

# Weetwood School News



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been keeping busy in school since we arrived back in January. Last week, the whole school took part in a rigorous Headteacher recruitment process. The children made us all proud, it was wonderful to hear them talk so passionately about their school and how they want to improve it! All our visitors in school commented on how articulate, confident and welcoming the children were and the curriculum that we have worked so hard to design was really shining through! WELL DONE EVERYONE. As you will be aware, I was the successful candidate and I am absolutely thrilled and very excited to continue to build on the strengths of the school. Thank you for all the messages of congratulations and all the support you have provided to me and the school over the last 18 months.

## The Weetwood Values

As part of our Weetwood vision we also have the Weetwood values. The values are threaded throughout the curriculum and underpin the curriculum. This term we are promoting the values and teaching the children what they mean. Each week we are looking out for the values in the children and sending postcards to children who have demonstrated the values. Last week the children learnt about **Resilience**. The children who were awarded the certificates were: Leena (Y6), Oscar (Y5), Tilda (Y4), Elsa (Y3), Florence (Y2), Evan (Y1) and Noor(YR).



## Covid 19

The Covid situation continues to evolve in school and there are new cases every day. The current numbers are 1 case in Year 1, 2 cases in Year 2, 3 cases in year 3, 3 cases in Year 5, 2 cases in Year 6 and 3 cases in Nursery.

The DFE and Health and Safety's aim is that we keep face to face teaching throughout this wave of the pandemic, this means we don't close classes and only the children that are positive remain at home. Whilst this is the aim of the government and Leeds City council, there is a tipping point where it is unsafe to have pupils in school if we don't have sufficient staffing to keep pupils in school safe. We are not at this point but things change quickly and I wanted to make you aware that this could happen if staff are heavily affected by positive cases.

We currently have two teachers who have tested positive in Year 1 and Year 3. We will try our best to keep consistent staffing in these year groups for the pupils but this isn't always possible. Please bear with us as we get through this wave of cases, our aim is to keep children in school but this may mean that regular routines such as book changing etc. may vary.

The symptoms of the Omicron strain seem to be varied and vast, if your child is complaining of feeling unwell, please test them using a Lateral Flow Test and if your child has any of the three main symptoms, please book a PCR test.

The isolation periods have been reduced, if your child is isolating at home, you can test them on day 5 and day 6 using a lateral flow test and if they are negative on both days, they are able to return to school and stop their isolation. If they are positive, then you can continue to test them and once they have two negative tests then they can return to school. Please note that the first day they test negative or start with symptoms is day 0.

## Bird Week

Next week is Bird Week in school. All classes will have the chance to go birdwatching in the school grounds and record all the different birds we see as part of the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch. Children will take part in lots of different bird-themed activities from drawing and painting birds to looking at how birds have adapted to their environment. The children always get so enthusiastic about this week and love watching the birds in our grounds. The children can continue their enthusiasm at home next weekend as it is The Big Garden Birdwatch. If you do take part, please submit your results via the RSPB website.



## Use of the school hall

The school hall is a great space to use for a variety of different purposes. If you are planning a children's party or you know of a small business that needs a venue for events, then the school hall is available to let in the evening and at the weekends. If you want to find out more, please email [bursar@weetwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:bursar@weetwoodprimary.co.uk)

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Up and coming events:
7.2.22-9.2.22	Year 5 Lineham Farm
9.2.22-11.2.22	Year 4 Lineham Farm
7.2.22-13.2.22	Children's mental health week (More information to follow)
15.2.22	Thrive Day
3.3.22	World Book Day
8.3.22	International Women's Day
14.3.22	British Science week
18.3.22	Comic Relief
21.3.22	Fair trade fortnight

I hope you all have a restful and fun weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ellison