



Wookey Weekly News

Friday 11th September 2020



Probably the most striking memory of this week for me will be of some of our youngest children skipping through the school gates and off to their classes independently, with many of them only giving a passing thought to leaving their parents, accompanied by only a cursory wave over their shoulders. This is a credit to them, and to all our parents for preparing them for the return to school. The

past six months have been challenging in innumerable ways, but I truly believe that they have brought us closer together as a school community.

Within the classes things have felt surprisingly normal, but I have no doubt that we will have to deal with more COVID related adaptations to school life over the coming months and I also have no doubt in the ability of the children to deal with whatever comes our way. We underestimate the resilience and adaptability of children at our peril.



We will be sharing the names of the children who have been chosen for 'Stars of the Week' in our celebration assemblies as usual this term. They will also be shared on Seesaw. As the children are all back at school we will not be opening up our celebration assemblies to parents this term but we will be running a number of events where parents will be able to connect remotely with the school.

Wraparound Care

We are pleased to be running our Breakfast Club and After School Care again this term. This provision is available Monday to Friday from 7:45am until 6:00pm and it is available for children of all ages.

Bookings can be made online or by contacting Mrs Gosden in the office. We are very flexible and bookings can be made up to 24 hours in advance.

After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2020

The Government publication '[Guidance for full opening: schools](#)' states that, "Where schools are satisfied that it would be safe to do so, they may choose to open up or hire out their premises for use by external bodies or organisations, such as external coaches or after-school or holiday clubs or activities"

We are therefore pleased to announce that we will be using TLE (sports coaching) to run a daily after school sports club this term. These clubs will start on Monday September 14th.

Monday - Netball (Willow and Chestnut Classes)

Tuesday - Cross Country Running (all classes)

Wednesday - Football (Willow and Chestnut Classes)

Thursday - Rounders (Willow and Chestnut Classes)

Friday - Football (Rowan and Oak Classes)

All booking for these clubs can be made online from the online booking page on our [website](#). Please note that once you have booked a place it will be secured for all sessions following your initial booking so you only need to book once.

Children who book places will be asked to bring kit to change into at the end of the school day. They will be changing within their own class bubble. TLE have their own COVID-19 risk assessment in place for sports clubs which can be accessed [here](#). Although there will be some restrictions in place I am sure that the children will have a great time taking part.

In light of the ongoing pandemic we will not be offering any indoor based after school clubs this term as this would involve mixing of class bubbles. We will instead be offering the children the chance to take part in virtual clubs using Seesaw. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

Seesaw

It is really important that you check Seesaw on a regular basis as this platform is being used increasingly for communication between school and home. As we are limited in our communication with parents at present, it is more important than ever for all parents to be fully signed up and confident users of the platform. If you would like any assistance with Seesaw then [this](#) might be useful.



Footwear in school

Thank you for sending your children in to school wearing shoes suitable for running this week. They have been engaging with a 'daily mile' style activity, which plots the distance travelled along the route of the London Marathon. Some of our children did this last year and we found it to be a motivating way of increasing the amount of activity they did during the school day. We will be sharing class totals in celebration assemblies as the term progresses.

Walking bus

Whilst we cannot start the walking bus in the way that we were running it before lockdown, we will be collecting data from the children relating to their journeys to school on a daily basis this term. We will be awarding 'walking bus' badges to the children who have walked to school at least 12 out of 18 possible times during September and we will be celebrating these achievements in the last celebration assembly of the month.



Our annual Harvest Festival will be taking place this year at 2pm on Tuesday 29th September. Parents are warmly invited to attend remotely via Zoom – we will be sending out the details you need to join the service soon. As usual we will be asking for the children to bring in donations of non-perishable food which will be donated in a COVID-safe way to our local foodbank.

Help Needed

If anyone has a bale of hay that they are able to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. The children are about to plant some winter crops in the school garden and the hay would be really helpful in the planting process.

Drinks bottles

Please ensure that your child has a drinks bottle which they can use in school.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999.