



Weare Academy C of E First School

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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 29th			Mon 5th		
Tue 30th	Year 2,3 & 4	Singing Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay	Tues 6th	Year 2,3 & 4	Singing Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay
Wed 31st	Year 3	Swimming	Weds 7th	Year 3	Swimming
Thurs 1st	Year 3 & 4	Netball Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay	Thurs 8th	Year 3 & 4	Netball Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay
Fri 2nd			Fri 9th		



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we had a visit from a representative from Somerset Local Authority with regard to school attendance. This has been a real focus for the Department of Education as there is clear evidence showing that poor attendance is directly linked to children's academic achievement.

I am pleased to say that we were commended for the good level of attendance at Weare, however, if a child's attendance is below 90% (unless for specific health reasons) a letter will be sent to remind parents/carers about the importance of regular attendance.

At Weare we have SAM (School Attendance Matters) Bear who visits every Friday's Celebration Service celebrating each year group's attendance. The year group with the highest attendance for the week has SAM Bear in the classroom for the following week!

In closing, we have had the exciting news that our new head teacher, Chelsea Dover, has been appointed and will commence her headship at Weare after the Easter break.

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb
Acting Head Teacher

Diary Dates for 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.

Trips

Details of trips, more details to follow.

Year 3	Monday 4 th March
Year R & 2	Friday 8 th March
Year 4	Wednesday 20 th March
Year 1	Friday 22 nd March
Year 2	Tuesday 26 th March
Year 2	Tuesday 4 th June

Extreme Weather

If the trust decides to close the school due to extreme weather, a message will be sent via DOJO.

Absent Line

Please phone 01934 732270 option 1 before 9.15 on the day to advise the reason why your child will not be attending school. You will need to call this number every day until your child has returned to school unless previously agreed by the Head Teacher. Thank you

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please book via Parent Pay, unfortunately we are no longer able to cancel your child's space on the day if you decide your child does not wish to attend.

Main Gate/Farmers Gate

The main gate will close at 9am, if your child arrives after this time, please come to reception to sign them in. The main gate and farmers gate will be closed at 3.45pm to ensure the safety of the children in the after school club. Thank you for your understanding.

After School Clubs

After school club with restart on Tuesday 9th January-Singing, Years 2,3 and 4 and Netball on Thursday for Years 3 and 4. Booking is now open on Parent Pay.

Year 3 Swimming

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.**

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'

School Uniform

Macpac are holding a January Sale, 10% saving on School Uniform and Bags. A code of "JSP24" will need to be entered at checkout. To receive the discount, you will need to enter the code but this will only be activated on Thursday 25th January and will not be available before this time.

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/>

World Thinking Day

Thursday 22nd February is World Thinking Day for members of Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Cubs. On this day they can wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement.

Shrek the Musical at Strode Theatre

Crispin School presents: Shrek the Musical at Strode Theatre from 01 - 03 February. Please book online or contact the box office on 01458 442846

This week in...

Reception Class: this week we have continued with our theme of Winter Wonderland. We have been talking about why we wear warm clothes in Winter and seasonal changes that we notice. We went on our first school trip to Mendip Activity centre where we took part in tobogganing and we had so much fun. In literacy we have started our new story called 'How to Catch A Star'. In maths we have been making collections of objects for the numbers 6,7,8 and have been looking at staircase patterns. We have been designing our own Winter clothes and explored the property of ice and how it feels when it melts.

Year 1 Class: we have innovated our story the magic porridge pot to the magic cake box! The children were so enthusiastic when coming up with ideas to change our main character, setting and magical item. We have continued to do guided reading every day after lunch and it is so inspiring to see how well the children are progressing with their reading – Please keep this up at home as we have seen an amazing amount of progress this half term in our assessments. In science this week the children created beautiful seasonal colour pallets after reading the story 'Seasons come, seasons go Tree' by Britta Teckentrup. They were required to think about what colours we see in our natural environment in each of the 4 seasons.

Year 2 Class: we have been comparing life in Kenya to what it is like to live in England. In Maths we have continued learning about equal groups and then writing repeated addition expressions which will progress into multiplication next week. Today has been a fantastic Break the Rules day and everyone had lots of fun (but still did lots of work as well)!

Year 3 Class: have been looking at shape in Maths. We have focused on the properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and finding right angles in our environment. We have also come towards the end of our writing unit in English and the children have been working hard on inventing their own cumulative tales (repeating stories), we have had some very creative stories written this week. Finally, on Wednesday, Year 3 had another fantastic swimming lesson and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 4 Class: have become very competitive with their timetables. We have been doing regular tournaments on TT Rockstars and they are making great progress as a result. In English, we have spent this week innovating our model text of a tale of fear - it is now based in an abandoned circus, truly terrifying. The result is amazing and I am looking forward to reading their own invented texts next week.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: this week we have started our new book "Goldilocks and the three bears". We have gone through the story and the children know why it is important that you should listen to your parents. Children can retell the story and have learnt about differences in sizes through the story. They have learnt how to make porridge. Children have used numicons to match numbers and amounts up to 5 and beyond. To improve our scissors control we have done lots of cutting and pasting to finish our display board. Next week we are having a teddy bears picnic throughout the week so every child can join in and bring in one of their special teddy bears ☺. Also they have made their binoculars ready for a bear hunt.

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is Respect

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