

Weobley High School Newsletter

Christmas 2023



Message from the Headteacher

It's hard not to enjoy the build-up to Christmas when you work in a school. It seems like the beginning of December automatically jumpstarts the Christmas spirit in our pupils and this can be quite infectious! Perhaps it's the Christmas TV adverts? We've already had our Christmas Jumper Day and tonight I will be watching our choir singing in Hereford Cathedral's Christmas Carol Concert. I am also looking forward to Weobley's 'Show for all Seasons' next week as well as our Christmas dinner, Christmas whole-school assembly and end of term trips ... including Weobley's Got Talent! As you can see, the school is in full festive swing and I imagine the staff and pupils will be falling into a crumpled heap by the end of the day on Thursday. That said, I wouldn't have it any other way.

We are also saying goodbye to two staff. Ian Hedley has worked here since 2006 when he was initially appointed as a 'relief caretaker'. Over the years he has become absolutely indispensable, using his knowledge and skills to carry out maintenance and repair tasks around our school buildings, as well as to continue 'caretaking' when called upon. He also tells me that he was a teacher here for a short while before that! He has been an extremely loyal and committed member of staff who will be greatly missed; I wish him well as he begins his retirement and thank him for his years of hard work for the school. Annette Lee is also leaving us having joined us as a Food Technician in 2022. She has been a great support to Mrs Juliard and has made a very positive impression on the pupils. We will miss her and wish her all the best in the future.

At this time of year, when you sometimes notice that it is time to replace items of the children's uniform, I do like to remind families that full uniform details are available on our website. As always, we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is in full, smart uniform. The pastoral team will continue to focus on this in the New Year.

Also, for the parents and carers of Year 9 pupils, advance notice of our Key Stage 4 Information Evening. This is an important event where we talk about the different GCSE options and courses; staff will also be available to answer any queries. This event will take place at **6pm on Tuesday 30th January 2024** so please make a note in your diaries.

Finally I'd like to wish you all a merry and restful Christmas and a fantastic New Year! The benefit of finishing so close to Christmas is that we have a slightly longer period after the New Year to recharge our batteries before we return to school. The pupils are therefore not due back in school until **Tuesday 9th January!**

See you next year!



Rocket League

Weobley entered two Rocket League teams into the British E-Sports Student Championships. The initial matches until Christmas have been on Swiss style qualifying rounds, ready to split into leagues in January. The student champs were split into a north/south division. We competed in the north, and out of 76 teams, we came 35th and 54th respectively. We were often drawn against teams from 6th form colleges, technical colleges or private schools, and have done really well with out comparative lack of experience. Highlights include a 3 match winning streak from our "A" team beating Maltby Academy (Rotherham), Belfast Metropolitan College and Riverside College (Widnes). Players shown are Freddie, Jakub, Riley, Codie, Asa, Rome and Mackenzie.



Consultation Days

- ◆ Year 11—Thursday 25th January 2024
- ◆ Year 10—Wednesday 13th March 2024
- ◆ Year 9—Tuesday 23rd April 2024
- ◆ Year 8—Tuesday 25th June 2024

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN OLD
SNOWMAN?



A WATER!

Music Matters

It has been a long term that has flashed by in an instance in the Music Department. This is due to the many fantastic children who have been involved in the recent events that have been taking part both in and out of school. Numbers continue to grow with children learning musical instruments individually throughout the week and the Music Department has been a lively place for rehearsals and coursework continuation over recent weeks during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

We have recently celebrated two events with live lunchtime music taking place for both Children in Need and the Christmas Jumper day, helping to raise money for charity at the same time. Both of these have not only given an opportunity for performing but also for some of the older children to learn how to go about organising and rehearsing such events, and that things don't just 'happen'!

The penultimate Wednesday of term saw Weobley's School Choir be the only Secondary School in Herefordshire performing at the annual ABF Soldiers' Charity Concert to a packed Hereford Cathedral audience. Amongst a vast array of varied musical performances, they certainly did the school proud. (They've already been invited back and some will also perform with G4 of X Factor fame, next November!)

As we come to the last week, the whole performing arts team and nearly 30 children are busy preparing for the school's first production in a few years. A celebration of the year through musical scenes, culminating in some festive cheer. Things to look forward to next term include a concert in Ludlow, a Wicked Wellbeing Workshop and the auditions for our full scale musical production.



Term Dates 2024

Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February - Friday 22nd March 2024

Easter Holiday Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April 2024

Summer Term

Monday 8th April – Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July 2024

Return Wednesday 3rd September 2024

Bank Holiday Friday 6th May 2024

WHY WON'T SANTA LOSE ANY PRESENTS THIS YEAR?



A. BECAUSE HE'S DOWNLOADED SACK AND TRACE!

WHY WAS THE SNOWMAN LOOKING THROUGH THE CARROTS?



A. HE WAS PICKING HIS NOSE!

Sporting Roundup!!!

Rugby

- U16 1st team rugby team lost in county final
- U16 2nd team went unbeaten all season
- U14 lost in the county semi-finals to HCS



Netball

- Year 11 County Netball Tournament – 3rd place
- Year 10 County Netball Development Tournament – 3rd place
- Year 9 County Netball Performance Tournament – 4th place
- Year 8 County Netball Performance Tournament – 3rd place
- Year 7 County Netball Tournament – 1st place

Sport Hall Athletics

- Year 8s won district Sport hall Athletics competition
- Year 7s came second



Badminton

- KS3 boys badminton qualified for the county finals
- KS3 girls badminton played in semi finals
- KS4 boys badminton Qualified for the county finals
- KS4 girls badminton Qualified for the county finals

Futsal

- Year 7 and 8 teams are unbeaten this term.
- Year 9s have won all but one game.
- Combined Year 10/11 team are unbeaten

MERRY 
christmas
EVERYONE