

# Weare Academy C of E First School

## Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Please note this bulletin can be found on the school website and paper copies are also available in the perspex folder outside the school office.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Date	Class	Detail, Timing and Venue	Date	Class	Detail, Timing and Venue
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct			Mon 9th Oct		Friends of Weare AGM School Hall-7pm
Tues 3rd	All Years	Parents Forum-Phonics 17.30- 18.15 (Please see below for more information)	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>		Open morning 9.30-10.45 Prospective Parents
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure	Weds 11th	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 5th			Thurs 12th	Reception	Class Vision Test
Fri 6th			Fri 13th	Year 4	School Trip



## Headteacher's Message

#### Dear parents and carers

Thank you to everyone attending the parent information evenings this week and the great feedback we've had about how helpful and informative they were. We will collate any queries and send out any additional information or documents asked for next week. Please check the website for us. We need to know if information is easily accessible to you so we can rearrange where it is stored if it is difficult to find.

Wellbeing and safeguarding updates: Please read the information attached regarding screen time and the negative effects it can have on our children. It is really important to regulate the use of screens and part of this is to ensure we are modelling good use of screen time and ensuring we are talking to our children when they are with us. We are doing this in school with our focus on language and communication and hope that you will support us by doing this at home as well. Please: <u>click here</u>

There are lots of super things to look at from the classes this week Have a lovely weekend

#### Diary Dates for 2023 to 2024

All diary dates show on our website calendar, which you are now able to subscribe to, just click the subscribe button on our website calendar and follow the instructions.

## Phonics

There will be a film showing for children in Year 2 classroom with Mrs Munday during the Phonics forum.

#### After School Clubs

Spaces are still available for Tag Rugby Year 3/4 and Singing Years 2/3/4. Details available on Dojo and Parent Pay. If your child is registered as pupil premium, please contact the school office to book their place.

#### Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 have started their weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday at Kings Leisure Centre. If you have not already contributed, please make payment via Parent Pay.

### Flu Vaccinations

We have been advised by the school nursing team the flu vaccination date has changed from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to **Thursday** 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please can everyone complete the link even if you do not require your child to be vaccinated. Please click here <u>NHS Letter</u>

#### Parking

Polite notice: Please do not park in the farmer's lane, this carpark is for staff and disabled users only. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Scarecrows

This week, during Forest School the children have been making scarecrows to enter into the Allerton Scarecrow Trail which is taking place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Each class decided on a "theme" for their scarecrow and have had lots of fun making them this week. If you would like to participate in the scarecrow trail, trail maps will be available soon. All money raised is will be going to the school pta. See the poster at the end of the bulletin for more details.

#### Parents/Carer Wrap around survey:

We have been asked by Somerset Council for parent's opinion on Wrap around care, for more information and survey: <u>survey-letter</u>

#### Allergies:

Please note we are a **NUT FREE** school in addition we are also a **KIWI FRUIT** free school. This means no nuts or kiwi fruits are to be brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches.

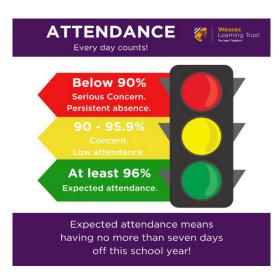
#### Year 3 & Year 4 Free School Meals

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and you feel that you may be eligible to Free School Meals, please complete the online application at <a href="https://www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals">www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</a>

#### Scooters & Bicycles

For safety reasons no scooters or bicycles are to be ridden on the school grounds, please either leave them at the gate or carry them.

## Attendance



### Safeguarding

Please see the attached link for regular updates on the SCC safeguarding website <u>https://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/</u>

## ΡΤΑ

AGM – this will now be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, all welcome.

The PTA have pre-loved uniform available which can be found on the PTA Facebook page 'Friends of Weare Academy', if you would like to join their Facebook page please email: <u>friendsofweare@outlook.com</u>

## This week in...

**Reception Class:** In Reception this week we have been thinking about who is in our family and who lives in our house. We were very excited to meet Boris our class pet hamster and we have been busy writing him little post-it notes. We have been drawing self -portraits and writing cards to our year 4 buddies. In maths we have been continuing to subitise with numbers up to 5. In RE we have been thinking about the Creation story and who is God. In Forest School this week we have made our class scarecrow ready for the scarecrow trail.

Year 1 Class: Year 1 had a fantastic day at Carymoor for our first school trip! We started the day with our trip leader Beth in the education centre where she retold the story of the three little pigs with props! We then talked about the properties of the different materials found in the story of the three little pigs. The children then used these properties (smooth, rough, bumpy etc) to describe secret items in several feely boxes whilst trying to figure out what was inside! This linked so well with what we have been learning about in science!

We then headed outdoors where the children were then tasked with building their own houses of sticks, just as one of the little pigs did in our story. They did so well working as a team and the big bad wolf could not blow them down! After lunch, the children recycled all of their waste into the correct bins - linking well to our geography learning about the importance of recycling. We then had a little play outside before coming in to build smaller houses for the three pigs out of clay, sticks and straw! They did so well with this!

Year 2 Class: Year 2: Creating our model island on Monday and Tuesday afternoon was great fun but we also learnt about its physical and human features which is part of learning as Geographers! Making our Pirate Scarecrow has been challenging but we have produced a fantastic result - look out for photos on Class Dojo!

Year 3 Class: Year 3 have been innovating their wishing tales this week and have built up the skills and knowledge to begin writing their own, we look forward to reading some exciting stories next week! We also had a great time making our scarecrow in forest school this week, it looks fantastic!

Year 4 Class: Year 4 began the week immersing themselves in our Roman topic. We had some interesting discussions about how we know that the Romans were in Britain and the evidence they have left behind, from the Roman Baths to Hadrian's wall. This then resulted in the children designing and then making Roman pots using clay. During Forest School this week, Year 4 made a scarecrow for the Allerton trail, with the theme 'Weston Super Mare beach'. After a class vote, he was given the name Bob! A wonderful opportunity to unite the school and community together - in true Weare spirit.

**Rainbow Woods Pre-School:** This week we have been talking about who is in our families, what we all look like, the food we eat and the jobs our parents/carers do. We have been talking about what makes us happy and what makes us sad. We have started to draw/paint pictures of our families too. We have started to practice our harvest song and been colouring in some bunting for our autumn display. We have also been making our scarecrow ready for the hunt at the weekend.

## ALLERTON SCARECROW TRAIL

- Fun activity for all the family. Build a scarecrow with the theme PLACES IN SOMERSET. This could be Burnham Beach, Glastonbury, Weston, Wedmore or even our own beautiful Allerton.
- Each household that participates should email me with your house name, street & village and also your chosen secret 'place in Somerset' (i.e., Manor Farm Cottage, Back Lane, Chapel – Burnham lighthouse) and I will produce a trail list which will be available to collect so that you can go hunt all the other scarecrows and guess the place.
- There will be a prize for one winner (drawn out of a hat) for anyone that guessed all locations correctly. The prize draw will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.
- There will be a voluntary £3 cost for each trail sheet with the money raised going to Weare school.
- Information to me (email below) by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the latest, scarecrows to be ready and in a visible location from the road/driveway by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, when the trail list will also be available.
- Entries should be emailed to: lyndsayandrews@hotmail.com
- Happy planning!

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is Thankfulness

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