

Newsletter October 2017

Head of School Update

The academic year is now in full swing and it has been great to see the children enjoying the opportunities that have come their way so far this term. Roald Dahl Day was a great success and we very much enjoyed seeing the children's costumes. Thank you for supporting your children with this. There has also been a great uptake on our lunchtime sports clubs, which are run by Miss Cox our sports coach.

In the coming weeks years 3 and 4 will be participating in the START programme, which is run by the South Holland Centre. This will give the children the chance to participate in a theatre workshop and to watch a theatre production. We are looking forward to hearing about how they get on.

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Macmillan coffee morning or who donated cakes. We are pleased to inform you that we raised £59.87!

On Behalf of the Local Board

The Governors who have joined the new Local Board have already started work to support the staff in making all the necessary improvements to provide the very best for your children. The Interim Local Board (ILB) will do the rapid intervention work that needed to address all of the issues raised by OFSTED. As CEO of the LAAT I have taken on the role of chair to ensure that LAAT is fully supporting the team at Weston. The aim is to move quickly to a position where a permanent board, made up of people in the community, including parents, can take up the reins.

We have already met 3 times and some of us have visited the school during the school day and met with staff, pupils and some parents.

Over the next few days you will see a board in the school with all of our names and photos so that you will know who we are.

There will also be some of us attending the open mornings and the parents evenings. We'll be in the hall serving teas and coffees do please come and say hello!

All of us agree that there is such potential at Weston and the staff are quickly putting the improvements in place to make sure that your pupils really do get the very best.

I hope to see you soon.

Jackie Waters-Dewhurst
Chair of the Interim Local Board.

Swimming

The last session for KS2 swimming will be on Thursday 19th October. Swimming will recommence in the summer term of 2018.

Special Needs Support

As the school's SENDCo, Mrs Flack is available between 9.30 and 11.00am on Wednesday mornings should any parents or carers wish to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's special education needs. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment.

Reception Intake 2018

We will be holding open mornings for those children due to start school in September 2018 on:

Thursday 12th October from 9.30 to 11.30am

Friday 13th October from 9.30 to 11.30am

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to begin school in September 2018, please feel free to attend one of our above open mornings where you will be given a tour of the school and its facilities

Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

Please also notify us if any of your contact details change.

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of the work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Please remember that safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If we are concerned about the safety of any child, we should let somebody know. Mrs Flack is the designated safeguarding person in school. In her absence, contact Mrs Palmer who has now also been trained as a designated safeguarding person.

Flu Immunisation – Years 1 to 4

The school nursing team will be carrying out flu immunisations in school for those parents who have completed the consent forms, on 17th November.

Any parents who wish for their child to be immunised and have not yet completed the necessary forms should contact the school nursing team directly on 01775 652144

Dates for your diary

9 th October	Individual Photographs
11 th October	Class 3&4 – START show
12 th October	Reception Intake 2018 Open Morning
13 th October	Reception Intake 2018 Open Morning
17 th October	Parents Evening
19 th October	Parents Evening
6 th November	Open Morning for Parents
7 th November	Open Morning for Parents
17 th November	Flu immunisations (Yr1-Yr4)

School Lunches

Please ensure that when ordering school lunches online via A Country Kitchen, you checkout your choices. We have had some instances where parents have not checked out their choices therefore lunches have not been ordered.

If you would like to order school lunches for your child and do not have a user name or password, please contact the school office.

Please note that the deadline for ordering lunches for week commencing Tuesday 31st October is Wednesday 18th October 2017.

Term Dates

Term 1

5th September 2017 to 20th October 2017

Term 2

31st October 2017 to 19th December 2018

Term 3

3rd January 2018 to 9th February 2018