



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday	All	
Thursday 16 th	Tempest Class Photos	KS1 & KS2	

Dear Families

This week there have been a few different illness circulating - slap cheek, chicken pox and a sickness bug. These things are unavoidable but in response we have upped our hand sanitising and washing routines in school. Fortunately, staff have been relatively lucky in avoiding these illnesses - hopefully I haven't jinxed things now! Coincidentally we have been tightening our attendance monitoring procedures in line with Government guidelines. As always, good attendance is a top priority - we want to enable every child to meet their full potential and I'm sure this is a shared goal. Please be assured that although there are set thresholds which trigger looking more closely at attendance patterns, we also take into account bouts of illness which isn't within anyone's control. Going forwards, we would like to continue to work with parents to ensure every child is at school as much as possible. If you have any worries or issues, please let your child's class teacher or myself know, we are here to help.

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Cricket 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 2023/24

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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Can you help?

Many thanks for the kind donations of house plants, the school is looking smarter with these additions! Green club children will be looking after these with the help of Miss Cundy and Mrs Samuels. Our Art club is doing it's second run and the work the children have produced is amazing. We would like to do more printing at school, a pasta making machine can be used for this. Does anyone have a redundant pasta maker lying around that they would be willing to donate? Just one would help us have our very own printing press!

Best Wishes

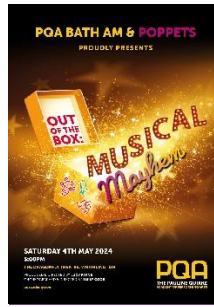
Shelley Kent
Headteacher

PTA:

Please find attached the minutes from the recent PTA meeting.

PQA Bath & Wells:

Presents 'Out of the Box: Musical Mayhem'. The performances will take place on Saturday 4th May, at the Dragonfly Theatre Writhlington School, Radstock. PQA Bath & Wells are offering a discount of 50% off all tickets to local young people and their families. Please use the code **(BATH50)** to receive the discount [Click here](#) for further details.



Children's Roller Skating:

Please see attached poster for details.

Happy's Circus:

Coming to the field at Kings Fitness and Leisure Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June. For Tickets and further details please [click here](#)

This Week . . .

Duck Class:

Our book of the week has been Oliver's vegetables! We have been working on asking and answering questions and when asking the children, can you tell me a vegetable, we have had some strange answers, the most common one being a banana! On Monday we made vegetable soup for snack and on Wednesday we made bread! We have been exploring different materials and sorting them depending on their texture. We have also done colour mixing and tried out the skittles experiment, the children were very excited to see a rainbow appear on the plate!



Robin Class:

This week in Robin Class we have been learning about different parts of a plant and how they work, what they do for the environment and how they help us as humans. We have started using stem sentences 5 and a bit more, leading onto learning our pairs of numbers that make 10. Our focus story this week has been the rainbow fish, we have been expressing the characters emotions through freeze framing and writing our own sentences him as a character. Finally, we have looked at weddings from around the world and how they are celebrated in different cultures.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have been busy learning their new English text this week to start their new learning of instructions. We have been learning all about imperative verbs and the importance that they play in our text. We have been using these bossy words to give instructions to our partners! In Art this week we have been introduced to 'the art of illuminating letters.' We have learnt about the history of this before having a go at designing our own illuminating letter to match the first letter of our name. There was some lovely artwork!!

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit Class have completed writing their letters in English this week. We have also completed our unit on addition and subtraction. In history we've been learning about what it would have been like to have been a child in Victorian times and make comparisons to today. We've been learning data handling in computing and have learnt how to collect data. In art we are learning about the artist Mondrian, his background and his style. The children made wonderful collages this week in his block colour style.



Fox Class:

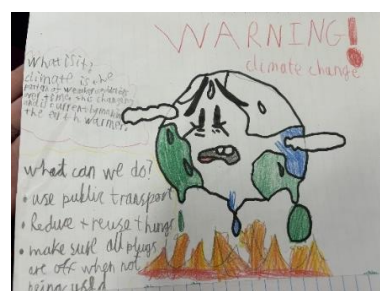
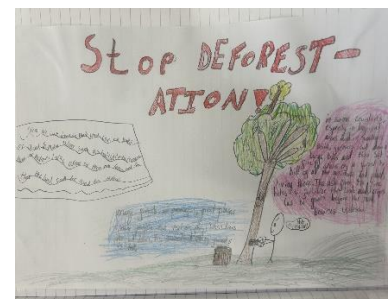
Fox class have had a lovely week. The children have been working hard this week in English. We started off by planning our letters that we were going to write, and at the end of the week they wrote their letters! They created some wonderful pieces of writing. In maths we have also been working hard to add and subtract 2 two-digit numbers and they have had lots of practice in using the different strategies that we have covered to help them find the answer. In history this week we have also been looking at the lives of Victorian children. We were able to compare their lives to see how they were different to how Victorian children used to live - I don't think many of us would want to be a child during the Victorian times!!

Hedgehog Class:

This week, Hedgehogs have finished writing their amazing warning stories. They have worked so hard on them and all the children should be very proud of their work! In art, we looked at how William Morris and other designers use symmetry and repeated pattern to produce their wallpaper or fabric. We had a go at reflecting patterns and used a really cool computer programme (Google: maths is fun symmetry artist) to have a play with producing some botanical inspired patterns using reflective and rotational symmetry.

Owl Class:

Owls have had a great week back, after a very exciting week last week! Owls wrote a recount about their amazing trip to Kilve Court and also continued with their newspaper topic, creating headlines. In Maths Owls have continued with their work on fractions, we have started to look at adding multiple fractions. In science, we have been focusing on human change in habitats and the impact that this has on animals. We created warning posters about the effects of climate change and deforestation. Owls have also started practicing their play the (Wizard of Oz) and are learning the songs, it is already sounding great.



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/>

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

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