

# Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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## Worker of the Week

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| Squirrel | Bebe     |
| Robin    | Elsie    |
| Fox      | Scarlett |
| Rabbit   | Noah     |
| Hedgehog | Jack B   |
| Skylark  | Freya    |
| Owl      | Rory     |

## Citizenship Award

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| Squirrel | Mahdi, Henry, George, Emma |
| Robin    | Tiyana, Jack B             |
| Fox      | Kitty, Georgie, Ted        |
| Rabbit   | Grace S, Grace W           |
| Hedgehog | Ellie, Emilia              |
| Skylark  | Kathryn, Sophia, Tilly     |
| Owl      | Reuben                     |

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Skylark Class Swimming each Monday at Kings Fitness & Leisure
- ◆ World Book Day – 1 March

## Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Beatrix, Woody, Jack, Elsie, Emily, Reuben and Ethan for their weekend recount writing;
- ◆ Pippa, Rosie, Ruby, Amber, Arthur, William, Oliver and Albert for their bear facts writing;
- ◆ Alfie for his minute maths;
- ◆ Jack for his ideas for 'The Tree' work;
- ◆ Freya for her maths work;
- ◆ Finn for improving his work;
- ◆ Phoebe, Akira and Grace for their spellings;
- ◆ Jack and Freya for their maths work;
- ◆ Rebecca for her topic homework.

## Spring Concert

The Spring Concert will take place on Thursday 19 April at 6pm in the school hall.

## Final INSET day

We have now plotted in our remaining INSET day for this academic year. This will be on Monday 9th April at the end of the Easter holiday. Do make a note of this in your diaries.

## Safeguarding our children

This week there has been a real focus on safeguarding with Safer Internet Day coinciding with our visit from the NSPCC.

The NSPCC's mascot 'Buddy' helped to explain the importance of their 'Speak out. Stay safe' message and the option of using Childline if they ever felt that they couldn't speak to a trusted adult at home or in school about a problem. They were taught Childline's telephone number in a fun, catchy way and we have some fresh posters put up around school as well as a Safeguarding display in the school library.



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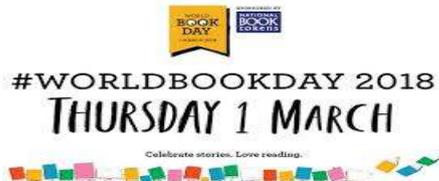
Powering Imagination

Further discussions have followed with Safer Internet Day falling this week as well. This is very timely with recent concerns being raised about possible issues regarding the very popular on line social gaming website, Roblox. We are sending out today 'A Parent's Guide' to Roblox that has been produced this week by our IT experts at County level. Please do read it, particularly if your child uses this website. We have also put a copy of the guide on the school website under Key Information -> Safeguarding.

### Christmas Collections

Thank you to everyone who donated to Crisis at our Christmas nativity productions we raised £407.56 for Crisis.

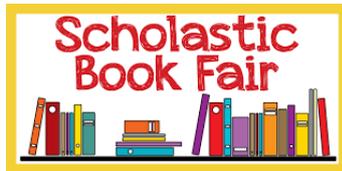
Christmas Jumper Day raised £150.39 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who took part.



### World Book Day

#### Dress up – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Our theme for this year's book day is **Animal Characters**. Children are encouraged to come to school on World Book Day dressed as an animal character from their favourite books.



### Book Fair

In the build up to World Book Day the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The bookcases will be in the Learning Zone 3:25-4:00 each afternoon for you to purchase books. Children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens at the book fair – they are attached to the leaflet sent home in book bags today.

### A challenging week....

It has proved a particularly tricky week in school due to a high number of staff being out all week with strains of the flu that have been doing the rounds. The majority of the children seem to have escaped it thankfully but it has certainly affected many of the staff over the last couple of weeks. We are all very glad that half term has arrived! Hopefully everyone will be fighting fit again after the break and we wish you an enjoyable week off as well. Please do remember if your child experiences sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence to stop the bug spreading throughout the school.



### BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

Please don't forget to submit your 500 word story by 22 February on the website below.

If your child does write a story Miss Cundy would love to read it, please bring a copy into school to show her.

Further details can be found on the BBC website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>.

### Maths Information Session

We will be holding two Maths information sessions for parents of children in years 1-4 on Wednesday 21 March. Between 2.15 and 3pm the session will be held at Wedmore First School and a session between 5.30 and 6.15pm will be held at Weare First School. If you would like to attend either session please return the slip to the office.



