



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As lots of you will be aware, the Friends of Weare organise class cake sales throughout the year to raise money for individual class resources. Our first cake sale of the academic year will be for **Year 3, Dragonfly Class**, and will be held at the end of the school day on **Friday 18th October**.



As I shared in last week's bulletin, we have recently updated our Lockdown Procedure which is a statutory requirement for all schools. Class teachers will be sharing this with the children in an appropriate, child-friendly way. We will be conducting a **lockdown drill** on **Monday 21st October at 11:10am**.

A reminder that our **Harvest Service** at St Gregory's Church is on **Wednesday 16th October at 10am**. 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. The children will be asked to bring into school a donation of tinned items, dried food, toiletries and cleaning products on this day only. All items will be collected together and donated to Cheddar Valley Foodbank.

I would also like to thank Mrs Horton who has been running a music workshop after school for years 3 and 4. All of the parental contributions for this workshop has been donated to the school to purchase new items. Mrs Horton will be running a craft workshop next term on Wednesdays after school for years 1 and 2 and once again will donate all parental contributions to the school. Details of this workshop will be sent out by the end of term.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that, following a thorough interview process involving myself, members of our Partnership Board, and the WLT central team, we have successfully appointed a new Deputy Headteacher. Our new Deputy Head will be joining the team in January 2025, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school community. More information about the successful candidate and our vision for their role within the school will be shared in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C. Dover

Useful Information

Key Dates

Wednesday 16th Oct - Harvest Festival, parents to meet at the church at 9.55am

Year 4 Trip Tuesday 15th Oct
Year 2 Trip Thursday 24th Oct
Year 3 Trip Tuesday 12th Nov

Friday 18th Oct - Individual and sibling photos
Friday 18th Oct - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 24th Oct – Curriculum showcase (all classes)

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.



Wrap Around Care

Please do not book any breakfast or after school sessions on Parent Pay for after half term.

Future Stars system will go live next week, a DOJO message will be sent to advise when this happens.

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.

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 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week.



Swimming

Year 3 will start swimming on Wednesday 18th September for 10 weeks.

Please remember your child needs a swimming hat.

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

Please access Parent Pay for more information

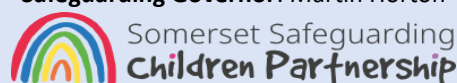
Online Safety

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

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at Weare Academy

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Mon - Fri | 8am to 8.40am

- ★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers
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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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