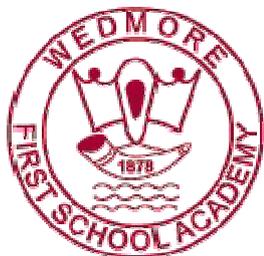


Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Worker of the Week

Fox	Emily
Rabbit	William
Hedgehog	All Hedgehogs
Skylark	Summer
Owl	Kitty

Citizenship Award

Fox	Pippa, Elsie, Emmee, Imogen
Rabbit	Etta, Violet, George, Gracey
Hedgehog	Coco, Kitty, Joe, George L
Skylark	Arthur, Grace, Poppy
Owl	Tilly, Josh, Maddie, Ted

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas Events – see next page

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Johnny, Kitty, Roselle and Ted for their maths problem solving;
- ◆ Sophie-Louise, Rosie, Aurelia, Luke, Pippa, Ruby, Imogen and Archie for their writing about their tri to 'We The Curious',
- ◆ Isaac and Coco for their war time new stories.

Staff news

Today we have said farewell to Miss Low who is starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing her baby news upon our return to school in January when we will be welcoming Mrs Jo Bradshaw back to Wedmore, this time as Hedgehogs' class teacher. The final two weeks of this term are being covered by Mrs Jones, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Ham.

Sadly, at the end of this term, we shall also be saying goodbye to Miss Jo Robson in the school office. Jo has been with us for almost 6 years and has been a tremendous asset to the school. We know many of you will be sad to see her go as well as she is one of the cheerful and friendly team you encounter when arriving at the school office. We wish Jo all the best as she takes on a new role at The Kings of Wessex Academy as a Data and Exams Assistant. Whilst Jo is looking forward to her new challenge, we know that she is going to miss being here at Wedmore and the daily contact with parents and of course the children, as well as the many grazed knees, bumped heads and lunchtime duties that she has assisted with!

Forest School

Rabbit Class and Fox Class are currently enjoying some forest school sessions led by Mrs Natasha Hazleton who is one of our nursery assistants in Duck Class. Please note that Fox Class' session scheduled for next Tuesday (11th) is being moved to Thursday (13th) due to the clash with the Old Vic performance of A Donkey's Tale.

PTA Christmas Craft Fair

It was lovely to see so many people including past parents and pupils come along to our annual Christmas Fair. It was a super evening and a big thank you to the PTA for organising this key event once again. Fortunately Father Christmas was able to make an early appearance and delighted many of the younger children. A fantastic sum of almost £1,700 was raised; well done and thank you once again to everyone involved.

Christmas Activities

The end of term is fast approaching and we have lots of activities happening during the final two weeks.

The Nativity - A Donkey's Tale

On Tuesday 11th December the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School will be performing their 2018 Christmas nativity 'A Donkey's Tale' here in our school hall at 1.30pm. The show will last for approximately one hour.

We expect this to be a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a professional theatre company production without the need to travel by coach to a theatre in the area.

A huge thank-you to our hard working PTA for funding the cost of this visit by one of the most successful and well-respected conservatoire drama schools in the UK.

'A story over 2,000 years old – a story which must be told and retold over the centuries, so that it's magic never fades and it's truths are always fresh.

The Donkey, the Dog and the Camel meet once a year to tell the tale. The tale they keep alive. The tale that keeps them alive.

Dog remembers his time with the shepherds, Camel his time with the Wise Men. But most of all, this is The Donkey's Tale...'

www.oldvic.ac.uk/events-shows/the-nativity-a-donkeys-tale/



Crib Service at St Mary's Church, Wedmore

Wedmore by Lamplight begins as ever this Wednesday 12 December with the Crib Service in St Mary's at 6 pm. If any of the children want to help bring up the crib figures during the service could they make themselves known to those on welcome duty at the back of church when they arrive.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14 December we will be taking part in the annual Save The Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper (instead of their school jumper/cardigan) with school uniform that day and make a suggested £1 donation to this worthy cause.

Foundation Stage Nativity Performance

Duck and Robin classes will be performing their nativity to families on Tuesday 18 December at 9.30am in the school hall. Please use the ticket form in book bags to book a seat.

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance

Fox, Rabbit and Year 2 Hedgehog classes will be performing their nativity to parents on Monday 17 December at 2.15pm and Wednesday 19 December at 6pm in the school hall. Please use the ticket form in book bags to book a seat.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 18 December we will be serving our Christmas roast lunch. If you have not booked your child for lunch on this day, please order on your Tucasi school meals account before Wednesday 12 December.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Year 3 and 4, Hedgehog, Skylark and Owl will be holding their Christmas Service at St Mary's Church, Wedmore on Tuesday 18 December at 6pm. We hope all the children and parents can join us for this. If you are unable to come to church for any reason, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

Christmas Party Day

Thursday 20 December is Christmas Party Day. The children are invited to come to school in party clothes for lots of fun activities. We have a party lunch menu running that day; again if you would like to book your child in for this lunch please order on your Tucasi school meals account before Monday 17 December. During the afternoon will be the school discos, letters have been sent home by the PTA this week. The Reception disco is held from 2.45-3.15pm, KS1 3.30-4.15pm and finally KS2 4.30-5.15pm.

Social Media

Please be aware that photographs of pupils should not appear on social media sites without the permission of children's parents. In particular, please be careful not to link photos on Facebook to sites containing the school name. There can be no guarantee as to the security or privacy on such sites of photos of your children. Please remember this if taking photos at any of our forthcoming Christmas events.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please can we remind all parents if your child experiences sickness and/or diarrhoea, our school policy is for you to keep them away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence. This is to prevent the bug from spreading further.

Extreme Weather Conditions Contacts

In case of bad weather this winter, please read the Adverse Weather Conditions Policy which has been updated on the school website at <http://www.wedmorefirstschool.org.uk/key-information/general-school-documents>

For the attention of all parents/carers with a child due to start school in September 2019.

If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) then it is very important you make an on time school place application.

Deadline for primary admissions is 15th January 2019.

To download the primary booklet for parent's, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page Apply to Start School.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Schools Admission Team on 01823 355742 if you require any further information or would like to check whether an application for a particular child or children has been received.

Thank you in advance. School Admissions Team

After School Club Festive Fridays!

Have you got lots of preparations to do for Christmas? Give yourself some extra time and book the children into After School Club Festive Fridays!

Taking place on 30 November, 7, 14 & 21 December. £40 per child for the four weeks which includes and ongoing craft activity, Purrfect Pottery workshop, Christmas baking, snacks and treats (extra cost of up to £10 to purchase a piece of pottery to paint... a perfect Christmas gift!).

To book a place please email wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com.