

# Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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## Worker of the Week

Squirrel	William
Robin	William
Fox	Harrison
Rabbit	Mimi
Hedgehog	Sammy
Skylark	Kitty
Owl	Jett

## Citizenship Award

Squirrel	Eve, Archie, Emmee
Robin	Etta, Elsie
Fox	Aurelia, Kitty, Ted
Rabbit	Breu, Gigi, Annie
Hedgehog	Charlie D, Aiden
Skylark	Ewan, Elizabeth
Owl	Oscar W

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Skylark Class Swimming each Monday at Kings Fitness & Leisure
- ◆ Rabbit Class visiting St Mary's Church – 24 January

## Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Evie for her maths work;
- ◆ Lucas, Felix, Harry, Layla, Seth and Ollie for their literacy work on the jungle;
- ◆ Alfie, Eve, George, Harrison, Freddie, George, Summer and William for their minute maths;
- ◆ William, Alfie, Freddie and George for their history of flight topic work;
- ◆ Isabelle, Beatrix, Etta, Sophie-Lousie, Woody, Imogen, Dennis, Jack, Elsie, Millaray, Tiyan and Emily for their Christmas Holiday news writing;
- ◆ Akira for her writing;
- ◆ Bran, Sammy, Arthur and Charlie J for their writing;
- ◆ Zach and Ellie for their topic work already completed at home.

**Information regarding changes with effect from Monday 15 January to our site security and the use of the new gates is on page 2.**

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school at the start of a new term. We hope you all had a wonderful break and managed some rest and relaxation in amongst all the celebrations!

The end of term was very hectic but the children enjoyed the festivities, including the discos organised by the PTA – thank you to Gemma and her great team for arranging those once again. We were very proud of all the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 children in their Nativity performances and KS2's Carol Service; these occasions are always very special.

The staff all really enjoyed having the week after New Year on holiday which made up for the late break up immediately before Christmas; hopefully the children have managed to recharge their batteries as well and are ready for a busy and much shorter term.

## Starting/Transferring School - September 2018

Just a reminder that the deadline date for applications is 15th January 2018. You will be notified of outcomes on national offer day of 16th April 2018 - for online applications this will be via email and for postal applications it will be by second class post..

More information can be found at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

**Site security and gates**

From Monday morning next week (15th) the new gates in the staff car park and adjoining the playing fields will be linked to the intercom system, all work having been completed at the end of last term. This will mean that these gates will be locked until 8.40am when they will be opened to allow children into the main school - for our usual arrival 'window' of 8.45-9am. Families arriving earlier in the morning to drop children at Breakfast Club or Nursery will need to use the intercom system in order to gain access. The layby gate near Squirrel Class will be unlocked at 8.30am when a member of our staff goes out in readiness to meet the children who come to school by bus. This gate will be locked promptly at 9am with the car park and playing field gates being locked soon afterwards at 9.05am.

At the end of the day, the car park/playing field gates will be unlocked at 3.10pm to allow parents/carers who need to collect children from the Nursery to do so easily at 3.15pm. The gates on the corner of the playground by Robin Class and the layby will be unlocked at 3.20pm to allow access to the main school playground for safe collection of the rest of the children. Both gates will be secured again soon after 3.30pm once the bus children have been safely dispatched and the majority of families have left the site. Parents/carers arriving to collect children from after school care in Nursery or the school hall will need to use the intercom to gain entry and exit.

Hopefully all will run smoothly, however we ask that you please bear with us while we sort out any teething problems that may arise and make any necessary adjustments to our routines. It is important to remember that these measures are improvements to our school security for the safety and well-being of the children.

**Volunteer Helpers**

We are always in need of additional help in school for a variety of activities. If you, or somebody you know has a little time to spare and would like to help out in school, please do contact the school office or speak to a class teacher to find out more. Volunteers listen to children read on a 1:1 basis, help with small groups or individuals in lessons ranging from maths to art to gardening, PE and cooking. DBS clearance is required but can be arranged via the school office.

**Kilve Residential 2018**

Medical forms have been sent home today for the residential trip. Please remember to complete both sides of the form and return back to the school office as soon as possible.

The second installment of £60.00 is also now due with the final installment of £60.00 due by Friday 9 February.

**Wanted!**

Our box of small toy cars and vehicles for children to play with at playtime has sadly been depleted after a term's worth of use, with most having been worn out or lost. If anybody has started spring cleaning a little earlier than usual and has any that are in good condition and would like to donate to the children, please drop them into the main school office. Thank you.

**Messy Church**

St Mary's next Messy Church is going to be on Saturday 20th January between 3 and 5 pm. Messy Church is for families to enjoy together. There will be lots of craft tables on the theme of "Love God" and a story, prayers and songs before we all sit down to tea. All are welcome. Please contact Richard Neill on 01934 713566 or richardneill1967@sky.com if you would like to know more.

**PE Kit**

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. We do not have sufficient spare kit for the number of children who often do not have their PE bag in school. Do make sure all items are clearly named as well please.

**KS1 Church Visits**

KS1 parents should have received a parentmail this week informing you of dates for each class to visit Wedmore Church this term as part of their RE lessons. Please remember to let the school office know if you are DBS cleared and may be able to help on these short afternoon visits. Rabbit Class parents – please let the office know early next week if you are able to assist as their visit is fast approaching on Wednesday 24th January.

**The ParentMail APP**

We know that as parents you get information coming at you thick and fast from schools and clubs and it can be a challenge to keep all that information organised and easy to hand. More often than not that can mean trawling through busy email inboxes or searching for missing bits of paper.

We've been using ParentMail for a while to consolidate this information and we're aware that some parents are using the free mobile APP. We'd like to encourage ALL parents to download the APP as there are a number of benefits.

- You don't need to login to pick up messages or attachments when you use the APP.
- The APP stores all the messages we send you in one place so you don't have to search.
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.

You can download the APP for free from either the Apple APP store or the Google Play Store.