

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school over the last two weeks. The summer term is busy in school with a variety of events as well as KS2 SATs. Although we call it the summer term, the weather hasn't quite got the memo, please can I take this opportunity to remind you to send your child with a coat every day, even if it is just in their bag! Today KS2 have taken part in a VR experience, paid for by the PTA. Liam, from Discovery VR, guided the Year 6 children around the world's oceans from Antarctica to the tropics, explaining and discussing issues such as climate change, coral damage, agriculture and much more. It was a brilliant tour and the children absolutely loved the lesson.

ENRICHMENT

Last week, Year 3 had a wonderful Mexican day, the class spent the day preparing Mexican food, learning about Mexico, dancing to Mexican music and creating art that links to Mexico. Year 3 pupils wore a big smile on their faces throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Year 4 also kicked off their topic on the Vikings by welcoming in a Viking visitor for the day. The children looked at artefacts and looked at how archaeologists discovered how they were used. The children also looked at the Viking alphabet and used an antler horn to carve the leather to make a keyring. In the afternoon, year 4 learnt about Viking longhouses and re-enacted a Viking battle. The lady who visited the school, commended the class for their manners and their level of knowledge and questioning. She visits a lot of schools and was very impressed.

Finally, last week, we were offered a fantastic opportunity to join the first EYFS explorers' event at Lineham farm. We were only able to take 5 lucky pupils to the event so we had to pick names out of a hat. The children started their morning with 'creative minds' where the children made and played with goop and experimented with water and bubbles. Following this the children took part in a 'fire craft' activity, where the children learnt how to be safe around fire and practising making some sparks. Finally, the children learnt about the animals that live at Lineham farm before toasting and eating a marshmallow.

SPORTS

The children across school have been busy taking part in sports. This week, Year 3 took part in their league matches against a range of different schools. All the players participated really well, played well as a team and listened to the coaches. They were particularly thrilled to beat Meanwood, our local rivals. The Year 3 team are currently situated in the middle of the league table and hope to climb a little higher in their next matches.

Year 5 & 6 have also played their final match of their league this year and won 6-1 against Holy Name with Sam, Jacob and Abdul scoring the winning goals. This win has put them back at the top of the league, the team are waiting nervously to find if they will stay there following the completion of the other matches! Watch this space! It was lovely to hear the Holy Name parents and staff comment on the great sportsmanship and team spirit of the team! Well done everyone, here they are having a well-deserved end of season treat.

Finally, Saturday morning football welcomed Reception to training last weekend. Everyone that took part did very well, listening and participating and there was some great talent on show! It was too difficult for Coach Adam to decide on an overall player, so the trophy was awarded to everyone that took part! Well done Reception!

PTA



During the last PTA meeting, Mr Crawford discussed the ongoing issues with the usage of the school field and some exciting ideas of how to make this space more usable and accessible for the children of the school, including the possibility of having a Multi-Use Games Area.

Currently the school field is unable to be used for the majority of the school year. To date, the school field has not been able to be used at all this academic year. The school hopes to be able to start using the field over the

next few weeks as the weather improves.

The main reason the field is not usable for 80% of the school year is due to issues with drainage. Mr Clarkson has looked into many different drainage options, however none of these are guaranteed and are at a great expense.

The PTA would really like to look into the best solution of how to make the field a usable space for all the pupils of the school all year round. This would be a huge asset to the whole school and help promote the children's health and wellbeing throughout the year.

We would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this further and have a provisional date of Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm. If you have any expertise in playgrounds, surfaces, marketing, grants or fundraising or would just like to be a part of this project please complete this google form <https://forms.gle/rh6z1k5z4ASu1by8A>.

We are also trying something different and having a Quiz Night on **Friday 10th May 2024 at 8pm**. Tickets are £5 per person and you can have a team of up to 6 people.

Tickets include entry to three games, each with prizes available and snacks for your table. There will also be Weetwoodies Bar to order any refreshments. Tickets can be purchased from <https://weetwoodptastore.sumupstore.com/> - the Cash Prize available for the main quiz is dependent on the number of tickets sold. This event is open to all so please feel free to bring friends who aren't parents/carers of Weetwood.



The PTA over the years has helped to update the school library, playground and pond area and we do now want to help the school with the field. We also have yearly contributions that we make including an enrichment day, RE coaches, Edale coaches and a contribution towards the Year 6 party. The PTA funds however have been used up recently on the pond area which is why we are putting on the Quiz Night in addition to our usual Sports Day Picnic and Summer Fair. Please support the PTA in any way you can and attend the events and meetings. We would welcome any one to join the PTA committee to bring in fresh ideas – please speak to your year group rep through your year group WhatsApp group if you are interested in becoming more involved.

Finally, attached to the email are two flyers, one for the Weetwood Blaze football team and one for the local rainbows who are looking to recruit over the coming months. I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

April	May	June	July
<p>Monday 15th April: All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Wednesday 17th April: Year 5 Trip to Leeds Beckett for a PE and Science Workshop</p> <p>Thursday 18th April: Year 4 Viking Workshop</p> <p>Thursday 24th April: Reception Trip to St Chad's Church</p> <p>Friday 26th April: Discover VR Enrichment Workshop for KS2</p>	<p>Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>Friday 10th May: PTA Quiz Night</p> <p>W/C Monday 13th : Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Tuesday 21st May: Stay and Play – Preschool and Reception – Time TBC Meeting about the School Field – 6.30pm</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>Wednesday 5th June: Year 2 Trip to Makkah Mosque (pm)</p> <p>Saturday 8th June: Preschool Open Morning – 10am-12noon</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 12th June: Preschool Open Evening – 3.30pm-5.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday 19th June: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Thursday 20th June: Year 1 Trip to Temple Newsam</p> <p>Friday 21rd June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 26th June: FS & KS1 – Circus Skills Enrichment</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p>Monday 1st July: Year 4 Multi Faith Trip</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>Saturday 13th July: Year 6 Leavers Party</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>