



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been brilliant to see the children and hear about the things you have all been up to over the Summer. The children are settling really well and working hard already.

We’d like to welcome you to parent information evenings – We will share the school priorities with you and each class teacher will give you a rundown of what life will look like in your child’s new class. The dates are as follows:

- Year 1: Wednesday 25th September, 6.45-7.15
- Year 2: Tuesday 24th September, 6.45-7.15
- Year 3: Wednesday 25th September, 6.00-6.30
- Year 4: Tuesday 24th September, 6.00-6.30

As Reception class parents were able to attend an information evening at the end of the last school year, instead a Parent Phonics Workshop will be held on Wednesday 18th September, 4.30-5.00.

We are excited to be able to share that Primary Forest School & Outdoor Education will be delivering Forest school sessions to **every class** this year. The children will have the opportunity to explore, play and learn in an outdoor environment. As part of the provision they offer, they will also be developing our forest school site, offering lunchtime clubs and an afterschool club. More detailed information will be sent to individual classes ahead of their sessions. This fantastic opportunity has been **funded by Friends of Weare**.

Lots of work has been going on around the school over the Summer and the school is looking much brighter. The Year 4 building has been repainted throughout, new flooring has been put down in the reading area outside the Year 2 and 3 classrooms and the corridor and library spaces have been refreshed. We have also began the first stages of our plans to develop our play provision at Weare Academy and our Garden Café, **funded by Friends of Weare**, has been installed. Despite the rain, the children have been eager to get out and use it already! The next area we would like to develop is a construction zone, if you are able to donate any of the items listed on the following page, it would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,
Mrs C. Dover



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| Term 5 | Reception |
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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.



After School Clubs

Please see Parent Pay for more information.

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

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.

Please access Parent Pay for more information

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): 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/>

