



Weare Academy C of E First School

Friday 13th October 2023

Issue no. 6

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 16th Oct			Mon 30th Oct		First Day of Term
Tues 17 th		Year 3 Trip	Tues 31st		
Weds 18th	Class 4 Class 3 Class 1 All	Swimming at Kings Leisure History showcase for parents- 2.30-3.30 History showcase for parents- 2.30-3.30 Harvest Festival Service, meet in school playground at 9.30	Weds 1st	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 19th			Thurs 2nd		
Fri 20th		INSET DAY	Fri 3rd		



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy and successful week at Weare.

On Monday evening our Friends of Weare AGM was well attended and thank you to those of you that joined virtually as well. Our new Chair is Fliss Spinner, Vice Chair is Stacey Redman and Secretary is Emily Shaw and thank you to all of our parents who have put their names forward to support our lovely school.

BUT we are desperately in need of a Treasurer so if you feel able and willing to take on this role it would be greatly appreciated as we cannot function as a PTA without a treasurer.

On Tuesday, the Open Morning was well attended and our children did us proud as they helped Mrs Gibb to show our visitors around the school.

Afterwards we received an email from one of our visitors quote: *'It was lovely to see such a calm, purposeful environment. The children were beautifully behaved, and were so excited to show us around their school.'*

It was fantastic to see the reception children already starting to write in their books using Talk For Writing scheme, as well as all other children being engaged in their activities.'

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs Emma Tovey, Executive Headteacher

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.

Harvest Festival Service and Collection

There will be a Harvest Festival Service in the St. Gregory's church on Wednesday 18th October, meet at 9.30 in the playground to walk down to the church with the children.

Please let your class teacher know if you are able to support us on the walk to the church via Class Dojo. The service will start at 10am. Everyone's welcome to attend.

HARVEST COLLECTION IS FOR CHEDDAR FOODBANK: If you are able to contribute: The foodbank is short of the following items and would be grateful for any tinned items: fruit, vegetables, baked beans etc. Toiletries are also very helpful, soap, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo etc. toilet rolls, cleaning products, washing up liquid. Items can be dropped off on 18th October.

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.

Vacancies

We are looking for new people to join the staff team in Breakfast Club and After School club, if you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please see - <https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies>

Winter Uniform

When we return to school on Monday 30th October, children will need to wear winter uniform; this will include a tie for all children. Ties are available to purchase online at MACpac.com or Parent PAY.

Pre Loved Uniform

There is a PTA Facebook page where you can order Pre-Loved Uniform, please search for 'Weare Academy Pre Loved Uniform'

Christmas Fayre

Please note the new date for the Christmas Fayre-Friday 1st December 5.30-7.30pm

Holiday Club

Wedmore Out of School Childcare Half Term Holiday Club We will be open for some Autumn Holiday Club fun on Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 October 2023 8.30am – 5.30pm at Wedmore First School Academy We are Ofsted registered and welcome children aged 4 years and over from any school. For Bookings and further details please Email: wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com or Whatsapp: 07813 710544

Reception New Admissions & Middle School Admissions for September 2024

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is the 15th January 2024.

The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2024 admissions process can be found on the website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions from September. Parents/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 have enjoyed their first half term of swimming at Kings Leisure Centre.

Just to confirm: swimming lessons are funded by the school and we only request payment for the coach transport to and from school. They have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions at Kings Leisure which provides us with 3 swimming coaches for each lesson, so the children are taught all at the same time, in three small groups to optimise their learning.

Year 4 will continue their lessons for the second half of the Autumn term and then there will be one more lesson on 10th January to make up one lost to our Christmas performance on 6th December. Something for Year 3 to look forward to in the Spring term.

Flu Vaccinations

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

Please click here [NHS Letter](#)

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.

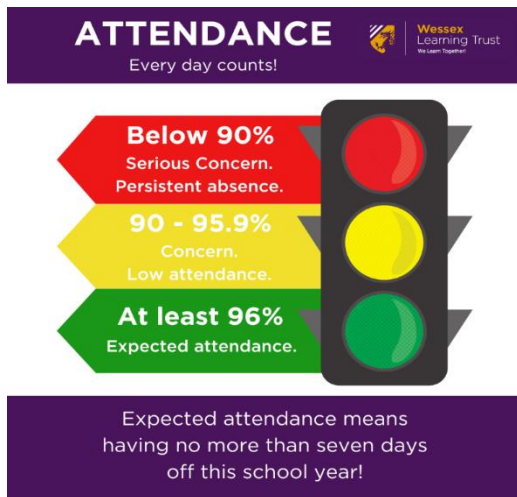
Allergies:

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 www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Attendance



Safeguarding

Please see the attached link for regular updates on the SCC safeguarding website

<https://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

This week in...

Reception Class: this week we were so excited to have two more mystery readers come to read us a story. In literacy we worked as a group to re-tell the story of The Little Red Hen. In maths we learnt all about the number 3. We have made collections of 3 objects. We have enjoyed using a pestle and mortar to grind corn and nice smelling plants. We have been talking about our 5 senses. In RE we have talked about the creation story and being thankful for Harvest.

Year 1 Class: This week in year 1 we have been really busy learning our song for the harvest festival and our class service next Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming the parents to this in the afternoon! The children have also been really busy finishing off their innovated stories of the three little pigs – 'The three little fish'. They have done a brilliant job!

Year 2 Class: In our Science lesson this week we used pipettes to drop water onto various materials to find out whether they were waterproof or not. We have already learnt about Charles Macintosh the scientist who discovered how to create waterproof material. It was both fun and interesting, in spite of the classroom being quite wet by the time we had finished. We recorded our finding on a chart!

Year 3 Class made some beautiful Haiku poems in forest school this week by listening to the sounds around them, all were incredibly creative and descriptive. In our Ancient Greece lessons, they have learnt about the Peloponnesian War between Sparta and Athens and about Ancient Greek food, we have had tried some lovely samples of Ancient Greek bread, honey and orange cake and Greek biscuits from some of the homework projects that Year 3 have been working hard on. We are excited to show all of our history work from this half term to the parents on Wednesday!

Year 4 Class have had another busy week. They have shown great determination and perseverance when completing their PIXL assessments. We finished the week at Carymoor Environmental centre for our first trip of the year. After an introduction to the Iron Age and the invasion of the Romans, we headed to the spectacular replica of an Iron Age roundhouse. Inside, the

children experienced grinding flour, before learning to weave a traditional Iron Age plate made of willow. During the afternoon, the children enjoyed chariot racing; exploring artefacts during an archaeological dig and then finished the day with a Roman Numeral trail. It was great to bring this brilliant topic alive. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers who came with us on the trip.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: This week we have covered a very important topic on road safety. We showed the children few videos and spoke about importance of wearing seatbelts, always driving following rules and how to cross road safely. We also use red, green and amber signs to control the traffic in the outdoor area.

We doubled the amount of flour to make the play dough and spoke with the children what making something double means. We also had fun making collages using different textured materials

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

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