

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

It feels like it is more than two weeks since we returned from half term! We have been down several members of staff with a variety of illnesses over the last month, as a result we have had to make last minute changes and adaptations, and I thank you for your patience with this. There are some signs of spring so I hope we are through the virus season!



In other news, we have recruited some new governors to be part of the governing body. Joining us on the governing body is Mike Pinches (Alice and Evan's Dad), Liz Hindmarsh (Alice and Emily's Mum), Seema Hussain (Ava's Mum) and Philippa Keasey (a soon to be parent). If you want to know more about governance and how they support the strategic running of the school, there is an overview on the website or you can come and speak to myself or other establish governors.

FUNDRAISING

On Sunday, some pupils in Year 4, Emily, Paisley, Alice, Zoe, Heidi and Millie organised a bake sale for a Dementia charity. The children, baked and organised the event to raise money for Lewy Body Society, which support patients and families with a specific type of Dementia. Sadly, Millie's grandad has been diagnosed with Dementia and the Year 4 team wanted to help support the charity. The bake sale made a brilliant £303.

THINKING DAY

Last Thursday was World Thinking Day for all members of Girlguiding and The Scout Association. It is a time to think about other members around the world, to celebrate being part of these worldwide organisations and to celebrate our founders, Lord Baden Powell's and his wife Olave's birthdays. All members of Girlguiding and The Scout Association were invited to wear their uniform to school for the day. We all came together to renew our promise and to celebrate this important day.

FOOTBALL

The football leagues have been happening across school recently and a few weeks ago, Year 6 played against Otley St Joseph's in Otley. The team won 5-2, bringing them to the top of the league, with Sam, Jacob R and Abdul scoring the goals. Unfortunately, the team weren't so successful this week at Adel but they hope to be back to their winning streak in the next few games!

Yesterday, Miss Clift and Mr Pinches took 8 year 3 and 4 pupils to take part in a football tournament. Throughout the day, Kit, Lettie, Sonny, Arlo, Emmy E, Heidi, Oscar and Emily played 7 games against a variety of teams. In the morning, they unfortunately were defeated. However, after some lunch, which

clearly, they needed, they won 2 games, one of them with a whopping 8-0! They all had a great day and enjoyed taking part in the tournament.

YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

Yesterday, Year 2 had a GREAT DAY at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children spent their day in the park, taking part in a polar bear workshop linked to their habitat topic and looking around and exploring the park. Thank you to all the staff who organised the trip and the parents who volunteered their time to support the children on their visit.

It's World Book Day next week, all the information has been posted on Dojo and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes next Thursday. As part of our World Book Day activities we are looking forward to welcoming celebrated Leeds born author, Tom Palmer into school on **Tuesday 19th of March**. Tom will be working with the whole of KS2. This is a compulsory event and a fantastic opportunity to find out what inspires Tom, the challenges of writing and of course listen to some of his stories!

Please can I remind you about medicines in school. If your child requires medicine in school, please ensure that this is dropped at the office and a form is completed for school to administer the medicine. We have had incidences of medication being sent in bags recently. Finally, I would like to remind you that school PE kit is a **plain (unbranded) red hoodie** (a plain red fleece next year) and **plain (unbranded) black leggings or shorts**. If you don't have an unbranded hoodie, we have spares that we can provide the children. Please contact the office.

Please check the diary dates as March is always a busy month with different events in school.

I hope you have a good 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 Lincham 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: Lincham 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

	<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>Wednesday 20th March: Share our Learning. Trip to watch Leeds Rhinos Netball Training Session for selected Year 4 and 5 pupils (pupils selected have been informed)</p> <p>Monday 25th March: Non-Uniform Day for Yellow Team</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: 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>