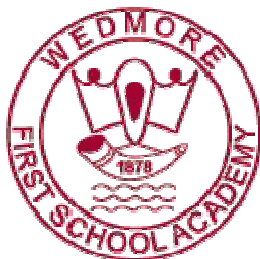


Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rabbit Class Assembly
- ◆ Yr3/4 Netball at Hugh Sexey Middle School

Worker of the Week

Squirrel	Alfie
Fox	Poppy
Rabbit	Oli
Bee	Freddie
Hedgehog	Minnie
Skylark	Oscar
Owl	Calen-Rory

Citizenship Award

Squirrel	Evie, Jack, Tiyana, George
Fox	Ted, Kitty, Breu, Amelia, Alfie, Indianna
Rabbit	Leo, Sammy, Phoebe, Ewan, Charlie D
Bee	Chloe W, Sayba, Freddie
Hedgehog	Oliver, Amy, Jack, Penny
Skylark	Rohan, Axel, Adriana
Owl	Ruby, Eric, Kyran

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Gwen for her number bonds;
- ◆ Georgie, Kitty and Laurence for their fantastic reading progress;
- ◆ Akira, Breu, Jacob, Alfie, Tia, Lily, Ruby, George, Poppy G, Scarlett, Henry, Amelia and Barney for their minute maths;
- ◆ Eve for her spelling;
- ◆ George and Woody for their maths;
- ◆ Woody, Elsie and Freddie for their writing;
- ◆ Georgie for her poem which she wrote independently;
- ◆ Fyn, Oscar, Riley, Amy, Bethany and Ellie for their well written setting description;
- ◆ Poppy for her Read, Write, Inc work;
- ◆ Annie, Freya, Oliver and Ellie for achieving their English targets;
- ◆ Oliver, Nelly, Kyran, Annie, Eric, William, Edward, Charlie T and Emily for their maths work on percentages;
- ◆ Coco and Jack for their independent writing about aliens;
- ◆ Gwen for her maths work from home;
- ◆ Zach for becoming a reading ambassador;
- ◆ Adam for writing about his special friends;
- ◆ Grace for her alien story;
- ◆ Alfie, Poppy G, George, Gwen, Scarlett, Tia and Amelia for their cursive handwriting;
- ◆ Georgie, Ted and Kitty for their writing.

Wedmore PTA Fundraising Coffee Morning & Pre-Loved Clothes Sale

The Manor House, Eastfield Rd, Blackford
Thursday 16th March 9.30am-12.00pm & 8pm-10pm

Friday 17th March 9.30am-12.00pm

Scrumptious homemade cakes, delicious Segafredo coffee and beautiful items of pre-loved ladies clothes and accessories for sale. Suggested Donation of £5 for morning includes coffee and homemade cake

Official Opening

We will be celebrating the completion of our building project on Monday 20th March with an official opening. Parents are invited to come along for the occasion, arriving for a prompt 2pm start.

Jos Buttler member of the England Cricket Team and ex pupil of Wedmore First School will be opening the building and we are running a raffle with the prize being for one child to help Jos open the building.

If you would like to attend the opening or purchase a raffle ticket please use the letter sent home last week in book bags, additional copies can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

Red Nose Day 24 March 2017

The school councilors have decided that to celebrate Red Nose Day this year they would like to:

- hold a red mufti (pink is allowed)
- funny faces/funny hair
- bring a favourite joke to share with the class. Best class joke will be shared in Celebration Assembly with the rest of school.

We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the Red Nose Day appeal.

**Rabbit Class Assembly**

Rabbit class assembly takes place on Thursday 16 March at 10.45am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend this assembly in the school hall.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

It is that time of year when Sainsbury's launch their annual Active Kids initiative. If you shop in their stores, or know anyone who does, please collect the vouchers. The collection box is located in reception.

Vacancies

Wedmore First School Academy are recruiting. Please see our Job Vacancy section on the website for further details.

School Swimming Pool

New and existing first aid volunteers are needed so we can open the school pool.

Please return the form sent home via book bags as soon as possible, copies are available from the school office or the school website.

