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Our Christian Value this Half Term is **Respect**

Calendar of Events

5th September Children back to school

20th October Last school day before Half Term

21st October INSET Day

31st October Children back to school

16th December Last school day before Christmas

4th January Children back to school

A Message from Mr Steeden

We made it to the end – sometimes, I wasn't sure if we would! It has been a challenging year with staffing changes, COVID hanging around and of course real tragedy, but I thank you all for sticking with us and supporting us through it. I am so grateful for the support that the community gives to the school. A highlight of this has been the Friends of Weeting, and I would like to give a personal thanks to them for everything they have done to raise money for the children. They give up their own time to do so, and I really appreciate it. The year has ended with a rather peculiar week. Let's hope that the weather returns to more normal temperatures and you can all enjoy a well-earned summer holiday.

A big highlight this week was the Oak Class performance of 'Weeting's Got Talent.' There was singing, dancing and jokes and I loved every minute of it! Well done Oak Class!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday September 5th. Those children who are moving on to new places, including our Year 6 children, our best wishes go with them. I am sure they will all be a huge asset to their new schools.

Staffing Update

Mrs Christine Hague

Mrs Hague has worked for the Partnership since 2017 in various roles – SENCO for the Partnership, Assistant Head, class teacher. She was invaluable supporting the schools and the children through two Lockdowns and the COVID Pandemic.

Since January, she has been performing the challenging joint role of setting up and teaching The Nest as well as SENCO at Weeting. Her work in The Nest has been brilliant and she has made a hugely positive impact of the lives of the children accessing the provision.

Mrs Hague has been a great support to me since I started in September and I will miss her – as will the rest of the staff and the children. We wish her well as she moves on to her next challenge, teaching at a specialist SEN school. They are very lucky to have her.

On a personal note, it has been wonderful getting to know Mrs Hague and we have shared many laughs to go along with the challenges. I would point out though, that her jokes are far worse than mine.

Mrs Jade Higgins

We are all going to miss Mrs Hoggins as she goes to The Norman Primary School to continue her Trinity Partnership adventure. Mrs Hoggins has quickly established herself as a popular teacher with the children who have been fortunate to have been taught by her over the last two years. Her knowledge of each individual child - what they are interested in and how they like to learn - have meant that learning has always been meaningful to them.

Her creativity and enthusiasm for teaching Key Stage 1 has brought sparkle and excitement to the children's learning across all areas of the curriculum. When I asked the children for some of their favourite learning



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examples, many of the children recalled "pancake maths" and explained that it was so good because "I learnt about fractions and I got to eat my maths. You can't do that with a piece of paper!"

The children talk with great knowledge about a vast array of subjects, ranging from the history of the United Kingdom to Kings and Queens. One of Mrs Hoggins' greatest skills has been developing children's self-confidence and self-belief and it has been wonderful to watch and hear how them talk about their successes and what they can do to help themselves. All of the children I talked to told me that they are writers. One child explained it beautifully "Mrs Hoggins tells us we can write whatever we want. We just have to think of the words and then put them together."

I will properly introduce our new Nest teacher – Mrs Lewis and our new SENCO – Mrs Hammond next term. Many of you will have met Miss Fusco, the new teacher in Beech Class, by now.

2022-23 Term Dates

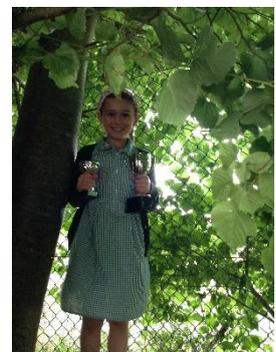
Just a reminder of our term dates for the next school year. I have added this to the calendar on the Weeting website.

- INSET Day 1 – Thursday 1st September
- INSET Day 2 – Friday 2nd September
- Term 1 – Monday 5th September – Thursday 20th October
- INSET Day 3 – Friday 21st October
- Half Term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
- Half Term 2 – Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December
- Christmas Holiday – Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January
- INSET Day 4 – Tuesday 3rd January
- Half Term 3 – Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February
- Half Term – Monday 13th February – Friday 16th February
- Half Term 4 – Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March
- Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
- INSET Day 5 – Monday 17th April
- Half Term 5 – Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May
- Half Term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Half Term 6 – Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

Awards

The following two special awards have been given to two very special children...

Today we celebrated Leah Blake through the presentation of the Leah Blake Creativity Award. This new award will be presented each year to a child in school who has showed great creativity in art, English or in their thinking. The award is a fitting memorial to Leah Blake who was a very creative and artistic little girl who loved painting, drawing and making. We were delighted that this year the award went to Leah's big sister Lexie who is an amazing artist and inspired Leah's love of art.





