



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – *Keeping you informed!*

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a family of schools, Wessex Learning Trust have decided to re brand their schools. This presents an exciting opportunity to work together to ensure that the new logo reflects our identity. During the initial phone call with the design company last week, we came up with the following words which we feel reflect our school: *rural, Christian, inclusive, community, nature* and *farming*. We also shared our school values – Respect, Kindness and Compassion, Forgiveness, Thankfulness & Responsibility.



We would really like parent & pupil feedback and input on this too. **What do you feel is Weare Academy First School's identity?** Once the initial designs are back in the new academic year, I will share this with the school community for feedback before committing to a final design. Please be reassured that there will be a long period of transition, there will be no expectation that children wear brand new logo'ed uniform overnight. Other schools have started this process and have said that the transition period can be as long as two years. Please pass on your feedback regarding the rebrand via Dojo or by emailing the school office.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our entire Weare team who work relentlessly for the children and who are always prepared to go the extra mile. Sadly, at the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Gibb, who has worked 21 years as teacher, Deputy head and recently Acting Head teacher, for her contribution and dedication to Weare. Miss Green will be leaving after spending seven years as higher-level teaching assistant to pursue new adventures. We also want to inform you that following Mr Coggins resigning from his post of teacher of PE, we have sourced an alternative PE service. We will be engaging with Kings Fitness and Leisure for our PE support moving forward which we are very excited about. We wish Mr Coggins well for the future, and thank him for his contribution to our school community.

We would also like to thank volunteers, Friends of Weare and parents who have supported us during the year.

Next week we will also be saying fond farewells to our Year 4 children who will soon be embarking on their few days term at Weare Academy First School. I would like to take the opportunity to wish each and every one of our amazing Year 4 children well; encouraging them to aim high, dream big and to be the best version of themselves that they can be, knowing that they will always be part of our Weare Academy family.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday when it arrives.

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.

Please note the first day of term is **THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**

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.

Please **do not** send a DOJO message or Email. Thankyou.

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.



Music Lessons

Music lessons will commence in September. Helen Brock will be continuing with recorders and violins. We also have a new teacher Alison Blundell who will be starting in September.

Also, after school, Amy Horton will be offering music lessons.

starting Monday 16th September,

More information to follow.
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

Please remember to book your child's meal via Parent Pay before the **start of term.**

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2, there is no charge for meals.

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 and overall for the year.

Well done



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

Swimming

Year 3 will start swimming on Wednesday 16th September for 10 weeks.

Year 4 will start on Wednesday 8th January for 10 weeks.

More information to follow

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://somersetsafeguardingchildren.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 start of the week has been a tearful one as we have been preparing for our graduation which was so amazing even our tadpoles did amazingly well and enjoyed watching their friends sing. We're so proud of them all! Also, this week we have been practicing our numbers, talking about kindness, sharing and roleplaying activities around our Christian Value-Responsibility. Our children have come up with some lovely things they like to do to take responsibility like looking after their pets or tidying their room. To finish our week, we will be talking about how we can keep ourselves active in the holidays. Next term will be 'All about me' so the children will be drawing a self-portrait ready to put up in school-so exciting.

Reception



In Reception this week we have been talking transition and the changes to expect when the children move onto year 1. Children have been continuing to write captions and speech bubbles using their sounds. In maths we have talked about subtraction and how this can be recorded using a number sentence. In Forest school we have looked after our class vegetable patch and were excited to see how the sunflowers, tomato plants and carrots are growing.

Year 1



What a fun and exciting penultimate week we have had in year 1, the highlight being our large scale, class water fight with an ice lolly treat at the end - and what perfect weather we had too! The children have also finished their invent writes where some children did a Euro's themed story 'Gareth and the three lions' (based on Goldilocks and the three bears - our unit focus this half term!).

Year 2



This week we have started our final D.T. Project for the year designing and sewing coasters. The children are doing so well at this challenging activity but there are some excellent creations emerging.

In addition, in Maths we have been revisiting the use of money and recognition of the value of coins. We have been finding out how to use the least number of coins to show a total and working with amounts over £1. It would be great if children could be given the opportunity at home to use actual coins to purchase items during the Summer holidays as a way of becoming more familiar with actual money.

Year 3



It has been another busy week in Year 3! On Wednesday we visited Kings Leisure Centre and spent the day completing lots of different sports activities such as dance, hockey, dodgeball and obstacle courses, all children really enjoyed the day! We have now ended the week with our math's unit on 'time' finished, newspaper reports written in English and our Geography and Science topics completed. We are excited for a fun last two days of Year 3!

Year 4



Year 4 had a brilliant day at Kings of Wessex on Wednesday, where they were treated to a day of outdoor activities, from football skills to a water relay - it was excellent! However, the highlight of this week was our incredibly special Leaver's Service at the church, where we had the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful journey our year 4 children have been on during their time at Weare. An emotional but joyous occasion - a huge well done to all!

Date *Year Group*

<i>Mon 22nd</i>		Picnic on the field. Please remember if you have not already ordered a pack lunch you will need to send a pack lunch from home.
<i>Tue 23rd</i>		Last Day of Term
<i>Wed 24th</i>		Inset Day-School closed to all children