

Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Worker of the Week

Squirrel	Bailee
Robin	Albert
Fox	Henry
Rabbit	Breu
Hedgehog	Macey
Skylark	Tilly
Owl	Hannah

Citizenship Award

Squirrel	Annabell, Eve
Robin	Isabelle, Jack
Fox	All the class
Rabbit	Gavin, Oli, Indianna
Hedgehog	Charlie H, Summer
Skylark	All year 4's for their attitude at Kilve
Owl	

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kilve Assembly for Year 4 parents 12 April at 10.45am
- ◆ Spring Church Service – St Mary's Church, Wedmore 19 April at 9.15am all welcome

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Etta for her story writing at home;
- ◆ Oli, Phoebe, Erin-Mai and Grace for their fantasy stories;
- ◆ Coco, Eve, Georgie, Kitty and Freddie for achieving their writing targets;
- ◆ Taylor, Harrison, Lawrence and Amy for their literacy work;
- ◆ Harry and Aiden for beautiful joined up handwriting;
- ◆ Lyra, Harry and Louie for their maths work;
- ◆ Maddie for her story writing;
- ◆ Beatrix, Etta, Elsie and Millaray for their writing about the school trip;
- ◆ Albert for his story writing at home;
- ◆ Ashley, Chloe, Edie, Jacob, Leo, Alice and Maddie for their information reports about jungle animals.

Spring Concert

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

INSET day

A reminder that Monday 9 April will be an Inset Day for the school. Nursery is open as usual. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the Easter break.

Skylark Class Swimming

Due to the additional inset day, Skylark class will not be swimming at Kings Fitness and Leisure on 9 April. The remaining two sessions will take place on 16 and 23 April.

Staff news

Very sadly, at the end of this academic year, we shall be saying farewell to two members of teaching staff. Myra Ellis and Liz Merryfield have taken the brave decision to retire after 15 and 13 very happy years respectively with us at Wedmore. We know it has been a hard decision for both of them to make but for each of them, the arrival of their first grandchild has been a key factor in deciding that this summer is the right time to step back and enjoy life with their families more easily. Myra and Liz has been steadfast in their dedication to our school and especially the children, both going above and beyond what is expected throughout their time with us. We will miss them both immensely but know that you will join us in wishing them a wonderful retirement when the time comes.



TrueSpeed – Internet Service Provider

TrueSpeed is a local, independent internet service provider who are building a brand new, ultrafast broadband network to the South West that brings guaranteed, minimum speeds of 200Mb/s to rural communities.

TrueSpeed invests in educational services and community hubs to benefit residents for generations to come. Therefore, in every village we connect to our network, we will connect the local school and village hall to FREE BROADBAND FOR LIFE.

TrueSpeed requires 30% of the community to sign up with us before we can start the building process and connect the school and village hall to free broadband for life. We've had a great response from your area so Wedmore's Community Engagement Manager Tony Najdoski will be hosting a Q&A event at Wedmore Village Hall on Wednesday 28th March at 7pm. A friendly and informative event, it's a great opportunity to ask Tony any questions and discover the benefits TrueSpeed can bring to you and your community.

We warmly invite you to join us at the event and please feel free to contact Tony on 07507 765 692 or tony@truespeed.com if you have any questions in the meantime.

Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at HSMS

The year 3 children enjoyed an active experience on Wednesday mixing with their peers from the other first schools. Miss Low was extremely proud of how the children took part and a lovely sporting afternoon was had by all.

Maths Information Session

Thank you to the parents that attended the maths information sessions on Wednesday, this was a huge success with many attendees and very positive feedback was given. Jo Cronin who is our maths consultant delivered a PowerPoint explaining how we teach maths in our school. For those parents who could not attend the PowerPoint is on the school website. The school's new calculation policy will be added very shortly. This explains the different stages of maths as children progress through our school and also across the Wessex Learning Trust and Cheddar Valley. You will then be able to help in supporting your child with their learning.

Kilve Residential 2018

After our delayed departure on Monday due to the road conditions, 51 highly excited Y4s set off on their adventures at Kilve Court. After unpacking and eating a tasty and filling dinner, we headed up onto the hillside, tredding through the crunchy, frosty snow that remained – there was plenty still there for snowball fun en route. After learning about the night sky and star constellations, it was back to the house & bedtime! All were asleep and with no tears by 10pm – probably our best year yet. However, the price paid was some early risers on the move rather early but swiftly sent back to bed!

The next day and a half was spent tackling various challenges including mountain biking, shelter building, climbing, team building and stream walking, at times, pushing themselves that little bit out of their comfort zone. Different children surprised us in different ways as is the case each year.

Tuesday evening's activity was the maze. Getting to the middle of it was no mean feat for some, particularly the adults with many of the children getting there long before some of them. This was followed by a game of 'Find the teachers' who had to hide in the maze and wait to be found. Only 2 groups managed to find all 5 adults hidden within the maze before the final whistle blew and it was time to find our way out again and head off to bed – they were virtually all asleep by 9.30pm and it was a much more civilised time of waking the next morning.

Thank you to all the parents for entrusting us with your children for this annual adventure and for doing all their dirty washing upon their return! We still have one pair of 'Mountain Warehouse' waterproof trousers left, they are on the shelf in the cloakroom.

We look forward to welcoming the year 4 parents to our Kilve Assembly on Thursday 12 April at 10.45 in the school hall.

Sports Relief

Well done to all our sporting children of WFSA who took part in Sports Relief today. We raised £194.36 and managed to walk an amazing 28 miles in our three legged challenge! Congratulations to all those involved especially the Y4 children who marshalled the course and assisted the younger children.



Swimming Pool

New and existing First Aid volunteers needed!

It might not feel like it after all that SNOW but Spring is almost in the air, and I think we are all really looking forward to the summer, and the welcome return of the outdoor pool!

The swimming pool is a real asset to the school and loved by the children. It is funded and run by the PTA but can only open when there are enough first aid volunteers. Regulations require that one trained First Aider (trained within the last 3 years) is present at every swim session so we need more volunteers please! There is a REAL RISK that the pool will not open if we do not have enough willing volunteers to help.

In return for volunteering, the PTA will pay for your First Aid Training. Volunteering for the pool is easy and fun. As a First Aider, you are not expected to perform any lifeguarding duties; all children in the pool are the responsibility of their parents or carers.

Each session First Aiders will also be responsible for chemical testing of the pool, a chemical training session will be provided (it takes about 15 minutes). First Aiders are expected to do a minimum of 3 pool duty sessions in exchange for their free training.

Pool opening times will be

- 3.30 – 4.30pm after school in the summer term
- 2 – 4.30pm every day during the school holidays and weekends;

Training sessions

- Two evening sessions Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th May from 18.00-2100

So, if you are available to be trained as a First Aider, or if you already have a valid First Aid certificate and would like to join the team please complete forms which will be coming home in book bags this week and hand in to the office by Friday 23rd March.

We would love to be able to open the pool in the May/June half term holiday, so we need people to volunteer ASAP. If you would like any more information please speak to Amelia Hendry, Gem Willcox or Emily Mulliner.