If you do not hold a current first aid certificate the PTA have arranged two training courses on Wednesday 3rd and Wednesday 10th May 6-9pm or an all day course on Friday 12th May 9.15-3.15pm. There is no cost to yourself for the course all we ask is that you volunteer to open the school pool.

Smarties Tubes

Please return any outstanding smarties tubes to the office as soon as possible.

Match Funding and the PTA

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could double the funds raised by the PTA.

The PTA has been working hard this academic year to raise the much needed funds to support school initiatives and to enhance your children's school experience.

Last year the PTA raised just over £11,000 and was able to fund many initiatives. We were disappointed that this was not enough to enable the PTA to fund French Lessons for KS1 and sports coaching like previous years and we really need to beat last year's total in order to re-instate this!

And for this we need the help of you, a grandparent or anyone with access to a match funding scheme that is willing to help our school.....

Do you work for a company that provides match funding?

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and our school could double the amount of cash it raises with very little effort.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants.

We would be grateful if you could find out whether your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events.

If you are able to help us this way, please let Emily Mulliner (emilymulliner@gmail.com) know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

This is a seriously easy way to significantly boost the funds that the PTA can raise!

As Mrs Hipwell says; "Our PTA play a vital role in assisting the school to provide not just the 'icing on the cake' but also some of the main ingredients. In an era of ever-tightening budgets and rising costs, without their support, we would not be able to provide those vital things that enable us to fulfil our aim: it's fun to learn!"

**Cystic
Fibrosis...**

Yellow Mufti Day

We will be holding a yellow mufti day on 21 April and asking for a £1 donation for your child to come to school wearing yellow instead of their school uniform, the proceeds from this collection will be going to Cystic Fibrosis.

Amelia in Fox class suffers with this condition and as a school we have chosen this to be our charity for the year.

Amelia's father will be running the London Marathon on 23 April, if you would like to sponsor this worthwhile cause please go to

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/paulmckenna3>.

Wedmore First School Academy Nursery

Would you like to make the school run easier with one place to drop off and collect your children?

We currently have some spaces in our wonderful Nursery.

We are open for 50 weeks of the year from 8am until 6pm. We close for two weeks at Christmas.

We take children from the age of 2 years until they start school and can offer before, after school and holidays for reception aged children.

If you would like any further information please contact the school office to book a time to view our nursery.

Inset Days for 2017/2018

We have updated the academic calendar for 2017/2018 with Wessex Learning Trust agreed inset days which are:

4 September 2017

23 July 2018

24 July 2018

All the schools which are part of the Wessex Learning Trust will share these inset days.

We will inform you of additional days when they have been confirmed.

School Lottery

The next 3 lottery numbers were drawn at the last PTA meeting. The first prize has recently increased to £24.00!

The winners are:

January - 174 Wendy Rousell

February - 102 Sue Moreman

March - 389 Polly Costello

Winnings can be collected from the School Office.

There is still time to buy an annual lottery number. It will only be £5 for the 5 remaining draws and forms are available at the school office. The more numbers sold each month, the higher the prize!

School Library

The school library is open most Friday afternoons during Golden Time. Please encourage your child to choose a new book regularly to enjoy at home. Many thanks to Emily Mulliner who kindly gives up her time each week to open the library for the children - do make use of it!

Cheddar Library Story Session

Come to our story-time with the Cheddar Vale Lions

Friday 7th April 2.30 – 3.30

Free, but please book in at Cheddar library.

Please note some dates may need to move due to unforeseen circumstances nearer the time – if this occurs we will inform you as soon as we are aware.

Spring Term	
Thursday 16th March	Rabbit Class Assembly 10.45am
Thursday 16th March	Y3/4 Netball @ HSMS 4.15pm
Monday 20 th March	Official Opening of Building Extension 2pm start
Wed 22nd-Fri 24th March	Y4 Residential at Kilve
Wednesday 22 nd March	Y3 Multi-skills Festival @HSMS 1pm
Saturday 25 th March	Clash of the Choirs at Wedmore Church
Thursday 30th March	Y4 Kilve Assembly (Y4 parents invited) 10.45am
Thursday 30 th March	School closes tonight for Easter
Friday 31st March	School closed to students
Monday 3 April 2017 – Monday 17 April 2017 School holiday	

A full list of diary dates can be found on the school website.