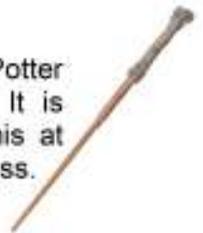
### Off-site activities this week

This week was the turn of Robin Y1s to visit Wedmore Church to learn about the key features of a Christian Church. It was a beautiful sunny, if a little chilly, afternoon to be walking down to the village and Father Richard showed the children around the church sharing interesting facts and information before they completed an 'I spy' challenge.

It has been a busy week for our Y4s with two short off site visits – both to Hugh Sexey's! Tuesday afternoon saw them enjoy the Y8 dress rehearsal of their show, 'Beauty and the Beast' while Wednesday was the first schools' multi-skills festival where they had the chance to take part in a range of different sporting activities on the field, led by Y7 children. According to Mrs Davies, a good time was had by all on both afternoons!

### Missing Harry Potter Wand

Eleanor in Owl class has lost her Harry Potter wand during last weeks golden time. It is lemon yellow colour. If anyone finds this at home, please can you return it to Owl class.



### Brownie Celebration

Mrs Ham would like to say a big thank you to all the Brownies who entertained her and many other ladies in the local area on Wednesday night at a Celebration Tea to mark the centenary of women winning the right to vote and achieve a special challenge badge. Tea and cake was served by the Brownies who were working towards achieving their 'Hostess' badges and they shared interesting facts about the suffragettes long fought battle to gain the vote. Well done to all of you who took part; it was a lovely event.



### World Thinking Day 2017

Rainbows and Brownies are invited to wear their uniforms to school on Thursday 22 February to celebrate Girlguiding's World Thinking Day.

### PTA RACE NIGHT - Friday 2nd March

Tickets for our Race Night on Friday 2nd March are now on sale from the school office! The event will take place in Wedmore Village Hall, doors open at 7.30pm, the first race starts at 8pm.

If you would like to sit as part of a Table please let the office know when buying your tickets! Tables can be for 6-8 but individual tickets are also available!

Tickets are £7.50 each and we only have 80 tickets available so first come first served!

### Fancy owning a racehorse?

OK, we can't quite offer you a real horse, but how about choosing a name for one of the horses at the Race Night and being its "owner" for the evening?

It only costs £2 (payable in advance at the school office) but, for this small amount, you get to see your horse racing, and hopefully romp home to glory, on the night.

It's (almost) all the fun of owning a horse, but a LOT cheaper, and without the care costs or mucking out.

For more information on the Race Night, please contact Emily Burstow ([emilyburstow1983@gmail.com](mailto:emilyburstow1983@gmail.com)).

### Plea for Auction Lots

We will be holding the school's annual auction at the race night and we would love some more lots for the auction.

Do you have anything that could be auctioned off?

Use of a holiday home, a day's cleaning, a car wash, a sports lesson or do you work for a company that might be interested in donating an item? They would get some great publicity! Please contact [emilymulliner@gmail.com](mailto:emilymulliner@gmail.com) for more information.

### Class Coin Challenge

This year the PTA are replacing the Smarties Challenge with the Class Coin Challenge. Over the next few weeks we would like the children to collect as many coins as they can in return for doing jobs at home. These can include any type of coins. 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p 50p or even £1 coins. After half term, on Friday 23rd February, once all the coins have been collected, each Class will be asked to try and make the longest coin line! The Class with the longest coin line will be the winners!!!! ALL the money raised by the children will go towards buying them some new 'huff and puff' play toys for break time!

The PTA would like to thank you for your ongoing support! We will look forward to seeing how long each class can make their line on Friday 23rd February!



### Charles Barnard referral scheme

Do you know about the Charles Barnard referral scheme?

Charles Barnard Estate Agents have come up with a fantastic fundraising idea for the school. If any Wedmore First School parent refers a client to Charles Barnard (or instructs a sale themselves), Charles Barnard will donate £50 for each instructed property. For any properties sold, Charles Barnard will donate a further £150 to the PTA. All you need to do is mention the Wedmore First School PTA when you make an appointment for a valuation. So, if you or someone you know is thinking of selling their house, please contact Charles Barnard on 01934 710000 or [www.charlesbarnard.co.uk](http://www.charlesbarnard.co.uk) and mention the Wedmore First School PTA. If 20 people put their houses up for sale this year with Charles Barnard using the Wedmore PTA referral scheme and 15 of them went on to sell their houses, this would raise a VERY impressive amount of £4,000!.

