



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I end my third week as Headteacher here at Weare Academy, I have been reflecting on where we are in our school improvement journey. I wanted to share with you some of the changes we have made so far and some of our plans for the future.

This week we had our routine School Improvement Visit which has been really useful in identifying key priorities for the Summer Term and into next academic year. A real positive to come out of the visit was the noted improvement in pupil's behaviour in the classrooms, and the atmosphere as we walked around the school was found to be calm and purposeful. I am currently working with the staff to identify and organise future training and resources needed; including staff CPD on key safeguarding priorities. Safe, enjoyable playtimes are key to children's emotional, social, and physical development and we are developing our provision at break and lunchtimes. So far, we have increased teacher presence during break; prevented unsupervised access to the school buildings; and have also been liaising with the PTA to update the playground resources and equipment available.

Additionally, I have also been working with our Operations Team to plan future improvements to the school site. This includes redecorating our classrooms, redefining the use of communal spaces, and looking into the repositioning of the school office to further improve site security.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs C. Dover



Upcoming Events:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>Detail, Timing and Venue</i> |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Mon 6th</i> | | Bank Holiday |
| <i>Tue 7th</i> | | |
| <i>Wed 8th</i> | | |
| <i>Thurs 9th</i> | Rec/Year 1 & 2 | Multi sports |
| <i>Fri 10th</i> | | |
| <i>Mon 13th</i> | | |
| <i>Tue 14th</i> | | |
| <i>Wed 15th</i> | Year 4 | Residential Trip |
| <i>Thurs 16th</i> | Rec/Year 1 & 2 | Multi Sports |
| | Year 4 | Residential Trip |
| <i>Fri 17th</i> | Year 4 | Residential Trip |

Useful Information

Key Dates

2023-2024

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.

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 Headteacher.



Healthy Snack

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.



PE Kit

Starting next week, the children should come into school dressed in their PE kit on the days which they have PE.

Class teachers will confirm PE days via school Dojo.

Pick up/Drop off

Please could parents and carers not walk through classrooms **at any time**. Please visit the office who will be happy to assist. This includes entering any building to use the toilets without permission. Thankyou.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Please book via Parent Pay. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to cancel your child's space on the day if they do not wish to attend.



Attendance

Butterfly Class achieved the best attendance this week. Well Done!



Please follow the [link](#) for more information on Attendance.

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



After School Clubs

Multi Sports Club on Thursday 3.30-4.30.

(Reception, Year 1 and 2 only) Unfortunately all spaces have been filled, but please watch this space for next term's club.



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Chelsey Dover
Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL): Felicity Gibb, Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon
Safeguarding Governor: Martin Horton
WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead: Dawn Tomkies

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000 **Somerset Direct:** 0300 123 2224 **NSPCC:** Keeping children safe online

Please visit the SSCP safeguarding website link for regular updates on safeguarding:

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>



Christian Values

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

This week in...

Rainbow Woods Preschool



This week we spoke about sea creatures. We made the sea using blue coloured playdough and used different sea creatures to make impressions. Using different colours, we made animal footprints. Children identified the different footprints and the different sizes.

We used Cheerios and spaghetti to do counting up to five and beyond the number five.

We are practicing the initials of the children using phonics song.

Reception



In Reception class we have been continuing with the story of The Sheep and the Goat. We have written captions from the story and are beginning to use punctuation in our writing. In maths we have been looking at different ways of making 10. In RE, we have been learning about the parable of the three servants and what we can learn from the story. In art we have looked at animal prints and we have been keen to find out some facts about wolves.

Year 1



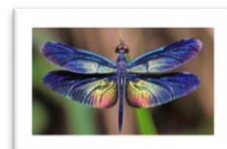
This week in year 1 the children have been learning all of the key features needed in an instruction text. We have learnt that we must include a heading, you will need list, an image, numbered steps, imperative verbs and time conjunctions. The children highlighted all of these key features in our model text using a given key. Next week we will begin innovating to create our own set of instructions. We will be making a medieval style honey cake and will use this as a foundation for our innovated instructions.

Year 2



In Year 2 we have been creating new characters for our Invent story write and describing them using adjectives and similes. We have also created beautiful 'under the sea' drawings as part of our Geography and Art topics. It is exciting watching the tadpoles in our classroom as they grow and we are recording observations in our Tadpole Diaries!

Year 3



Year 3 have been busy innovating their defeating the monster stories in English this week, we have worked on using vocabulary, description and different sentence structures to build suspense and make our stories exciting! We have also learnt about pollination in science and the children made some brilliant diagrams to represent the pollination process. In history, we have focused on looking at how telephones and televisions have changed over time and we are looking forward to sharing our questionnaires with each other that we made to take home to find out how technology has changed over time.

Year 4



Year 4 have done brilliantly this week in maths, where we have been learning about coordinates and translating polygons on a first quadrant grid. In English, they have been innovating our model text and our shared write ignited the children's creative ideas - describing a world made of all things sweet. Our imminent trip to Kilve, has been forefront of conversation this week and we have been preparing our postcards to write and send home once there.

Key dates this term:

Summer Term

- Wednesday 15th May – Reception Trip
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 1 Trip (Children will have their photos taken before the trip)
- Tuesday 21st May - Class photos for all year groups
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 4 only-individual photos
- Tuesday 4th June - Year 2 Trip

Roll up, Roll up!
Tickets are on sale now!

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

**COMING TO THE FIELD AT
KINGS FITNESS & LEISURE**

Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June 2024

**The shows feature Acrobats, Aerialists, Illusions, Speciality Acts,
Clowns, Audience Participation, loads of Fun
and much, much more!**



**Tickets
Only £10**

**Family of 4 Tickets
Only £36**



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