



Weare Academy C of E First School

Friday 1st December 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 4th		Christmas Performance	Mon 11th	KS2 (Years 3 & 4)	Christmas Party
Tue 5th		Christmas Performance	Tues 12th	Rainbow Woods & Reception All	Christmas Party CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Wed 6th	Class 4	Christmas Performance NO Swimming at Kings Leisure	Weds 13th	Year 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure
Thurs 7th		Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Performance to Nurseries	Thurs 14th	All KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL Christmas Party
Fri 8th			Fri 15th		Last Day of Term



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school hall has been transformed into a Christmas delight by our children and teachers!

On Wednesday morning the whole school including preschool watched Sleeping Beauty and everyone (including the adults) absolutely loved it!

On a more serious note we would like to bring your attention to the importance of school attendance. Did you know that a child who has 90% over an academic year loses out on 100 lessons? Our aim as a school is to ensure that every child should enjoy school, experience success and realise their full potential. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously affect their learning. We understand that there are times when absence cannot be avoided due to illness or other exceptional circumstances. However, we do ask that you consider carefully absences which are avoidable. I am always happy to discuss any concerns or queries that you may have with regard to this. Our Attendance Policy is on the Wessex Learning Trust Website and the link is: <https://www.kowessex.co.uk/wlt-main-site/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/05/WLT-Attendance-Policy-Feb-23.pdf>

Tonight is our Christmas Fayre – it is highly recommended that you attend. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed to it - without you all it would not be a success!

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.

School Book Fayre

The school book fayre will be open from the end of school on Monday 4th December, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please support this event as the school receives free books depending on how many books have been purchased.

Christmas Performance

The nativity performances will start at 1.45pm. The main gate via the school car park will be open from 1.20pm until the nativity starts.

If you have not already purchased a ticket for the performance, please see the Christmas Festivities letter below.

Christmas Festivities

Please click [Here](#) for our Christmas Festivities letter, which gives details about events that are taking place. Paper Copies of this letter are also available from the Perspex folder in the office foyer.

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.

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.

No Pens Day

On Wednesday the school took part in no pens day, this day shows the importance of developing our speech, language and communication skills. Across the school we could see lessons being adapted so more discussion and practical work happened. In Maths lessons we saw lots of resources and number cards being used and some classes even got the paints out for English lessons. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children as they worked on their communication skills with their peers.



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.

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 heard the story of the Nativity and have learnt actions to go with it. In RE we have been thinking about kindness and compassion and have made a kindness advent calendar. We have taken part in no pens day, made Christmas playdough and have been busy making Christmas magnets for the Christmas fayre.

We also loved watching the panto this week.

Year 1 Class: This week we have been very busy preparing for Christmas. We have learnt about advent in RE, and got out our class advent calendar ready for Friday! The children also enjoyed practising their song on stage with the year 4 children this week in our rehearsals.

Year 2 Class: Wednesday afternoon was the highlight of our week. We invited our parents and carers into school and they joined us in our class Christingle service. Every child participated in some way: readings, prayer, lighting of the Christingles, etc. Ms Green and myself were SO proud of our Ladybird Class they – Well Done!!!

Year 3 Class Year 3 had a fun-filled Wednesday with the pantomime and no pens day. We started the morning by seeing what we could build out of Lego, everyone had different pieces so every model was very unique! For maths, we used number cards to order numbers 0-1000, in English we painted our next part of our little red riding hood story rather than writing it and to finish off for Geography/DT we built bridges to go over rivers.

Year 4: Year 4 have had a whirlwind week. It was wonderful to see the rest of the school's songs, bringing together our play and completing our jigsaw. In addition to this, the children had an extremely busy and productive afternoon on Tuesday, in our Christmas Biscuit Bake Off. They have made lots of festive biscuits ready to sell at the Christmas fayre. Another highlight was the pantomime on Wednesday - the children booed and hissed and joined in with lots of the songs - it was a fantastic atmosphere. In the afternoon, they learnt some vital life-saving skills during their swimming lesson, where they were dressed in pjs. A memorable week!

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: This week we have been full on into Christmas. We have been busy filling up our bags with goodies to take home at the end of term, practicing our song for our Christmas production and decorating the preschool room ready for the festive season. We had a lovely time seeing the pantomime and are now singing our traditional carols, and comparing the celebrations at Christmas around the world.

Rotary
Club of Mendip



Santa

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

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provided for
over 13s

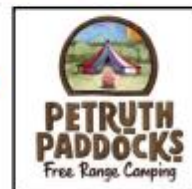
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Church Service Information

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

Term Dates 2023– 2024 click [Here](#)

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