

# Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ KS2 Egyptian Day – 5 Dec
- ◆ KS2 Topic Open Afternoon – 6 Dec 2.30pm
- ◆ Year 4 Kilve Information Session – 11 Dec 3.30pm

## Welcome

This week we have welcomed our new interim headteacher, Miss Denise Mawdsley. Her time in school this week has involved meeting the staff and children and spending time in the classrooms and working with Mrs Ham; getting a flavour of our wonderful school. We are arranging some opportunities for you to pop into school before the end of term for a coffee and chat if you would like to meet Miss Mawdsley and say hello – dates and timings to follow shortly.

## KS2 Egyptian Day

Egyptian Day is on Tuesday 5th December. The children will need to come dressed accordingly for that day (which was their 3rd required piece of topic homework).

We will then share the finished pieces of work across KS2 during an open afternoon on Wednesday 6th December. Parents are welcome to attend this afternoon from 2:30pm onwards. The children do not need to wear their Egyptian costumes as previously advertised.

## Christmas School Meals

Have you booked a Christmas roast lunch for your child on Tuesday 19 December and our party lunch on Thursday 21 December? If you would like to order either of the meals please contact the school office.

## Worker of the Week

Squirrel	Annabell
Robin	Beatrix
Fox	Taylor
Rabbit	Phoebe
Hedgehog	Alice
Skylark	Kathryn
Owl	Izzak

## Citizenship Award

Squirrel	Anna, Bebe, Bailee
Robin	Tiyana, Isabelle
Fox	Jacob, Adam
Rabbit	Grace, Annie, Noah
Hedgehog	Jack B, Louie
Skylark	Ted, Layla
Owl	Eleanor, Oscar G, Rory

## Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Georgie, Coco, Eve for their minute maths;
- ◆ Evelyn, Hebe, Lyra, Minnie, Eleanor, Oliver, Rory, Archie, Isaac, Marnie, Alfie, Alexa and Annabel for achieving their writing targets;
- ◆ Dennie and Reuben for their writing about Bristol Zoo;
- ◆ Katy for her beautiful Egyptian Sarcophagus;
- ◆ Kitty for her booklet of questions to ask Tutankhamun;
- ◆ Sam, Jacob, Izzak and Oscar for their reasoning in maths;
- ◆ Erin for her igloo model;
- ◆ Daisy, Jacob, Izzak and Rohan for their area and perimeter maths work;
- ◆ Jess and Grace for their Bristol Zoo recounts;
- ◆ Tia for her cold 3D model;
- ◆ Minnie for staying at school on Tuesday for lunch;
- ◆ Violet, Emmee, Charlie, Gilbert, Henry, George, Annabell, Audrey, Archie, Bailee, Poppy, Lily, Iris, Eve and Jojo for using sounds and letters in their writing.

## 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.

## Wedmore by Lamplight

### Wednesday 13 December 5pm-9pm

The PTA will be raising funds in King Alfred Mews with mulled wine, hot chocolate and marshmallows, popcorn, glow fun and face painting. Come along and see us.

**Site security & gates**

Having had to wait for some fixings to be manufactured, we are approaching the completion of the fencing and gate installation work and will shortly have our intercom system up and running. Hopefully all will run smoothly, however ask that you please bear with us while we sort out any teething problems that may arise and make any necessary adjustments to our existing routines. Further details to follow shortly.

**Parking**

When dropping off or picking up from school please can we remind parents not to park too close to road junctions, it is very dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.

The playing fields car park allows more than enough space for all our parents/carers to leave their cars and walk safely to and from school via the footpath behind the MUGA.

**Online Payment Facility**

Have you registered your online account yet? Every child in the school brought home a letter to enable parents/carers to register to pay for school meals, trips, extra curricular clubs and events online via Tucasi Schools Cash Office using your debit/credit card. If you require another code to register, please contact the school office.

**KS2 Trip to Bristol Museum**

KS2 had a wonderful day at Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery this week. As part of their Egypt topic they explored the permanent exhibition at the museum finding out lots about the subject. They also took part in a workshop where they handled Egyptian artefacts and learnt about the life of Amelia Edwards, a Victorian traveller and Egyptologist. Whilst at the museum the children also saw a collection of fossils and minerals, which links to our science unit this term.

**Christmas Craft Fair**

We would like to say a massive thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising our annual craft fair which was a huge success last Friday evening. It was a lovely evening, enjoyed by all, especially the excited little people who queued up patiently to meet Santa in his grotto! Thank you as well to all those of you who came along to support the school and helped to raise just over £2000 – a fantastic amount of money which will be used to benefit our wonderful children. We look forward to seeing many of you again before long at various events in the run up to Christmas – nativities, Carol service, Wedmore by Lamplight, discos.....it's a very hectic (but fun) time of year!

**School Policies**

The Attendance Policy and the Charging & Remissions Policy were approved by the Governors last week, following amendments. These policies are available to read on our school website.

**Football at Hugh Sexey Middle School**

A huge well done to the boys, and girl, of KS2 who represented the school at the football tournament last week. In terrible conditions (and near darkness), our team won 4 matches and drew one, coming away as winners for the fourth year in succession! In the matches against Weare, Lympsham, Mark, East Brent and Axbridge they conceded a single goal and scored eleven. Well done to Reuben, Oscar, Rory, Fynn, Harry, Oscar, Archie, Izzak, Jacob and Evie, who all performed so well.

**Lost Property**

We seem to have an increasing number of items, particularly clothing, that are un-named. Very often, this is due to written on names fading with time. Please could we ask that you check all school uniform and PE kit is clearly named – we know how frustrating it is for you when items go missing. Having them clearly named greatly increases the chances of a lost item being returned to its rightful owner. Please also include coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc and water bottles to this list – name everything basically! If your child has lost an item, do look in the red Lost Property trunk outside Robin classroom after a couple of days – if an item is unnamed, this is where it will be put. Thank you.

**Nut Free School**

May we please remind you that we are a nut free school and ask you not send your child in with any nuts or food items containing nuts. We have several children in school with severe nut allergies – please help us to keep them healthy.

**PTA Lottery**

'Are you feeling lucky? Join our lottery! Wedmore PTA run a lottery draw each month to help raise money for some of our great resources, such as sports coaching, class projects and running the school pool.

It's easy to join and only costs £12 per year per number. We draw the numbers each month and, the more people who join in, the higher the prize.

Grab one of our bright red lottery leaflets from the school office for more information.

Each member can have up to 25 lottery numbers and up to 50% of the money generated makes up the monthly prize, with the rest going straight to the school.'

**Kilve Residential 2018**

Year 4 parents are invited to an information meeting in Mr Wookey's classroom on Monday 11th December at 3.30pm (lasting about 30 minutes) when a representative from Kilve Court will deliver a short presentation and be available for any questions, along with some of the school staff who will be attending the residential visit