



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 13th Nov	All	Anti-bullying week-Odd Sock Day	Mon 20 th Nov		
Tues 14th			Tues 21st	All	School Photos
Weds 15th	Class 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure	Weds 22 nd	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 16th		Flu vaccinations	Thurs 23rd		
Fri 17th		Children in need Day-More details to follow	Fri 24th		



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Staff News: I would like to inform you that following Sara Packers absence this year, she has made the decision not to return to Weare in the role of Assistant Headteacher, and instead pursue other avenues including studies. Following 12 years with Weare First School, we would like to extend our gratitude to her and wish her well in her next steps.

Today at our Whole school service we learnt about the relevance of Remembrance Day. Each year group has contributed towards creating a whole school poppy display in the window outside Butterfly Classroom.

I was very proud of our two Year 4 pupils who represented Weare at Kings Secondary school and participated in recalling those in our village who lost their lives in the First World War. They then laid a wreath at the memorial alongside all the other schools in the Trust.

A huge thank you to our School Council Reps who have visited each year group collecting for the Royal British Legion.



We have a really busy week ahead with a number of great enriching activities for our children. Wishing all a lovely 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.

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.

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>

Christmas Fayre

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

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 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: In Reception this week we have continued with our story of A Squash and a Squeeze. We have each taken it in turns to hot seat the character of the Little Old Lady from the story. We have had a special visit from Baishali who came to speak to us about the Hindu festival of Diwali. In maths we have been rolling dice, subitising and counting out toppings onto pizzas.

Year 1 Class: This week in year 1 we have started our new science unit 'animals'. We began this unit by learning about all the different animal classifications e.g. mammals, reptiles, birds etc. We learnt that we are mammals because we have hair, give birth to live babies and have a backbone! We have a special visitor coming into school on Monday to teach us about the different animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic – linking to our topic 'Polar Explorers'.

Year 2 Class: In computing this week we have been using a programmable floor robot (Beebot) to see if we can move in a specific direction and ultimately develop an algorithm to create to create 2D shapes. We also have made poppies for Remembrance Day and observed one minute of silence at 11am this morning.

Year 3 Class: Have been learning about rivers in Geography, this week we have looked at what features we find in the upper, middle and lower course of the river and have drawn some beautiful diagrams to show this. We also began our new science unit this week on Forces and Magnets, we looked closely at push and pull forces and played some push and pull bingo! Finally, in English the children have worked hard this week on their Non-Chronological Reports hot writes, each child chose an animal to write about and have produced some excellent reports!

Year 4 Class: We are now well underway with rehearsals for this year's Christmas play. The children are starting to learn their lines and are beginning to bring their characters to life. Next week, the stage will be going up in the hall, which will be very exciting! In Geography, the children have enjoyed looking at the countries surrounding the Mediterranean -they loved using chrome books to explore these countries on Google maps. In English, the children have continued to explore the features of a warning story and are now able to move onto the innovate stage next week. The children have worked very hard this week and produced some pleasing work.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: We had a wonderful week celebrating Diwali. We had a lovely time listening to the Diwali story and watching why we celebrate Diwali. We used our fine motor skills to make a rangoli pattern. We made Diwali diyas using clay and then painted and decorated them with lots of colours and glitter. Diyas are used for welcoming goddess Lakshmi and for celebrating the victory of good over evil. Baishali came dressed in a saree which is a traditional Indian dress. She spoke to the children about what food is cooked, how sweets are distributed to everyone and how all the community come together to celebrate the event.

We made poppies to celebrate Remembrance Day using paper plates. The children watched a video on Remembrance Day to understand why it is so important.



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

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