



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week here at Weare with everyone settling well into their new classes and routines! Thank you to all Parents, Carers, and children for making sure you are arriving at school promptly and ready to learn.

I am sure you will have seen that there is a particular drive on school attendance and punctuality from the Department of Education and Somerset Council with new guidelines and protocols that all schools must adhere to. We want to support our learners as much as we can to make sure they get the best outcomes from their education, so we closely monitor attendance and, if we see a decline for one of our learners, we will be in contact to see how we can support. Please find a link for the new guidance documents from Somerset Council and the Department of Education below.



https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Pages/Download/676cf487-7192-464f-9aaf-6f3cccddb7f3/PageSectionDocuments/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf

It's a good time of year to do some housekeeping around how, and why, learners are accessing the internet and the use of social media – I want to remind you of some of the legal age limits for some apps.

Facebook – legally No child under the age of 13 should have a Facebook account

WhatsApp – The legal age limit for children to be accessing WhatsApp is 13 (recently reduced from 16)

TikTok – Again the legal age limit is 13

The NSPCC have a web page to help tackle having conversations around online safety with our children please click this link for more info [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

It is vital that we work together to tackle the negative issues that our children may face online and to educate them on what to do if they are concerned about something they see or hear online. Please make sure you are aware of the legal age limits on any games, apps, or social media that your children have access to, the age limits are there to help protect our children from potential harm.

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



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



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



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.

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
- Unused microphones

Small World Zone

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



Useful Information

Key Dates

2024-2025

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 last day of term is **THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER**

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 end of bulletin for more information.

Places are still available for the Music Introduction and Spanish bookable via Parent Pay.

Also spaces still available in Forest School, please book direct.

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

Well done to Year 4 who achieved the highest attendance this week.

Swimming

Year 3 will start swimming on Wednesday 18th 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/>



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Autumn Term

Club	Coach	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Music	Mrs Horton	Year 3 & 4	Monday First session 16 th Sept Last session 14 th Oct	4	£20.00
Forest School	Forest School	Year 1,2,3 & 4	Tuesday First Session 10 th Sept- Last Session 22 nd Oct	7	£31.50
Spanish	Mr Sage	Year 3 & 4	Wednesday First session 11 th Sept- Last Session 23 rd Oct	7	£35.00
Sports Club	PE Coaches	Year 1 & 2	Thursday First session 12 th Sept- Last Session 24 th Oct	7	£35.00