

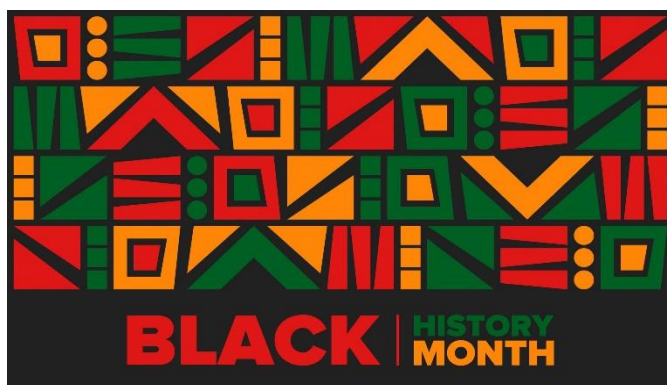
Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight in school and we are half way through the half term already! Over the next week we will release appointments for parents evening on Arbor. If your child has Special Educational Needs we will conduct these separately like we did last year, more information about this will follow in due course.

BLACK HISTORY

October is Black History Month in the UK, where people come together to recognise and celebrate the stories of amazing Black people who've shaped the world. These stories may have been forgotten about, never told or erased because of racism. Throughout the month and the academic year, our curriculum explores the history and stories of Black people who've made a difference and we celebrate Black culture and history.



This year's theme is 'Celebrating our Sisters' and will be launched in assembly on Tuesday. Throughout October we will explore a wide range of inspiring Black women. From familiar abolitionists such as Ona Judge and Harriet Tubman to less well-known Black women such as actress Nichelle Nichols, Turner prize nominated artist Barbara Walker and astronaut Mae Jemison, they all prove that perseverance and determination can lead to profound change.

COVID 19

As we enter in to the autumn and winter seasons, we are already starting to see an increase in colds and coughs. There have been a number of Covid cases over the last few weeks. Attendance in school is crucial and research shows that low attendance links closely to academic outcomes.

What to do if your child has symptoms of Covid 19: (Directly from the NHS website)

Try to stay home and avoid contact with other people if your child has symptoms and either:

- Has a high temperature
- Or they do not feel well enough to do normal activities or attend school.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school.

*Please note: It is advised that children under 18 years old are not Covid tested.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY

On Wednesday the whole School enjoyed a day of specially planned activities to celebrate European Languages Day. Each class had selected a European language to centre their activities around and we began with a whole school assembly in the morning to introduce the day during which the children considered how learning a foreign language helps to promote our school values of resilience, determination, kindness, inclusivity and tolerance. The children also had to try and spot different European languages using various clues including spoken examples of the language which they enjoyed.

PTA

We had a very productive meeting on Monday 18th September and send our thanks to all who came. We can confirm that the PTA members are as follows:

Joint Chair: Tom and Becky Haworth

Treasurer: Oliver Jarvis-King

Communications: Katy Harford and Claire Taylor

Year Reps: Pre-School: Vacant (Katy Harford will circulate messages at present)

Reception: Harriet Collins, Sarah Empson and Emma Chaldecott

Year 1: Sarah Roberts and Livie Allsobrook

Year 2: Katy Harford and Ania Oxley

Year 3: Hannah Buckroyd-Clarke and Caitlin Cunningham

Year 4: Claire Taylor and Oliver Jarvis-King

Year 5: Becky Haworth and Anne Pinches

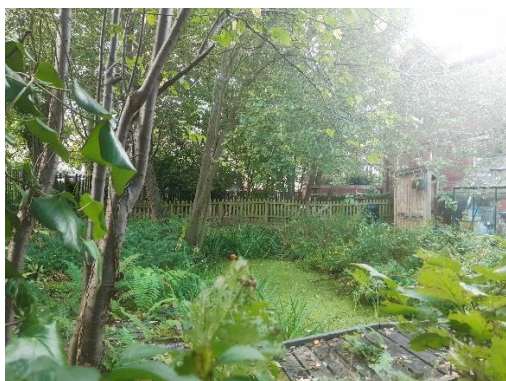
Year 6: Sarah Abenbrook

If you would like to get involved with the PTA then please speak to your PTA rep or email weetwoodpta@yahoo.com. We would like to express our thanks to Lucy Holland-Selby, who is our outgoing treasurer, for all she has done over the last few years.

