

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break. I hope that you all had a relaxing break and that you were able to enjoy some much-needed downtime. The first two weeks have flown by and there are only three left before the half term!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

It is Children's Mental Health Week from **5th to 11th February** and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'.

The wellbeing team have met and would like to have a poster competition to promote Children's Mental Health Week. The winning posters will be put up around school to promote Children's Mental Health.

If your child would like to enter the poster will need to give information about:

-Children's mental health week

-The date: 5th to 11th February

-A colourful picture of something that makes them happy or a pattern.

The winning poster from each class will be displayed in school. If your child would like to enter the competition the posters need to be no larger than A4 size. Please make sure your child's name and class is written on the back of the poster and hand any entries to your child's class teacher. The closing date for this competition is Friday 2nd February. The winners will be chosen on that day so the posters can be displayed around school during Children's Mental Health Week. On Friday 9th February, we would like the children to come 'dressed to express themselves'. The Well-being team are keen to raise money for a charity but further details for this will be shared in the coming weeks.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

On Friday 2nd February, Year 4 are organising their final fundraising event to raise money for Lineham farm. This will be a 'BREAK THE RULES DAY'! The children will have a chance to break up to four rules and donate up to £2 (50P per rule) to the Lineham farm just giving page. The rules are: wearing your own clothes for the day, wearing your uniform incorrectly, coming in a crazy hair style, bringing an unhealthy (nut free) snack for break time, juice in your water bottle (no fizzy drinks), change your name for the day and bring in a small cuddly toy. We appreciate the continued support for Lineham farm. A fundraising link will follow.



THE BIG SCHOOL BIRD WEEK

Next week the whole school will be taking part in the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch. It is a great opportunity to explore our wonderful outdoor area and take a closer look at the nature around us. Every class will spend time outside with our binoculars looking for the different birds in our grounds and using the bird hide in

our beautiful, regenerated pond area. Over the years we have seen a variety of different birds from the common robin, blue tits and magpies to the more unusual tree creepers, nuthatches and woodpeckers. I wonder what we will see this year!



Next weekend 26th -28th January also marks the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. You can continue enjoying the birds at home, recording the birds that land in your garden for 1 hour and submitting your results to the RSPB. If you are interested in this, please register your interest using the link below.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats happening/big garden birdwatch?sourcecode=bwmith0230&utm_source=googleads&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_campaign=bgbw2024&utm_content=ppc&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMItnQhtlbngwMVb4ZQBh32ewm4EAAYASAAEgI4bvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

Happy Birding!

KS2 CRICKET

Since we returned to school, Key Stage Two have been taking part in cricket sessions with Tom from Yorkshire Cricket. The lessons link in to the Grass Roots Association who are promoting cricket in schools. The first week the children learnt how to bowl and were bowling at stumps. This week, the children have been practising batting. Over the coming weeks the children will build these skills together and play a game.

PTA UPDATE

The PTA Committee had a productive first meeting of the year on Tuesday. Following the completion of the nature area around the pond we do need to press on with some fundraising so please see the following key dates you should be aware of:

1st Half of the Spring Term - Friday 2nd February 2024 – PTA Shine Bright Disco – 6pm until 7.30pm

2nd Half of Spring Term – Rainbow Raffle and collection for a local food bank – more details to follow

1st Half of the Summer Term – A Quiz or Bingo Night – To be confirmed

2nd Half of the Summer Term- Friday 28th June 2024 – Sports Day Picnic – more details to follow

- Sunday 14th July 2024 – Summer Fair – more details to follow

Tickets are now on sale for the PTA Shine Bright Disco.



It is £5 for a child's ticket which includes bottomless juice, face paints and/or tattoos. Adult entry is free. Please visit <https://weetwoodptastore.sumupstore.com/product/school-disco> to order your tickets. Places are limited so please book as soon as possible.

As always, we need volunteers to help run the event so if you can spare some time please sign up on the volunteer sign up sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/48WMD>

If you have any ideas about fundraising or stalls/games for the Summer Fair then please speak to your PTA Rep or email weetwoodpta@yahoo.com.

I hope you all have a lovely 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	Friday 2nd February:	Wednesday 6th March: West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals (TBC)	

<p>Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p> <p>Tuesday 30th January: Dental Survey on 5 year olds – more information to follow</p> <p>Wednesday 31st January School nurses -Year 6 and Reception height and weight check.</p>	<p>Break the Rules Day – please see above information</p> <p>Friday 2nd February: PTA Disco</p> <p>Monday 5th-Wednesday 7th February: Lineham Farm (Y4)</p> <p>Change of Date - Thursday 8th February: Second Round of Cross Country at Temple Newsam (Time TBC)</p> <p>Friday 9th February: Dress to Express Yourself 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>Thursday 29th February: Year 3/4 Football at Bodington Football Hub – more details to follow Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park</p>	<p>Thursday 7th March: World Book Day</p> <p>Monday 18th March: Year 5 Trip to Veolia Waste</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>Thursday 18th April: Year 4 Viking Workshop</p>	<p>Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday.</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:</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:</p>

		<p>Share Our Learning</p> <p>Friday 21st June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p>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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