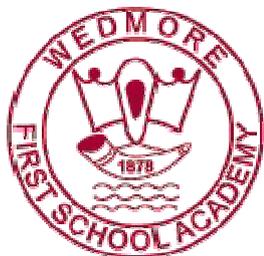


Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Autumn Term Gotcha Winner's

This term 'STARS' collected the most gotchas to win the yellow ribbon on the cup. There were only 4 gotchas separating all the teams.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ INSET Day – Monday 8 January 2019.

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Fergus, Katie, Alice and Josh for their maths word problems;
- ◆ Breu, Arthur, Sammy, Macey-Lou, Thomas and Summer for their column subtraction;
- ◆ Evie, Freddie, Daniel, Alex, Woody, Aurora, Jessica, Maisie, Alana for their letters to Santa;
- ◆ Jess, Joe, Gavin, Poppy and Finn for their Christmas collage picture;
- ◆ Mahdi, Ana, Archie, William, Freddie, Violet, Jack, Oliver and Dennis for their Christingle drawings;
- ◆ Ethan, William, Luke, Sophie-Louise, Tiyana, Iris and Emmee for their Diwali tea lights;
- ◆ Amber for her Christmas decoration.

Christmas Performances Foundation Stage Nativity

The children in Duck and Robin class performed the 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' to their parents and carers on Tuesday morning. The children did really well learning lots of nursery rhymes with a Christmas twist.

KS1 Christmas Nativity

Our year 1 and 2 nativity this year tied in with their space topic and the children performed 'Christmas with the Aliens'. This alternative nativity still told the Christmas story with lots of new songs to sing along the way.

KS2 Carol Concert

The children in year 3 and 4 took part in a Carol Concert on Tuesday evening at St Mary's Church. The children sang carols and performed a short play of 'The Christmas Truce' giving their perception of Christmas in the trenches during World War One.

Well done to all the children who took part in the performances we are all very proud of you. Thanks must go to the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in organising these events. Also, to the parents for supplying costumes and helping the children to learn their lines and the different songs. Thank you for the donations given at the various performances we raised an amazing £288.64 for our chosen charity CRISIS.

School Meals

Our school meals menu for January and February is available on the school website. Please log on line to your Tucasi Scopy account to order the meals for when we return after Christmas.

Forest School

Rabbit Class will have their forest school session on Tuesday 8 January 2019. Please remember their wellies and waterproofs.

PE Kits

Please remember to return the PE kits back to school in January ready for the children to use during the week in their class slot.

Following the success of KS2 coming to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday, in January we will be extending this to include KS1. They do not need to bring normal school uniform in to change into as they will remain in their PE kit all day and return home again in it. This will speed up timings during the day, and ensure learning opportunities are maximised.

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.

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>

**School Admission Arrangements
2020/21 Consultation****Have Your Say**

School admissions arrangements for children who are due to start or transfer school for the 2020-21 school year, and those moving schools during the 2020-21 school year will be consulted on for a period of 6 weeks ending 31 January 2019.

This consultation applies to a number of schools and academies throughout Somerset.

This consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities and the local community to raise any comments or concerns about proposed admission arrangements.

To view the admission arrangements and for details of how to make comments, please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page School Admissions Policy or phone (01823) 356671.

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

All the staff of Wedmore First School Academy would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School closes on Friday 21 December re-opens for children on Tuesday 8 January 2019

Duck Class also closes on Friday 21 December but re-opens on Monday 7 January 2019.