The PTA have over the years fundraised to re-develop areas of the school for the benefit of the pupils. This includes the library, playground and little library.



We have now booked to have the pond area re-developed into an outdoor learning area.



The plans include a bridge over the pond with a dipping area, a solar pump installed in the pond, a staff wellness pagoda, paths, fences, a wood chip bird hive and a bug hotel. The work is set to commence on 6th November 2023 but we still need to raise some funds to cover the whole project. If you are able to donate, large or small, then please email weetwoodpta@yahoo.com to discuss how.

We are also busy planning the Neon Disco on Friday 10th November 2023 from 6pm until 7.30pm. Mr Shuffles will be on hand to provide the entertainment and there will also be food and a bar available. Tickets are £5 per child which includes entry, neon face paint and bottomless squash. Tickets can be purchased at <https://weetwoodptastore.sumupstore.com/product/child-s-entrance-ticket>

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that all children need to have a coat in school every day. We are already starting to see a build up of lost property across school. Please ensure all coats, cardigans and jumpers are named. Dates for the diary are below, new dates are marked in red.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellison

Dates for the Diary:

October	November	December
<p>Monday 9th October: Year 5 Trip to Lotherton Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 11th October: Year 6 Trip to Abbey House Museum</p> <p>W.C. 16th October: Book fair in school.</p> <p>W.C 16th October: SEND Parents meetings</p> <p>Monday 23rd October: Year 3 Trip to Herd Farm</p> <p>Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October Parents evening</p> <p>Friday 27th October: Harvest Assembly (Reception and KS1)</p> <p>Non-Uniform Day for Leeds Children's Charity</p> <p>School closes for Half-Term</p> <p>W.C 30st October: Half term holiday</p>	<p>Monday 6th November: All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Thursday 9th November: Flu spray vaccinations in school.</p> <p>Friday 10th November: PTA Disco (6pm-8pm)</p> <p>Saturday 11th November: Pre-School Open Morning (10am-12noon)</p> <p>W.C 13th November: Anti-Bullying Week</p> <p>Wednesday 15th November: Reception 2024 Open Morning (9.30-11.30) Pre-School Open Evening (3.30-5.30)</p> <p>Friday 17th November: Children in Need.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd November: Share Our Learning (9am-10am) Year 3 Teddy Bear Hospital visit in school (PM)</p> <p>Thursday 30th November: Christmas Pantomime (PM)</p>	<p>Tuesday 5th December: Year 5 – Piece Museum</p> <p>Wednesday 6th December: Year 1 Trip to Middleton Railway Year 2 Teddy Bear Hospital visit in school (PM)</p> <p>Thursday 7th December: Year 2 Trip to Lotherton Hall</p> <p>Thursday 14th December: Year 6 Trip to see Oliver at Leeds Playhouse</p> <p>Tuesday 19th December: KS1 Christmas Show (2.15pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 20th December: -Reception & Preschool Nativity (9.30am) -KS2 Music and Carol Concert (2.15pm)</p> <p>Thursday 21st December: -KS2 Music and Carol Concert (2.15pm)</p> <p>Friday 22nd December: School closes for the Christmas holidays.</p>
February	March	
<p>Monday 5th-Wednesday 7th February: Lineham Farm (Y4)</p> <p>Friday 9th February: School Closes for half term.</p> <p>Monday 19th February: Teacher training Day.</p> <p>Tuesday 20th February: All pupils return to school</p>	<p>Monday 4th March: Year 6 Trip to Magna</p> <p>Thursday 7th March: World Book Day</p> <p>Wednesday 20th March: Share our Learning.</p> <p>Thursday 28th March: School closes for all pupils.</p>	

<p>Progress reports to parents. Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd: Parents evening.</p>		
May	June	July
<p>Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>W/C Monday 13th- Year 6 SATs Week</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 21rd June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</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>