



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

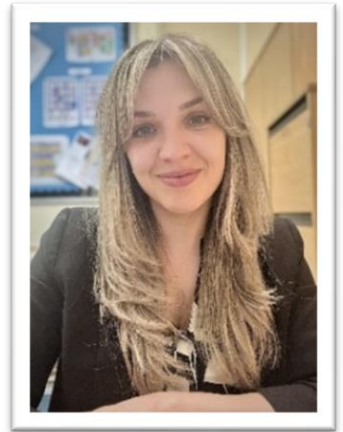
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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been celebrating acts of Kindness. In Reception class the children have been busy helping their grown-ups at home. Lots of children have tidied up their bedrooms, helped with cleaning and cooking dinner. In Year 1 the children read 'Wish' by Chris Saunders which is a story about the power of kindness, and the magic of friendship. In Year 2 they created a "kindness flower," each child decorated their flower and then swapped it with six other children in the class who wrote something kind about that person on one of the six petals. In Year 3, the children started the week by creating an act of kindness checklist, all week they have been working towards ticking each act off. Year 4 looked at different scenarios and the children have thought about how that person would have been feeling during those given moments, developing and encouraging an understanding of empathy.



You will have seen that a letter was sent out announcing changes to breakfast and afterschool club provision, which will be run externally by [Future Stars Coaching](#) from 4th November 2024. The club will be overseen by Reece Fosh, who will supervise both the Breakfast and After School Club each day. Please see end of bulletin for more information. We hope this move will provide a more engaging experience for pupils whilst improving reliability for parents and carers. A variety of enriching afterschool clubs will also be available until 4:30pm, which will continue to be booked through Parent Pay.

As part of our Personal Development Curriculum we are working to provide more meaningful opportunities for the children to be involved in decision making across the school. Last week the children elected their Pupil Council representatives and Year 4 House Captains, who have each been given a badge to symbolise the importance of their role within our school community. I look forward to keeping you updated with their work across this year.



For your information, we have recently updated our Lockdown Procedure which has been shared with the Local Partnership Board and staff. Class teachers will be sharing this in an appropriate, child-friendly way with the children next week and we will be conducting a lockdown drill before the end of term.

Finally, we hope that many of you will be able to join us for the Harvest Service at St Gregory's Church on Wednesday 16th October. In a change to usual proceedings, we ask that all parents and carers support us in keeping the children safe by meeting us at the church. A safety briefing will be given to staff, selected volunteers and pupils who will be walking down to the church before they leave the school site.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C. Dover

Useful Information

Key Dates

2024-2025

Tuesday 8th Oct,
Open morning for prospective
parents

9.30-10.45am

Wednesday 16th Oct,
Harvest Festival,
Year 1 & 3 History Showcase
2.30-3.30pm

Friday 18th Oct,
Individual and sibling photos
Flu vaccinations

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 access Parent Pay to pay for school trips and to book your child's meal.

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 1 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



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Chelsey Dover

Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL): Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon

Safeguarding Governor: Martin Horton



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/>



Mr Fear and Mr Bridgman from Kings Fitness and Leisure visited all of the children in their assembly on Thursday 3rd October, to share the exciting launch of the Junior Activities Passport. Children can participate in activities at Kings Fitness and Leisure, and in return receive a sticker, to be placed in their Junior Passports. Also, children will have the opportunity to win stickers in their PE lessons on Thursdays.

There are a total of 42 stickers to collect! Once a child collects 6 stickers and 1 shiny sticker, they can collect 1 of 6 prizes from the Leisure Centre reception! Mr Fear and Mr Bridgman got the children moving in assembly and they all won their first sticker for completing this challenge. Challenges will also be set by the Kings team for schools to hand out stickers! They announced a half term swimming challenge for the children to win the first shiny sticker! The children will be going home from school with a Junior Activities passport next week and parents can find more information contained within the passport or by following this link: www.kingsfitness.co.uk/passport



Would you like to join the Local Partnership Board?

At Weare Academy CofE First School, we are looking to appoint Local Partners to join our committed Local Partnership Board. If you think you can contribute to this vital role, please share your information with the school office.

Afterschool Clubs Autumn Term 1

Club	Coach	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Music	Mrs Horton	Year 3 & 4	Monday First session 16 th Sept Last session 7 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

JOIN THE Breakfast Club

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With Care Lead Reece

at Weare Academy

Start your child's day right, with good food, catching up with buddies and lots of fun activities

Mon - Fri | 8am to 8.40am

- ★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk



Commences Term 2, 4th November 2024

Child Care at Weare Academy After School

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Snack Included



Whether it's a high-energy session or a relaxing activity, our friendly, professional team will ensure your child enjoys the end of their school day!

With Care Lead Reece

Monday to Friday

3.30pm - 5.30pm = £11.00

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