



# Weare Academy C of E First School

Friday 8th December 2023  
Issue no. 13

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 11th	KS2 (Years 3 & 4)	Christmas Party	Mon 1st Jan	Bank Holiday	
Tue 12th	Rainbow Woods & Reception  All	Christmas Party  <b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>	Tues 2nd	Inset Day	
Wed 13th	Class 4	Swimming at Kings Leisure	Weds 3rd	Inset Day	
Thurs 14th	All  KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	<b>CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL</b>  Christmas Party	Thurs 4th		School open to all children
Fri 15th		Christmas Carol Service-9.45 Last Day of Term	Fri 5th		



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic Christmas Performance led by Year 4. We are so proud of our wonderful staff and pupils. Thank you to you our parents and carers who came, watched and applauded – a special time for all!

In addition, a huge thank you to everyone who donated towards our Pets as Therapy charity - £65.60 was raised.

We are looking forward to our last week of term with Christmas parties, Christmas lunch and the Christmas buffet. You are all invited to our Christmas Carol Service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Gregory's Church. If you are able to accompany us on the walk to church, please let your class teacher know via Class Dojo. We will leave the playground by 9.30.

Wishing you all a festive 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.

## 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

The Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, no sandwiches will be available on this day. The Buffet meal will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and no hot meals will be available on this day.

## Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is located just outside the office. If you wish to use this service, please ensure the child's name and class are clearly marked on the envelope. Last day of posting will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Wedmore by Lamplight-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

If your child is attending Wedmore by Lamplight (Singing Club), please ensure your child arrives at St Marys Church at 4.30, dressed in school uniform with any silver hair/tinsel accessories. Please remember to dress warm as the church can be very cold.

## Holiday Club

Come and enjoy Holiday Club fun at Wedmore First School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 – 3.30pm. Children age 4 years and over from all schools are welcome. For further information and booking please email [wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com](mailto:wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## After School Clubs

To compensate for the missed football club session on 30<sup>th</sup> November, a football session will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. After school club with restart on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January-Singing, Years 2,3 and 4 and Netball on Thursday for Years 3 and 4. Booking will open on Parent Pay in the New Year.

## Parent's Evening

Information on Parents evening information will be sent out in the New Year.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> January and last session will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A deposit payment of £30.00 is due by the **15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2024 admissions process can be found on the website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](http://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 the children have been amazing taking part in the school nativity play - they are all shining stars!!! In Literacy we have been sequencing the nativity story. In maths we have been using numicon to find two numbers that when you add them together make 10. In RE we have continued to talk about our Christian values for the term and have made a kindness and compassion class advent calendar. We have enjoyed some Christmas craft activities too.

**Year 1 Class:** Have had a very busy week. We have managed to keep up with our phonics learning and have begun writing the Christmas Story! The children have also loved performing their song to their parents in our school nativity performance this week! We can't wait to start more crafts next week.

**Year 2 Class:** Our mice and hens' singing was exemplary and we are so proud of them! In addition, we have started creating our Christmas storybooks which will be sent home on the last day of this term. We have also been innovating our Jack and the Beanstalk stories and have produced some great story maps in preparation for writing.

**Year 3 Class** Were absolute superstar shepherds in their Christmas play this week and each day sang their song beautifully, we are incredibly proud of them! Amongst the play the children have been busy starting some Christmas story writing and in English they have been finishing off their innovated warning tales.

**Year 4: Class** Our wonderful year 4's wowed and dazzled with their brilliant performances in this year's nativity, 'A Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. They have worked so hard learning their lines, remembering their cues and developing their activity skills - they have done fantastically and we are all very proud of them! An area of the curriculum that cannot be measured through a test, but what they learn through this journey is so valuable in developing the children's confidence, resilience and self control. Well done our little stars!

**Rainbow Woods Pre-School:** This week we have been making our Christingles in time for our Festive service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. We will also be so excited to be having a visit from Mrs Wadling and her Donkey. We have created lots of sensory tuff trays for the children this week using natural materials from outside, making snow and collecting ice. We loved exploring all the frosty cobwebs and counting all the individual strands. Such beautiful sights to see in our forest school. We will be handing out your children's wonderful Christmas creations from Friday. They've all worked so hard. Please don't forget if you're looking to send your child to Weare in September 2024 the deadline for applying is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Rotary  
Club of Mendip



and Elf



**Fun Run**

to raise money for

**Weston Hospicecare**

**at Winchester Farm**

Draycott Rd, Cheddar BS27 3RP

**on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 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

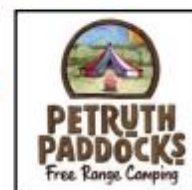
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## Church Service Information

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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