



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy week again at Weare, the sun stayed out on Thursday and we had a great sports day. Thanks to everyone who help to organise and support the event, which made it a very special day.

Summer Fun Night is going ahead indoors, 5.30-7pm. Raffle tickets are still on sale and will be drawn after the event, then winners will then be notified. Please help to support this evening and we hope to see lots of you there.

Polite reminder, please remember your child remains your responsibility at this event.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has contacted us regarding new resources to support the development of our play provision. We are grateful to have already had some donations but lots more resources are needed. I have included a list of the resources we are looking for. If you are able to donate any of these items, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher.

I am able to provide an update on the Deputy Head vacancy. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find the right candidate at this stage. I am sure you will agree that it is imperative that we ensure we find the right fit for our school in the next stage of its journey. We will be re-advertising again in September.

We are however pleased to announce that Mrs Mathias will be embarking on a Teaching Apprenticeship journey within the Wessex Learning Trust, starting at Weare Academy First School. Mrs Mathias will be our Year 2 class teacher from September. She has just completed her Education and Learning Degree and we are excited to be able to retain her knowledge and experience of our school and children within our team.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Mrs C. Dover





Garden Café

- Extra-large metal dog bowls
- Metal taps
- Metal kettle
- Metal or plastic draining board
- Plastic jugs
- Cooking utensils
- Metal pots and pans
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Metal/plastic mixing bowls
- Metal or plastic trays
- Plastic shakers
- Pebbles or pea grit
- Natural materials such as: branch slices, pine cones, bark, shells
- Fresh herbs
- Chalk board easel or sign
- Metal hooks or knobs



Role Play Zone

- Pallets
- Large cardboard boxes
- Briefcases
- Leather handbags
- Steering wheels
- Hats (costume)
- Masks
- Adult clothing such as dresses, jackets, uniform
- Dolls prams
- Child's bike wheels
- Unwired microphones

Construction Zone

- ~~Car tyres~~
- Tractor tyres
- Gravel - large ton bag
- Trowels
- Metal buckets
- Large toy diggers
- Plastic hard hats
- Hi Vis jackets
- Planks
- Logs
- Pebbles & large stones
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Small traffic cones
- Grey pavers



At Weare Academy, we are looking to develop our provision at playtimes. We would like to encourage different types of play through zoning our outdoor space and increasing the resources we have on offer. If you are able to donate any of the items listed (used and unwanted items welcome!) please inform the office or your child's class teacher.

Small World Zone

- Small figures
- Plastic animals
- Wooden or plastic dolls house furniture
- Toy cars

Creative Zone

- Rolls of wallpaper
- Fabric offcuts
- Decorators paint brushes
- Ribbons
- Chalk
- Plastic pots or buckets

General

- Tarpaulins
- Large sheets
- Heavy duty clips or pegs
- MAKITA outdoor speaker
- Duplo
- Topsoil
- Plastic tubs
- Wooden crates



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. This means no nuts are to be brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches.



Picnic Day

On **Monday 22nd July**, there will be no HOT meals available. Please ensure you access Parent Pay by **Monday 15th July** to choose which sandwiches your child requires. Thankyou

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.

Parent Pay

If your child requires breakfast at breakfast club, please select this option on Parent Pay. **Please book Breakfast Club and After School club asap as places are limited.** Unfortunately, we are no longer able to cancel any bookings on the day.

Attendance

Lady Bird Class achieved the best attendance this week.



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

Summer Fun Night

This year's Summer Fun Night will take place, **TONIGHT** at 5:30-7pm. Raffle Tickets are still on sale. Winners will be notified after the event.

Online Safety

YouTube Kids is often used by parents as child-friendly alternative. While the platform uses a range of different filters to stop adult content from playing, these aren't always 100% effective. The NSPCC has published some helpful tips for parents to help keep their child safe on the site. Please use this [link](#) to visit the site.



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: 0808 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 have been using our mark making skills with water and chalk outside and practising our listening skills with listening games inside and listening walks around our forest school area. We had a special mindfulness session with the lovely Lyndsey Andrews on Wednesday, the children loved the games and activities she provided, and she showed us some techniques on how to be calm and present. We continued to practice these techniques for the rest of the week.

We also must mention competing in our sports day - Well done everybody we're so proud of you all.

Reception



In Reception this week we have been learning facts about some famous pirates throughout history. We have heard the story of Billy's Bucket. In maths we have been using ReknRek's to show two numbers that make 5. We were all sports superstars for sports day.

Year 1



In year 1 this week we have been really busy with our science and PSHE work. In science we have explored using our sense of smell to work scientifically by predicting what we could smell in each smell sample pot, before we revealed at the end what was in pot 1,2,3,4 and 5. The children thought the onion was disgusting! In PSHE we have looked at a baby photo of every child in the class and have tried to work out who it is. After this we used a printer version of our baby photo to create a piece of work discussing how we have changed since we were a baby.

Year 2



We had a great sports day yesterday and discussed how important it is that we enjoy ourselves which we definitely did. We have been learning about the history of lighthouses this week and how important they have been and still are in ensuring the safety of ships and boats around our coast. We have also decided to make some model lighthouses ready for next week's workshop with our visiting adults.

