

# Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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## Worker of the Week

Squirrel	Charlie R
Robin	Jack B
Fox	Summer
Rabbit	Amy
Hedgehog	Chloe W
Skylark	George
Owl	Izzak

## Citizenship Award

Squirrel	Amelia, Annabell, Violet
Robin	Reuben, Jack, Imogen, Tiyana
Fox	Georgie, Aurelia, Freddie, William
Rabbit	Arthur
Hedgehog	Charlie D, Aiden
Skylark	Flo, Fynn
Owl	Oscar G, Amy, Izzak

## Headteacher's Awards

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Skylark Class Swimming each Monday at Kings Fitness & Leisure

- ◆ Evelyn for her shape poem;
- ◆ Evie, Jett and Grace for achieving their writing targets;
- ◆ Lily, Georgie and George for their number bonds;
- ◆ Kitty, Harrison, George, Eve, Coco, Alfie, Aurelia, George, Freddie, Ruby, Georgie, Evie, Johnny, Lily, Gracey, Amy, Taylor, Jacob and William for their minute maths;
- ◆ Eve, Alfie and Laurence for their writing on The Wright Brothers;
- ◆ Laurence, Coco and Poppy for their artwork;
- ◆ Alfie and Scarlett for their instruction writing;
- ◆ Sammy for his handwriting;
- ◆ Iris, Harrison, Gilbert, Bebe and Amelia for their writing;
- ◆ Charlie, Freddie, Henry, Violet, Archie, Bailee, Audrey, Poppy, Emma and William for achieving their writing and reading targets;
- ◆ Finn for lots of smiles on his chart;
- ◆ Sam, Otilie, Daisy, Marnie, Rory, Alexa, Hebe, Annabel, Jett, Yasmin and Alessandro for their jungle 'Haiku' poem;
- ◆ Ellie, Emilia, Alice, Jack, Charlie, Maddie, Max, Jacob and Harry for their river poems;
- ◆ Penny, Kate, Kathryn, George, Yasmin, Ellie and Jacob for joining in at the gym experience;
- ◆ Ellie, Beth, Florence, Katie, Penny, Sophia, Martha, Kate, Freya, Becca, Layla and George for their River Amazon shape poems;
- ◆ Jett for his seed descriptive story;
- ◆ Phoebe for her letter to Mrs Armitage;
- ◆ Sophie, Reuben, Isabelle, Ethan, Etta, Imogen and Emily to write commands for Mrs Armitage;
- ◆ Alexa for her Maths word problems;
- ◆ Kate, Eleanor and Jacob for their maths work;
- ◆ Kitty, Alfie and Georgie for their writing about Mrs Armitage;
- ◆ Rosie, Pippa, Amber, William, Oliver, Ruby, Albert and Arthur for their Bear Hunt pictures;
- ◆ Bebe, George and Charlie for achieving their writing targets;
- ◆ Freddie for using his sounds in writing;
- ◆ Harry for his joined handwriting in pen.

### Site security and gates

We are experiencing some teething issues with the new intercom system, please bear with us whilst we resolve these issues. We are hopeful it won't take long!

### Kilve Residential 2018

Medical forms have been sent home 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 instalment of £60.00 is also now due with the final instalment of £60.00 due by Friday 9 February.

### Help Needed to Gain School Grants

Mrs Ewens (mother of Ruby in Robin class) is willing to lead a group to investigate sources of available funding and/or grants for schools and apply for these. She needs a few volunteers to work with her to do this effectively. If you would be interested please contact the school office.



### Gymnastic Festival at HSMS

Well done to Ellie, Kathryn, Kate, Yasmin, Penny, George and Jacob; who all took part in the Gymnastics experience at HSMS on Tuesday. They had a go on a variety of apparatus and tested themselves under the guidance of the Y7 sports leaders.



### BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

Last week Miss Cundy spoke to the children about the BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition.

500 Words is a story writing competition for children. To enter you need to write an original story that is no more than 500 words long and be between 5 and 13 years old on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Parents or Guardians need to submit the stories on line by 22nd February 2018. If your child does write a story Miss Cundy would love to see it, please bring a copy into school to show her.

