.</p> <p>World Book Day Costume Swap Shop</p> <p>Monday 24th February: All pupils return to school</p>	<p>Thursday 6th March: World Book Day</p> <p>PTA World Book Day Event</p> <p>Friday 14th March: Progress reports to parents.</p> <p>Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March: Parents evening.</p>	

April	May	June	July
<p>Friday 4th March: School closes for all pupils.</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd April: All pupils return to school.</p>	<p>Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>W/C Monday 12th - Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Tuesday 20th May: School nurses -Year 6 and Reception height and weight check.</p> <p>Wednesday 21st May: Class Photos.</p> <p>Thursday 22nd May: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Thursday 22nd May: School closes to all pupils.</p> <p>Friday 23rd May: Teacher training day.</p>	<p>Monday 2nd June: All pupils return to school</p> <p>W.C. Monday 2nd June: Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p>W.C. Monday 9th June: Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p>Friday 20th June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 25th June –</p> <p>Friday 27th June: Edale Residential (Y6)</p>	<p>Friday 4th July: Sports Day and PTA Picnic.</p> <p>Thursday 10th July: Music Show.</p> <p>Friday 11th July: Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p>Saturday 12th July: Year 6 Party</p> <p>Sunday 13th July: PTA School Summer Fair</p> <p>Tuesday or Wednesday 15/16th July: Year 6 show</p> <p>Friday 18th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly</p> <p>Friday 18th July: School closes to all pupils</p>