



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 27th Nov			Mon 4th Dec		Christmas Performance
Tues 28th			Tues 5th		Christmas Performance
Weds 29th	Class 4 Year 2	Swimming at Kings Leisure No Pens Day-see info below Sleeping Beauty – visiting pantomime Ladybird Class – Christingle Service	Weds 6th	Year 4	Christmas Performance No Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 30th			Thurs 7th	All	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 1 st Dec		Christmas Fayre 5.30-7.30	Fri 8th		



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

During this week, whilst showing a couple of visitors around the school, different classes could be heard practicing their Christmas Performance songs with great enthusiasm. They loved having the opportunity to sing to us which so impressed both myself and our visitors. It was great to go into the hall and see the Year 4 rehearsals taking place with Mrs Hael encouraging the children to speak out, show enthusiasm in order to capture their audience.

I strongly believe that these events and opportunities are as important as all the other learning that takes place. Confidence, turn taking, self-esteem, singing, being part of a team and finally realising that 'I can do this' are immeasurable life opportunities which are so important in a child's educational journey through school.

Next week we are really looking forward to our visiting pantomime – Sleeping Beauty. Apart from providing entertainment it is another opportunity modelling what our children can aspire to in the future. Throughout the year we endeavour expose our children a variety of enriching experiences which may result and sparking a child's interest.

There has been great excitement during our Art Explosion Day today. Sparkles and evidence of Christmas decorations can be seen everywhere.

I can definitely say that Christmas has arrived at Weare!!

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb

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

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, as of date £170 has been collected. If you would still 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. Volunteers still needed, please contact friendsofweare@outlook.com

Christmas Lunch/Buffer

Please access Parent Pay by **Thursday 7th December** if you wish your child/children to have a Christmas Lunch and Buffet Meal. The Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 12th December, no sandwiches will be available on this day. The Buffet meal will be on Thursday 14th December and no hot meals will be available on this day.

Christmas Festivities

Please see our Website for more information or pick up a letter from outside the office.

Rotary Club of Mendip-Fun Run

Please see end of bulletin for more information

Christmas Church Services

Please see end of bulletin for more information.

School Photos

Separated parents, please visit the school office if you wish to collect a photo of your child.

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 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.

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.

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 December, 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.

Healthy Snacks

As part of a healthy eating school, please remember to only send healthy snacks into school. 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.

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 & 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: This week we have continued with our story of A Squash and a Squeeze. In maths we have talked about parts and wholes. We have looked at objects that are made of parts and also talked about the parts found within numbers such as 2 is made of 1 and 1. In RE we have talked about the Christmas story and why Christians often perform nativity plays at Christmas. We have had great fun taking part in Art Explosion day and have done lots of practising of our Christmas song for the school play.

Year 1 Class: This week year one have been extremely busy, writing an information text about penguins in literacy. They have also thought about and planned writing an independent information text about polar bears! Some great cross curricular work going on - linking our literacy work to our topic 'Polar explorers'. They have also all created some beautiful Antarctic landscapes in art by experimenting with mixing different shades of blue.

Year 2 Class: We have been showing each other our Fire of London houses as they have arrived and continue to arrive – what a lovely city of London we are creating! This week we have spent time in our Maths lessons checking that we are able to count on or back from 2 digit numbers and use number lines for subtraction and addition. It has been a great week checking understanding and then addressing any gaps in our Maths!

Year 3 Class: Have been busy practising their song this week for the Christmas play, we have worked hard putting actions to it and singing it beautifully. We also had a great time in forest school creating mini beast houses, take a look at the photos to see some of the ones we built!



Year 4: Class Year 4 have had a very busy week of rehearsals, including a whole run through; scripts are disappearing and costumes are on - very exciting! In addition, the children have loved Art Explosion Day and have made lots of props and decorations for the hall and play. Christmas is well underway in Year 4!

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: This week it's been all about Christmas! We have been painting rockets for our calendars, sticking nativity scenes, cutting out hats and hand printing our cards. We have also been playing in our forest school feeding the birds and taking a walk around the school to collect more sticks and leaves ready to make our Christmas nature tree. We've continued to talk being kind to our friends, talking about the 'Highway Rat' and the importance of sharing, how he takes things from others and how we feel when people do this to us. Lastly we've made a start on our countdown to Christmas calendar too.

FRIENDS OF WEARE CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

The Christmas Fayre is only 1 week away on Friday 1st December, from 5.30-7.30pm!



Christmas Fayre volunteers!

We still have some timeslots to fill on some of our stalls and we would love your help! Please let your class rep know if you can contribute to the success of the Fayre with 30mins of your time or drop us a line at friendsofweare@outlook.com. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will not be able to run all of the lovely things we have planned for the children to enjoy such as games and tombola's.

The Raffle

Raffle tickets are still available - to purchase a 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.

A reminder of our Christmas Bauble/Decoration Competition

This year we are asking Weare pupils to get their best junk modelling (Christmas) hats on to create a beautiful bauble/tree decoration 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 decorations will be displayed on Christmas trees at the Fayre and there will be a prize awarded at the Christmas Fayre for the best decoration from each year group (including Pre School). We hope the children will have fun making these and seeing them on display!

And finally, jam jars

Filled jam jars (please see information on Dojo and Facebook) can still be dropped off next week after Art Explosion Day. Thank you to all those who have brought in jars so far.

Christmas Trees if you have ordered one, will be available for collection on Saturday 2nd December from school. Please contact Lyndsay Andrews or email friendsofweare@outlook.com if you have any queries.

Rotary
Club of Mendip



and Elf



Fun Run

to raise money for

Weston Hospicecare

at Winchester Farm

Draycott Rd, Cheddar BS27 3RP

**on Sat 16th December
from 10 am**

Prices: Adult £10

Adult with up to 4 children £15

14-18 year old £6

Fancy Dress awards for under 14s

} Santa Suit
provided for
over 13s

Register at www.mendipsantarun.com
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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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