



Weare Academy C of E First School

Friday 3rd November 2023

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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 6 th Nov		First Day of Term Rainbow Woods Parents Evening	Mon 13 th Nov		Anti-bullying week-Odd Sock Day
Tues 7 th		Rainbow Woods Parents Evening	Tues 14 th		
Weds 8 th	Class 4 All	Swimming at Kings Leisure Rainbow Woods Parents Evening Poppies on sale	Weds 15 th	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 9 th		Rainbow Woods Parents Evening Poppies on sale	Thurs 16 th		Flu vaccinations
Fri 10 th		Poppies on sale	Fri 17 th		Children in need Day (more details to follow)



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, Emma Tovey will not be returning to Weare in her role as Executive Headteacher. In the interim I will be taking on the role of Acting Head, supported actively by members of the Wessex Central Team. Once decisions of leadership have been decided, this will be communicated to you by letter.

At this point, I wish to assure all parents, that the education and all the fantastic enrichment and provision that our children receive, by our dedicated teachers and staff will continue and develop further.

Please know that my door is always open and whatever you would like to discuss or talk about we can work through together, for the benefit of our unique and precious Weare school and community.

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank you all as parents and carers for your continued support.

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.

Odd Socks Day

All your child needs to do is wear odd socks if they so wish! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks Day 2023 will take place on Monday 13th November.

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.

Poppies Sale

The school council will be visiting each class and selling poppies and merchandise from Wednesday 8th November. Please send your child with money if they wish to purchase any items.

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>

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

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 a 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](#)

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: this week we have started our new story of A Squash and a Squeeze and our new topic this term is 'It's A Party'. In maths we have been using language to describe amounts using 'more than' and 'fewer than'. We have been scooping out pumpkins and using tweezers to collect the seeds. In RE we have talked about our Christian values of compassion and kindness.

Year 1 Class: this week year 1 began their new topic 'polar explorers'. Our Geography enquiry is 'Why are some places in the world always cold'. In our first Geography lesson we have done lots of map work, finding the North pole, the South Pole and the Equator and labelling them on our own maps. We learnt that the countries near the equator are very hot and because the North and South Pole are far away from the equator, they are very cold. They also learnt that the South pole is actually a desert because it hasn't had rainfall in over 2 million years!

Year 2 Class: We have had great first week back after the break. We have explored Giuseppie Arcimbaldo's style of using food items when creating portraits. This afternoon we all had a go at using the vegetables and fruit in the classroom and creating portraits it was such fun. Look out on Class Dojo for photos!

Year 3 Class have had a good first week back after half term. We started our new geography topic on rivers and learnt about the key features of a river and how erosion takes place to form meanders. We have also been busy innovating our non-chronological reports in English and are building up our skills to write our own ones independently next week.

Year 4 Class has had a very exciting week. On Monday, the children were invited to attend auditions for this year's Christmas play, 'A Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. It was wonderful to see so many of them there. On Tuesday, they were given their parts and we did our first run-through of the play - a positive start. In English, we have started a new writing unit based on 'warning stories'. They particularly enjoyed performing the model text to the rest of the class, using their own story maps. On Friday, the children created some really effective firework pictures using oil pastels. Wishing you a wonderful weekend of fireworks and carnivals - a magical time of year.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: Our topic this term is all about celebrations and what a full packed week we have had already. We have been learning about Guy Fawkes, making firework and fire pictures. We have also been talking about how we can be safe around fires and fireworks. We have started to talk about Diwali and what other parties and festivals are celebrated in different countries -What they wear and eat too. In forest school we have been practicing our numbers 0-10 finding different items to count and talking about their colours and how they feel too. Next week we will be talking about Remembrance Sunday and celebrating Diwali-The children are very excited about seeing Baishali's Rangoli Designs to welcome Goddess Laxmi.

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

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