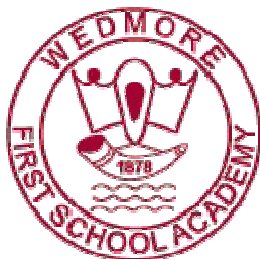


Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Worker of the Week

Robin	Woody
Fox	Lily
Rabbit	Annie
Hedgehog	Ellie
Skylark	Penny
Owl	Oscar

Citizenship Award

Robin	Millaray, Reuben
Fox	William, Georgie
Rabbit	Amelia, Noah
Hedgehog	Chloe W, Maddie
Skylark	Martha, Tilly
Owl	Rohan, Minnie, Hannah

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Harvest Services

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Jack and Ellie for their bar graphs;
- ◆ Lily, Ted, Taylor, Freddie, Poppy, Aurelia, Henry and Eve for their Fire of London then and now work;
- ◆ Kitty, Lily, Coco, Eve, Taylor, Georgie, Amy, Adam, George, Summer, Aurelia and Ted for their minute maths;
- ◆ Grace, Gigi, Phoebe and Grace for their holiday news writing;
- ◆ Daisy, Alexa, Rory, Rohan, Annabel, Isaac and Eleanor for their dragon descriptions;
- ◆ Eleanor, George, Evelyn, Oscar and Alexa for their Internet Safety posters;
- ◆ Reuben for his Egypt map work.

Welcome!

Welcome back to another school year – where did the summer go?

Our new members of staff are settling in well. Welcome to Miss Kerry Low in Hedgehog Class, Mrs Gaynor Jones in Robin class, Ms Bernadette Rosewell in Duck Class and Mrs Andrea Evans who has joined our support team.

We are also pleased to welcome two new members to our lunchtime team this term, Mrs Donna Durston and Mrs Zoe McKenna.

Mrs Tratt hopes to visit us in school soon with her new baby daughter Amara, and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Wilson is also expecting a baby. Congratulations to both Mrs Tratt and Mrs Wilson! Congratulations also to Miss Laura Jenkins who married during the holiday and is now Mrs Laura Wall. Laura has rejoined the kitchen team for the Autumn term.

All of our new children, in Nursery, Reception and further up the school have settled in well – we would like to welcome you all to Wedmore and look forward to lots of fun and learning with you. We also look forward to hearing about those who have recently moved on to pastures new – at Hugh Sexey's or elsewhere, including the staff who sadly left us at the end of term.

Safeguarding – site safety

The safety and safeguarding of our pupils is always of the highest priority for us. Following a review of school site security across the Wessex Learning Trust schools earlier this year, it was advised that several schools made some improvements including ourselves. In particular, we were advised to make the access to our site more secure and to carry out some work to the swimming pool perimeter. This work will involve the installation of additional fencing and an intercom system to the main points of entry to our school. The contractors are due to commence work next week and we would hope that disruption will be kept to a minimum. Once completed, we will inform you of any necessary information regarding the dropping off and collection of your children at school.

Arrival and Departure

Please do remember that your child should arrive in school between 8.45-9am in the mornings. The children remain your responsibility until handed over to the class teachers when doors open at 8.45. We encourage you to arrive nearer the 8.45 rather than 9.00 as there is always a worthwhile learning task in class for the children to get started on. If your child doesn't arrive until 9am, they miss out on this activity. Registers are taken at 9am and close at 9.05. Your child will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. Please endeavour to be at school on time.

You should collect your child promptly at 3.25pm. We try to send the children out on time and ask that you wait outside the classrooms. Any children whose parents/carers are not on time, will be taken to the school office to await collection. If you are delayed for any reason, please do ring to let us know – it happens to all of us occasionally!

One last reminder..... Please do not park in the layby at the front of the school when dropping off at the start of the day or collecting your children at the end of the day, even if you are late! It is important that we keep the layby clear for the school transport coaches to access safely and for the safety of your children.

Lunchtime Help

We need lunchtime supervisors.

If you are able to help us please speak to the school office.

Your child may not be able to play on the school field at lunchtimes unless we get more help.

Fergus completes the Chatting 100

Fergus cycled 40km and got a little prize for being the youngest boy to finish. In fact he was the youngest child in the race, so he did really well.

Lots of hills on the route but he was determined not to walk, just lots of stops along the way!

His brother Lewis took off by himself and was rather speedy, being the 4th rider back out of 40 competitors (adults and kids!) on the 40km route.

Library Helpers

Thanks to Mrs Mulliner and Mrs Connell who have kindly given up some time in the first week back, the school library is ready to open much earlier than usual in the term. Some children have already taken books out! We are desperately looking out for one or two volunteers who would be able to run the library during Golden Time on Friday afternoons (2.40 -3.20pm) as this is the best time during the school week for the children to change their books. It is easy to do and training can be given. If you think you might be able to help (DBS clearance needed but can be arranged), please let the office staff know. Without your help, the library may not always operate.

Huff and Puff Items – a plea!

The children enjoy having a range of activities to keep them busy at playtimes. We have replenished the traditional Huff and Puff equipment promoting exercise and being active for the start of term. In response to requests from the children via the School Council, we have also introduced a box of toy vehicles for children to play with and a box of drawing/colouring materials. A storage tub full of books will be outside soon as well.

If you have any small vehicles in good condition or colouring books (which can already be partly used) that you no longer need, we would welcome donations to add to the playground boxes. Please send any items into the school office. Thank you.

PTA AGM – Wednesday 27th September – 8.00pm

Come along to the first PTA meeting of the year which will be held in the George Inn. Meet new people, find out how the PTA performed last year, what social events are planned for the next school year, and have your say in how the money raised is spent. We would particularly love to see some Reception and any new parents attend as the PTA is a fun and informal way to meet other parents in a social environment.

Curry & Quiz Night – Friday 13th October

The PTA are organising a quiz and Table 8 will be providing the curry on Friday 13th October at the Village Hall. Get a team of up to 6 people together and come test your general knowledge! Tickets are £12.50 per person and available from the school office. Tickets won't be available on the door!

Harvest Services**Harvest Service Rehearsal – Years 1 - 4**

The rehearsal for the Harvest Service is Tuesday 3rd October at St. Mary's Church, Wedmore. Please bring children to school for registration, the children will then walk to the Church. The rehearsal will take approx. one hour when the children will walk back to school. If any parents are able to help with walking the children to and from the church please see your child's class teacher.

Harvest Service – Years 1 - 4

The Harvest Service for children in years 1 - 4 is on Thursday 5th October at 9.15am. Please drop your children directly at the church from 8.45am for registration at 9.00am. If your child attends Breakfast club or comes to school on the bus they will be walked down to the church by members of staff.

The children will walk back to school after the service.

Harvest Service – Nursery and Reception

The Harvest Service for children in nursery and reception will take place on Thursday 19th October at 2.15pm in the school hall. Parents/carers of children in these years are invited into school to watch the performance.