



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Week commencing 20 th November 2023			
Date	Event	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Tuesday 21 st	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Evening	Reception – Yr4	3.45 – 6..45pm
Thursday 23 rd	Parents Evening	Reception – Yr4	3.45-6.45pm
Monday 27 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Daisy @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Anne @ 3.30pm
Thursday 30 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Sarah @ 3.30pm
Friday 1 st	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Charlotte @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Rhiannon @ 3.30pm

Dear families

This week has been anti-bullying week, children have been talking about what bullying is and how we should all respond to it. One of our fundamental principles is that all staff make positive and trusting relationships with our children, in a small school setting this is supported by staff knowing families and children really well. All of our children are taught how to assert themselves and let the other person know if they don't like something, in Robin class we hear "Please stop!". If the other person doesn't stop, we encourage the children to tell an adult so that they can help sort out the issue. With this in place, any unkindness is dealt with quickly. Having open lines of communication with yourselves means that we can respond quickly to any problems at school so please always say if there are any worries. We have had a week with a lot of illness this week, many children have been home with a temperature, sore throat or swollen tonsils and headache. In response to this, we have re-introduced regular application of hand gel and reminders to children to wash their hands and cover their mouths if they have a cough. Absence rates are steadily decreasing since Monday so hopefully we are over the worst. NHS advice is that children are fine to attend school with a minor cough or common cold but should be kept at home if they have a temperature.

Finally, you may have heard that I celebrated a (significant!) birthday this week. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of staff and children and enjoyed a very special day at school. This is part of what Wedmore First School such a special place.

Best Wishes
Shelley Kent

Parents Evening:

This week, if you haven't yet booked your time slot please login to ParentMail to book your appointment.

Girls Football Tournament:

Yr3 & Yr4 girls took part in a football tournament on Wednesday which was run by Yr8 Sports Leaders and staff from Hugh Sexey Middle School. Mr Coggins was very proud of our girls as they played amazingly and came away as winners of the tournament. Congratulations and well done!

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Football Club Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
(Y3 –Y4)
Singing Thursdays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Drum Club Friday 2.45 – 3.15pm
(Y1 – Y4)

Term Dates 2022/23

Term dates can be found [here](#)

Absence Reporting

Please phone 01934 712643 (option 1) or email
office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk
before 9.15am
(on each and every day of absence)

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Christmas Dinner:

The school Christmas Turkey Dinner will be on Tuesday 12th December. **Please note there will be NO sandwiches available on that day.** If you would like your child to enjoy this scrumptious dinner, all you need to do is **book the main meal on that date on ParentPay and ignore what the menu says just for that day** (Tuesday and Wednesday main meals will be swapped around). Please remember to provide a packed lunch if your child does not wish to have the Christmas Dinner.

Santa Fun Run:

The Rotary Club have organised a Santa Fun Run to raise money for Weston Hospice Care on Saturday 16th December, please see the attached poster for further details.

Drum Jam 6:

If you enjoy the sound of drums, then this event is for you!
Giles Hicks our drumming teacher invites you to join them on Saturday 16th December at the Kings of Wessex Academy, for the sixth special event for Somerset involving up to 100 drummers on stage as well as special guest performers. For further information and tickets please see the attached poster.

School Calendar Events Dates:

Please [click here](#) to view our Calendar Event Dates for the school year.

Pupil Premium:

Just a remind you that the school receives funding for free school meals and more. This helps eligible children reach their full potential both academically and socially. If you think you may be entitled to this, please visit the following link and complete an application.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Vacancies:

<https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies/>

How to stay safe online:

We recommend the following links for advice on how to help your children stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Safeguarding:

Please [click here](#) for regular updates on the SCC safeguarding website

WLT Attendance Policy 2023-2024:

Please [Click here](#) to read WLT Attendance Policy 2023 – 2024

This Week in . . .

Duck Class:

This week our focus has been world nursery rhyme week, we have made paper plate clocks for hickory dickory dock, we have tried to carry a 'pale' of water up and down a 'hill', we have taken our toy ducks swimming! Another favourite this week has been painting with cotton buds, the children have used them to carefully make patterns with paint. We have also been able to use the hall and have done 2 climbing/gym sessions, a great week!

Robin Class:

Robin Class have had a busy week looking at different characters in our Stuck in the Mud story and creating our own, including unicorns, dragons, bunnies and fish. We have celebrated and learnt about the festival Diwali, making colourful lights, rangoli patterns and mehndi handprints. In our number work we have been looking at more and fewer as well as seeing if the three bears have the equal amounts of objects shared amongst themselves. We have also embraced the weather, kitted up in our puddle suits and wellies, exploring the outdoors, both big puddles, pouring and tipping water, and digging in muddy puddles. We have started to learn our nativity songs, so be prepared for the singing to start at home. 😊 Finally we had a great time learning about children in need, doing lots of Pudsey activities and having buddy time.



Deer Class:

Deer class have been looking at Ice Explorers for their Topic and were very interested in Shackleton and his journey to Antarctica. We watched the video of his ship when it was found and they were fascinated! To stick with the ice theme, they made snowflakes in Art and have been writing about penguins in English. They've all done super on their shared write! In Maths, Deer have been focusing on odd and even numbers, part whole models, and number lines. We have also been practicing our nativity songs.

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have been learning actions and retelling the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' for our new talk for writing model text. Our focus is on settings so they are learning to use descriptive language and adjectives. We have been busy learning songs for our nativity which are sounding great. Children in need has been exciting and the class have enjoyed lots of related activities. We also focussed on 'Anti-Bullying' this week.

Fox Class:

Fox class have had another lovely week! We have continued our nativity rehearsals and the children are brilliant; they have also now been given their roles which will be sent home ASAP so that they can begin to learn their lines and find a costume. This week in maths we have been learning how to use number bonds to 10 to help us when adding a two-digit number to a single-digit number. Whilst we did struggle with this at first the children have been really resilient and have shown some great work. We have also now started our new talk4writing text which is all about Little Red Riding Hood. We are also trying to learn the story off by heart and the children have come up with some great actions to be able to do this.

Hedgehog:

Hedgehog class have had a fantastic week! They've been doing lots of tricky problem solving in maths, showing determination, resilience and teamwork. In PE they have been continuing to develop their 'River' inspired dance, coming up with some super ideas and movements and they've been developing their football skills with Mr Coggins on a Wednesday. They also got to learn all about the Rock Cycle... with CHOCOLATE! They drooled throughout the session, learnt about the different types of rock and how they are formed before being able to devour their 'Igneous Rock!'



Owl:

This week Owl class have had another fantastic week. Owls have moved onto a new maths topic of multiplication, where we have been discussing the commutative law. In English we have been looking at rhetorical questions and have finished our shared write persuading school to have pets. In RE we created a newspaper article about Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5000. On Friday it was children in need and we had so much fun celebrating this amazing cause!

