

Weetwood School Life



Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a super two weeks back at school, it has been fantastic to have all the children back and have the school buzzing again. Thank you for your support at drop off and pick up, we have made further changes to Nursery and Reception this week by introducing a one way system. This should ease things on Hollin Mount. The main aim is to keep everyone at a safe distance and everyone moving.

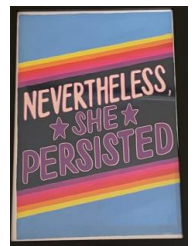
Weetwood United Against Bullying

Last week, we started our return to school with Anti-bullying week. Year 6 representatives had come up with some ideas before Christmas. They wanted to make sure we understood what bullying was and wasn't and want all pupils and staff to feel empowered to stand up to bullying – Weetwood United Against Bullying! The classes did a variety of activities including signing a class charter, making wanted posters for what a good friend looks like and creating a jigsaw piece to show the part they play against bullying. All pupils received their school wristband which we hope they will feel proud to wear. Each week this half term they have a new challenge to complete, this weeks was writing something they admire about each person in their class.



Women in Science

This week we have merged together British Science Week and International Women's Day. We have all learnt about the contributions women have made to science both historically and today and the issues and bias they have faced. Each class has focused on an inspirational woman and found out about their success in each area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Our aim is to recognise and inspire all of our pupils to consider careers which challenge stereotypes.



Parents Consultations



We would usually have a parents evening before we break up for Easter however, we are still unable to have face to face meetings in school and it is uncertain when this might be allowed again. We have decided that we will hold parents consultations by phone the week before the Easter holidays Tuesday 30th 2pm-5pm and Wednesday 31st 2pm-5pm. If these times are unsuitable, please state this on the Google Form that will be sent out by the class teachers.

Uniform Recycle

Last Autumn, the Zero Waste Leeds, launched the uniform exchange in the city. There was an overwhelming response and over 3000 items of good uniform were exchanged. Last week they launched their website <https://www.zerowasteleeds.org.uk/tips/leeds-school-uniform-exchange/> If you would like to become involved, donate uniform or exchange the uniform you have please visit the site. They also have links on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Weetwood PTA are looking to set up.



Covid

I am sure you are as sick of me talking about Covid as much as I am writing about it. However, I am aware that bubbles in other school have had to collapse in the last two weeks. We continue to be vigilant in school and ask that you do the same at home. Staff are testing twice a week to identify asymptomatic cases. If you, or your child develop symptoms, please ensure you book a test through the national system and follow the rules of isolation.

Let's Count

You today have received a leaflet explaining about Let's Count week. This is an opportunity to have fun with maths linked to the National Census which takes place on Sunday 21st March. We will be gathering data and presenting our finding through our statistics topics in school this week. Have fun counting!



World Down Syndrome Day



Sunday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. It falls on 21st March each year as all people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of chromosome 21 – hence 21/3! It is a day to raise awareness and acceptance and for communities to join together. One way of doing this is to Rock Your Socks! Wear odd socks, bright socks, long socks and we are asking everyone to rock their socks at school on **Friday 26th March**. The socks are representative of chromosomes and this is a really fun & colourful way to raise awareness, share our individuality and celebrate that we are all unique. Friday 26th March is also our Birthday party day in school, please come dressed in your birthday party clothes with your **BRIGHT** socks!

We will also be sharing a World Down Syndrome Day BBC Bitesize clip during next week featuring George Webster, who works in 21 Co. in Headingley. 21 Co. is a cafe and shop run by Sunshine & Smiles - Leeds Down Syndrome Network, creating work opportunities for people with Down syndrome.

Training Days

Please be aware of the training days for the remainder of the year:

Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 26th July 2021

Tuesday 27th July 2021

The training days for the following year 2021.22 are as follows:

Monday 6th September 2021

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Wednesday 27th July 2022

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ellison