Year 3



On Tuesday Year 3 has a fantastic afternoon at the Hugh Sexey's multi-sports festival. They took part in activities that involved variations of rounders, cricket, rugby obstacle races, tug of war and many more! It was great to see all children being so enthusiastic and actively taking part with their peers.

Year 4



What an exciting week! On Tuesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed making mini tsunami models looking at how mangroves are now being created in high risk parts of the world, to try and reduce the impact on inhabited areas. On Wednesday, lots of the children visited Hugh Sexey's for their transfer day, which was very exciting and there was lots of positive feedback afterwards. Thursday was the children's final Sports Day at Weare, which was really special - a huge thanks to our wonderful House Captains for helping with lots of the organisation.

Date **Year Group**

Mon 8 th		
Tue 9 th	Reception	Curriculum Workshop 2.30pm
Wed 10 th	All Year 3	In school transfer morning Curriculum Workshop 2.30pm
Thurs 11 th	Year 2,3 & 4	Fielding Sports Club- After School (LAST SESSION)
Fri 12 th	Year 2	Curriculum Workshop 2.30pm
Mon 15 th	Year 1	Curriculum Workshop 2.30pm
Tue 16 th		
Wed 17 th	Year 3 & 4	Sports Tournament
Thurs 18 th		
Fri 19 th	Year 4	Leavers Service
Mon 22 nd		Picnic on the field-If you require a school pack lunch, please book on Parent Pay by Monday 15 th July.
Tue 23 rd		Last Day of Term
Wed 24 th		Inset Day-School closed to all children

OTHER INFORMATION

Defibrillator Training Session

You are invited to a free training session at Weare Memorial Hall on Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm. This will be led by a Cardiac Nurse who will take you through the process of using the defibrillators that are provided by the Parish Council for use by our community. Please register your interest by emailing your Parish Clerk (Sally) on: weareparishcouncil@hotmail.com or by telephoning 01934 750480





What's on this summer?

Pond Dipping Hire at RSPB Ham Wall!

Hire a pond dipping kit for one hour and see what you can find in the water...will you find a Damselfly larvae or a Water Scorpion! Available most Saturday and Sundays.

Date Various - check website for dates and times.
Cost £4 per kit

Big Wild Summer PJ Party at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us at bedtime to discover the wonders of nocturnal wildlife! We'll play games, go on a walk by torchlight, sit around a campfire, toast marshmallows and listen to a bedtime story. Booking fee included.

Date 3 August 2024 6:30pm - 9pm
Cost £16 child member, £20 child non-member, £8 adult member, £10 adult non-member.

Kids Bio-Blitz at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us to find what is lurking in the pond, hiding in the grass or under a stone, or singing from the trees! We will spend some time pond dipping, bug hunting and birdwatching, recording what we find as we go along. Booking fee included.

Date 9 August 2024 10:30am - 12pm
Cost £7 child member, £8.50 child non-member

Family Friday Fun Day! Marvellous Mammals!

Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of the UK's most fascinating mammals! Listen to stories, play some games, discover who did the poo and create some amazing crafts! Booking fee included.

Date 23 August 2024 11am - 12:30pm
Cost £6 child member, £7.50 child non-member

Contact
 ham.wall@rspb.org.uk
 01458 860494

Find out more
www.https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2024



FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR BEING EDUCATED IN THE CHEDDAR VALLEY AREA

TO BOOK ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.HAPPITY.CO.UK/THE-SPACE-SOMERSET](https://www.happity.co.uk/the-space-somerset) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

EACH SESSION IS £5 PER PERSON
*NON-REFUNDABLE



TUESDAY 30TH JULY	AGE 8+	CARVED LINO T-SHIRT PRINTING DESIGN AND PRINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT USING PRE-CARVED LINDS OF VARIOUS DESIGNS. SOME OF THESE IMAGES HAVE CONNECTIONS TO CHEDDAR FOLK HISTORY TOO!	CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST	AGE 6+	BUSHCRAFT BUT SIMPLY BUSHCRAFT IS ABOUT USING NATURE TO SUSTAIN YOURSELF IN THE WILD AND SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS INCLUDE CREATING A FIRE, BUILDING A SHELTER, FORAGING FOR FOOD AND COLLECTING WATER.	MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE 11.30AM-1PM
TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST	AGE 8+	CURLY WURLY CLAY COIL POTS YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO USE SIMPLE CLAY HAND BUILDING TECHNIQUES TO CREATE YOUR OWN 'SPARKLY' COIL POT. WE WILL USE AIR DRYING CLAY IN THE WORKSHOP - AND YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MINI SET OF PEOPLE FIGURES SO YOU CAN PAINT YOUR POT AT HOME ONCE IT DRIES.	CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST	AGE 6+	ARCHERY ACTIVE ARCHERY ACTIVE IS THE ULTIMATE TEAM COMBAT SPORT, COMBINING THE BEST OF POINTSHOOTING, ARCHERY AND DODGEBALL - WITHOUT THE BRUISES, KES OR EXPENSIVE AMMO!	MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE 11.30AM-1PM

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DAY

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Membership
on the day



Sunday 7th July
10am-4pm