



Weare Academy C of E First School

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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 20th Nov			Mon 27 th Nov		
Tues 21 st Nov	All	School Photos	Tues 28 st		
Weds 22 nd	Class 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure	Weds 29 nd	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure No Pens Day-see info below
Thurs 23 rd			Thurs 30 th		
Fri 24 th			Fri 1 st Dec		Christmas Fayre-see info below



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week we have had, Odd Socks Day started the week with whole school service focussing on everyone is unique and special and how important it is to both give and receive respect.

This led into anti-bullying week and every year group has spent time using a range of resources and activities which will empower them not to be bullied but also not to be a bully.

Each child will bring home a pupil friendly Anti-Bullying leaflet so please have a chat with them about it. I welcome any feedback from you.

Today there has been great excitement particularly with our Weare Bake Off. Butterfly and Ladybird class baked the biscuits and each child has decorated their own biscuit.

This is linked to scoring house points and two of our teachers have judged them.

The house with the highest points will be awarded with our school Pudsey Bear and their house ribbon in whole school service on Monday. However, every house has been awarded points which will go towards the end of term winning house cup.

The school council will send out the Kindness calendars on Monday.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb, Acting Head Teacher

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.

Children in Need

If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13263>

No Pens Day

On Wednesday 29th November is No Pens Day, the aim of the day is to encourage children to complete a day of school through talking and listening activities with no writing.

Christmas Fayre

Please see end of bulletin for more information

Christmas Church Services

Please see end of bulletin for more information.

Kilve Court Residential Trip

Year 4 residential trip which will take place at Kilve Court Residential Centre near Bridgwater from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th May 2024. A deposit payment of £30.00 is due by the 15th December 2023, please make payment via Parent Pay.

Violin Lessons

If you are interested in your child learning to play the violin, please see [Violin info](#)

After School Clubs

Spaces are available for Football Years 3/4 and Singing Years 2/3/4. If your child would like to perform at Wedmore by Lamplight on Wednesday 13th please ensure you book them into Singing Club. All details of clubs are available on Dojo and Parent Pay. If your child is registered as pupil premium, please contact the school office to book their place.

Uniform

Please can you ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school ready for their PE lesson. Also if your child has long hair this needs to be tied back at all times.

Pre Loved Uniform

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

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 3 Swimming

Just to confirm: swimming lessons are funded by the school and we only request payment for the coach transport to and from school. 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 3 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 17th January and last session will be on Wednesday 27th March, please access Parent Pay to make payment for the coach transport.

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

Safeguarding

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

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

This week in...

Reception Class in Reception this week we have been making story maps for the story of A Squash and a Squeeze. In maths we have been talking about more, fewer and equal amounts and how we can show different arrangements of 5 dots. In RE we have been learning about why Christmas is special for Christians.

Year 1 Class: This week year 1 have been learning about the animals found in the Arctic and the Antarctic and this has been very exciting! On Wednesday we had Martin Hughes-Games from the telly (and our year 2 friends dad), come to tell us all about his trips to the North and South pole and the animals he studied when he was there. In science on Tuesday we learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores using POO! We studied different poo samples to find out if poo A, B and C came from a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

Year 2 Class: our highlight this week has been having Ice Lollies in our poetry this week. We had to use adjectives to describe what they looked like, smelt like, felt like and tasted. Some excellent descriptive poetry has been written we are writing our invent poems next week.

Year 3 Class celebrated Odd Socks Day for Antibullying and made some beautiful story boards about antibullying, they also decorated their own odd socks. In English, we have started learn the story of little red riding hood to support us in writing our own warning tales, we have put some actions with the story to help us retell it. In maths, we have been working on measurements and have spent the week measuring objects in the classroom in metres, centimetres and millimetres.



Year 4 Class have been busy in English writing their innovate warning stories. They have worked together to create a clear structure based on their model text, 'Keep off the Tracks' and are working hard to ensure they include important features they have learned, including different conjunction's and direct speech with the correct punctuation. The play rehearsals have increased and we have now gone the whole way through the play, including the songs. Next week, the children can bring in their costumes and we will also start to rehearse without scripts. Exciting!

Rainbow Woods Pre-School this week we celebrated odd socks day and have continued our topic of celebrations! We have had lots of maths activities out focusing around their deeper understanding of numbers 0-5 and assessing our children's next steps. We have had a birthday party and counted the candles and party hats which the children loved. Anti bullying week has also been one of our main discussions this week and we have focused our learning on friendships and talking about kindness and our golden rules. Friday it's all about baking, creating, dancing and talking about why we raise money for Children in Need. Next week please be warned it's the start of our Christmas creations so prepare for glitter to be everywhere!

FRIENDS OF WEARE CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

Christmas is officially on the way which means the Christmas Fayre is just around the corner on Friday 1st December, from 5-7pm!

Christmas Fayre volunteers!

We have some lovely things planned but the Fayre cannot happen without our fantastic parent volunteers, so WE NEED YOUR HELP! Your class reps will be in touch very soon to ask for volunteers for timeslots (only 30mins!) for each class's allocated stalls. If you are really keen, in the meantime, please drop us a line at friendsofweare@outlook.com.

The Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle is back and better than ever. With prizes including Lunch at Mendip Golf Club, Bath & West Show Family Ticket, £30 Somerlap Voucher, £50 cash and many more, we hope you'll agree that it's worth being 'in it to win it'! To purchase a raffle ticket – only £1 per ticket – please:

1. Pay your total raffle ticket amount into the Friends of Weare bank account reference RAF-SURNAME (name associated with email address is best) Sort code: 30-91-20 Account number: 01337936
2. Email friendsofweare@outlook.com with confirmation of how much you have paid, the Surname referenced and how many tickets you would like.
3. You will receive an email confirmation with your allocated ticket numbers.

And finally – one for the kids – Christmas Bauble Competition

This year we are asking Weare pupils to get their best junk modelling (Christmas) hats on to create a beautiful bauble at home using recycled materials as much as possible. These should be no bigger than 10cm x 10cm and once finished, handed in at the School Office. The baubles will be displayed on Christmas trees at the Fayre and there will be a prize awarded at the Christmas Fayre for the best bauble from each year group (including Pre School). We hope the children will have fun making these and seeing them on display!

A reminder that **Christmas Trees** are for sale again this year by pre order. **The deadline for ordering is Saturday 18th November!** They will be available for collection on Saturday 2nd December from school. Please contact Lyndsay Andrews or email friendsofweare@outlook.com if you would like one.

Church Service Information

Dec 10th 6pm Carol Service Loxton Church

Dec 15th 9.30am Weare School Carol Service Weare Church

Dec 16th 6pm Carol Service Biddisham Church

Dec 17th 4pm Carol Service Badgworth Church

Dec 24th 4pm Crib Service Compton Bishop Church

All Age. 30 minutes to unwrap the Nativity story.

Dec 25th 10am All Age Christmas Celebration Weare Church

Celebrate the joy of Christ on earth.

Dec 31st 10am New Year's Eve Agape Compton Bishop Church An informal sharing of bread wine.

Jan 7th 10am Epiphany Praise and Worship Weare Church

All Age. Last chance to sing Carols!

For more information and other services go to A Church Near You or ring 01934 733281.

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is Kindness and Compassion

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