Further details can be found on the BBC website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>.

### Maths Information Session

Thank you to the parents who registered an interest in taking part in our maths information sessions. We have not forgotten and are plotting them into the diary. We will be issuing further information before half term.

### Green Flags at Lunchtimes

We have a traffic light flag system in the dining hall at lunchtimes to monitor noise levels - as you can imagine, it can get very noisy with up to 80 or so children in the hall at any one time! Whilst we want the children to socialise and chat whilst enjoying their lunches, it needs to be at an appropriate sound level. The children have had two fantastic weeks so far this term with the flag remaining on Green the whole time. Every day they manage this, all classes earn an extra minute of Golden Time on Friday afternoons. Well done to everyone for getting off to such a great start this term!

### Rabbit Class Church visit

Rabbit Class luckily dodged the rain showers when walking to and from Wedmore Church on Wednesday afternoon as part of their RE learning this term. Father Richard kindly showed them around and explained about the key features in church such as the altar, font, pulpit and stained glass windows. The children had the opportunity to ask some questions before finishing off with an 'I spy' activity looking for different objects or places within the building. A big thank you to Father Richard for giving up some time to do this with Rabbit Class.

The next visit will be for Robin Class on Wednesday 7th February. Mrs Ham has had sufficient offers of help for this visit but would appreciate one more offer of help on Wednesday 7th March when Fox Class will be making the final trip to Wedmore Church. If you are able to help, please inform the school office. Thank you.



### PTA RACE NIGHT - Friday 2nd March

The next PTA event will be a race night on Friday 2nd March to be held in Wedmore Village Hall. Doors Open at 7.30pm, First Race 8.00pm. There will be a cash bar and complimentary crisps and nuts will be provided. Tickets £7.50 each (available soon). A professional company will be providing the racing entertainment and betting will be available on every race. Come along, have fun and win some money!

If you're able to help at the event (we will need help setting up, tote personnel, people behind the bar and help tidying up) please contact [emilyburstow1983@gmail.com](mailto:emilyburstow1983@gmail.com).

### Plea for Auction Lots

We will be holding the school's annual auction at the race night and we would love some more lots for the auction.

Do you have anything that could be auctioned off?

Use of a holiday home, a day's cleaning, a car wash, a sports lesson or do you work for a company that might be interested in donating an item? They would get some great publicity! Please contact [emilymulliner@gmail.com](mailto:emilymulliner@gmail.com) for more information.



### Class Coin Challenge

This year the PTA are replacing the Smarties Challenge with the Class Coin Challenge. Over the next few weeks we would like the children to collect as many coins as they can in return for doing jobs at home. These can include any type of coins. 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p 50p or even £1 coins. After half term, on Friday 23rd February, once all the coins have been collected, each Class will be asked to try and make the longest coin line! The Class with the longest coin line will be the winners!!!! ALL the money raised by the children will go towards buying them some new 'huff and puff' play toys for break time!

The PTA would like to thank you for your ongoing support! We will look forward to seeing how long each class can make their line on Friday 23rd February!

### PTA Lottery Winner

January's lucky lottery winner is Vanessa Purcell. A cheque for £20 can be picked up from the school office.

### Charles Barnard referral scheme

Do you know about the Charles Barnard referral scheme?

Charles Barnard Estate Agents have come up with a fantastic fundraising idea for the school. If any Wedmore First School parent refers a client to Charles Barnard (or instructs a sale themselves), Charles Barnard will donate £50 for each instructed property. For any properties sold, Charles Barnard will donate a further £150 to the PTA. All you need to do is mention the Wedmore First School PTA when you make an appointment for a valuation. So, if you or someone you know is thinking of selling their house, please contact Charles Barnard on 01934 710000 or [www.charlesbarnard.co.uk](http://www.charlesbarnard.co.uk) and mention the Wedmore First School PTA. If 20 people put their houses up for sale this year with Charles Barnard using the Wedmore PTA referral scheme and 15 of them went on to sell their houses, this would raise a VERY impressive amount of £4,000!.

