

Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Worker of the Week Citizenship Award

Due to sports day practice we did not have celebration assembly this week and therefore the wards were not given out.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sport Day – 19 June
- ◆ Year 1 Trip to Ham Wall – 21 June
- ◆ Father's Day Lunch part 2 – 22 June

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Alfie for his kindness to younger children;
- ◆ Seth, Jake and Felix for coping with assessment tests.
- ◆ Eleanor and Annabel for their writing;

PE Kits

We have a number of children who do not have their PE kit in school on the days that regular PE sessions take place, including Wednesdays when all children in Y1-4 have a PE session. We simply do not have sufficient spare kit to loan to children. It may be the case that your child does not take part in a PE lesson if they do not have their kit and daps/trainers in school as it is important that they are dressed suitably, particularly their footwear, to take part safely. At this time of year especially, they get hot and sweaty in some sessions and need to be able to change back into their school uniform at the end of a lesson. We would advise that PE kit is in school every day to ensure it is to hand in the event of an extra PE activity taking place or a change to the usual timetable. Thank you.

Sports Day

Your child will bring home their PE kit on the Monday afternoon and we would ask you to please send them back to school on Tuesday already dressed for sports day, this enables activities to start on time. Please ensure you have applied sun cream to your child before the school day begins and that they have a named water bottle and sun hat with them. The children should wear a t-shirt which is the colour of their house team.

Parents are welcome to attend sports day and join us for a picnic lunch at 12.15pm. Please can we remind parents to stand around the outside of the running track when watching the races. Please return your sports day slips to the office by 9am on Monday morning. We cannot guarantee packed lunches for orders returned after this time, even if your child is entitled to a free school meal.

Swimming

The swimming season has got off to a good start with two weeks of good weather. Do remember that after school and weekend sessions have started if you wish to make additional use of the pool. A big thank you to the PTA team who give up their time to enable the pool to be operational both within and outside of school hours.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for two new Parent Governors to join the Governing Body as from July 2018. An explanatory letter, factsheet and nomination form has been sent to parents. Posters are already on display around our school. Please do consider taking on this role or suggesting someone who you feel will do it well. If you have any questions, please email the Clerk at lleavey@educ.somerset.gov.uk or call into the school office. Deadline for nominations is Monday 18 June 2018.

School Council Toy Sale

Please start to sort out unwanted toys and books in good condition as the School Council will shortly be holding their sale on Thursday 28th June. Please send donated toys into the school office from Monday 25th June. The sale will be held in the playground if the weather is kind or Learning Zone if wet from 3.25-4pm. Money raised will go directly to the School Council to decide on how it should be spent.

Wells Cathedral Folk Dancing Festival

Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather tomorrow for the 15 dancers who are hoping to perform at this annual event. They have been working extremely hard over the last two weeks to learn the final few dances. It is a wonderful spectacle to see over 300 children parade up through the high street before dancing in their colourful outfits against the backdrop of the Cathedral. The forecast is showery for tomorrow but we are hoping that they will miss Wells and the event is able to go ahead. Folk dancing will resume next Friday for all dancers as we start preparing for our final public event of the year at Wedmore Street Fair on Saturday 7th July. We hope to see you there!

Mufti Day in aid of British Legion

Thank you for all your donations in raising money for Cheddar and Wedmore British Legion. We have raised £162.02. The British Legion are aiming to raise enough funds to buy 'There but not there' silhouettes to place in Wedmore and Cheddar churches for those soldiers who did not come back from the war. See attached link for more information.

<https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/there-but-not-there/>. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 trip to Ham Wall

Yesterday the year 2 children went on a trip to Ham Wall nature reserve. After a rainy cold start to the day, the sun came out and a great time was had by all.

The children went searching for mini-beasts in the long grass and were amazed at the different bugs that they found. The highlight of the day was the pond dipping. The children caught fish and many other pond creatures. They used charts to identify what they had found and studied them closely with a magnifying glass. As always, the children were a credit to the school.

Save our School Garden

Our school garden is full of potential but it has gone a little un-loved for a while and needs some major TLC. We're after general helpers but also people who might be able to help work as a team to coordinate a plan for the garden. If you can't help but your business might be able to (i.e. with materials) then that's useful too. If you would like to be involved in helping to bring this space back to life for the children then get in touch at Jo.isaac80@gmail.com.

Fishy Friday Father's Day Lunch

Today we welcomed 60 guests of children in Squirrel, Robin, Hedgehog & Owl for our Fishy Friday Lunch. On Friday 22nd June we are inviting the guest of children in Duck, Fox, Rabbit & Skylark for lunch. If you would like to come but have not ordered, please contact the school office.

If you have more than one child at the school, please come on the day of your youngest child and their sibling/s will accompany you too. Unfortunately we can only accommodate one guest per family.