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The Crossman Cup award is presented each year to a child from year 6, who during their time at Weeting have consistently demonstrated the school's core values. Although the school has recently reworked these values his year's winner has always shown respect, readiness, safety, friendship, perseverance and friendship.

This year's winner is Rosie Poole who has consistently shown these values throughout her time at Weeting. Well done Rosie – you will be such a good role model in your new school next year.

Attendance

The weather this week has put a bit of a spoke in our attendance figures for the term. So, I am going to ignore those figures and assume that school stopped on the 15th for the sake of attendance.

Which means that our attendance this term was: **92.7%** and our attendance for the whole school year was: **90.6%**. Here's hoping that the world returns to normality and we can improve on both of those numbers next year (and yes, that the Head Teacher improves his attendance as well!)

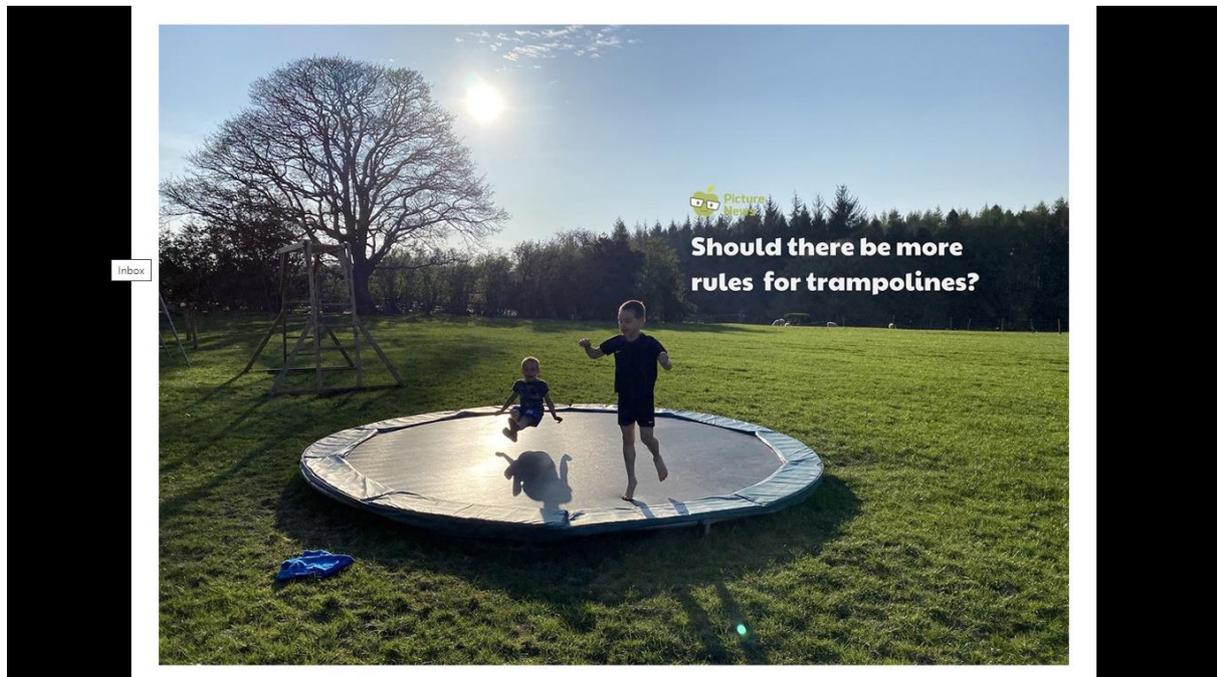
Congratulations to Elm class for having the best attendance in school since Half Term. They will have had their reward by the time you read this.

School Meal Cost

You have been informed by Aspens - our lunch providers - that school meal prices will increase to £2.41 from the beginning of the new term. This is in line with the Government guidance.

Assembly Focus of the Week

In this week's Picture News assembly, we focussed on the following question...





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Mr Steeden's Joke of the Week

Breaking News! An ice cream van has broken down in the middle lane of the M6. They have already put cones out.

As a special treat this week, which those of you who were able to watch the Oak class performance will recognise..

Mr Lock's Joke of the Week

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Kanga."

"Kanga who?"

"No, kangaroo!"

I'll leave you all to be the judges of which one of us is funnier.

And Finally...

Have an enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer.

Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our school!