



# Wookey Weekly News

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



It was lovely to see the response from the children in our zoom assembly on Monday this week when I told them about the likelihood that they would be returning to face-to-face education in a couple of weeks. That was before it had been confirmed, but we now know that the children will all be returning to school on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully, you will have all read the letter that I sent out on Monday evening explaining how important the remaining days of home learning for the children, as we need them to be ready for their return to school and the challenges that will be facing them in the coming weeks and months. Keeping up with home learning set over this week and next will have a real impact on the children as they return to school and I want to thank parents for their vital role in this last 'push.'

As you can imagine, the staff and I have been working hard on ensuring that the return to school is as safe as we can make it for all of us. We have been revisiting the risk assessment and associated procedures that were in place before the start of the January lockdown, and we will be publishing a revised risk assessment on Seesaw and on our website next week.

As we are all aware, the restart of face-to-face teaching does not mean the end of lockdown, and all the safety measures we had in place will continue alongside the existing government guidelines for the time being. The only thing that is being relaxed on March 8<sup>th</sup> is the situation around schools, otherwise we remain in the midst of the current pandemic. Thank you for your support.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

You will have received information this week from your child's class teacher about how to sign up for parent teacher meetings next week. We have all had to become experts in a variety of videoconferencing platforms over the last 12 months and we hope that these meetings go smoothly, but are more than prepared for any technical hitches that might occur. Please ensure that you have booked a meeting as it is vital that the teachers are able to discuss the impact of the lockdown on the children in the coming weeks.

## School Lunches

The booking system is now open to allow you to book school lunches for your child from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The menus have been sent to you through Seesaw, as well as a reminder of how to book through SCOPay. Please ensure all bookings are made by 9am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

## **PRICING FOR WRAPAROUND CARE**

### **Breakfast Club**

Opens at 7:45am and includes breakfast.

Cost per playgroup or school child: £4.00 per session

### **After School Care**

Opens at 3.20pm or directly after an activity club.

#### **Cost per school child:**

£4.00 per session from 3:20pm - 4:30pm

£8.00 per session from 3:20pm - 5:30pm

£12.00 per session from 3:20pm - 6:00pm

£4.00 per session following after school activity from 4:15pm - 5:30pm

£8.00 per session following after school activity from 4:15pm - 6:00pm

#### **Cost per playgroup child:**

£4.50 per session from 3:20pm - 4:30pm

£9.00 per session from 3:20pm - 5:30pm

£13.00 per session from 3:20pm - 6:00pm

A healthy snack and activities are included.

**Bookings or cancellations** can be made online via SCO Pay. If you would like to use Wraparound Care for the first time or have not booked sessions recently please contact the school for access to the booking calendar:

[wookeywraparoundcare@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:wookeywraparoundcare@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Bookings cannot be made online for the same day or the following day.

If you need to make a cancellation for the same day or the following day please contact us as we can remove the session and, where 24 hours notice is given, credit your account.

A Wraparound Care Agreement will need to be completed and handed in before the first session your child attends.

From March 8<sup>th</sup> our daily wraparound care provision will be restarting for all children.

This is open to children of all ages, including playgroup, and as you can see from the pricing structure we have a very flexible approach to bookings.

If you would like further information please speak either to Mrs Gosden in the office or to Ms Gibbon, who is our Wraparound Care Manager.

We have adapted the provision so that it is able to run during the pandemic and we have managed to do so without impacting on the fun that the children attend the sessions will be having!

More information can also be found on our website.



### Celebration Assembly

Our next celebration assembly will be taking place at 9:15am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A Zoom link for the assembly will be posted on Seesaw as usual. As I mentioned in the last edition of our newsletter, we would love to see the children dressed up as either a book character or a book, or even with a book themed background.

Being on Zoom hopefully means that this can be done in a creative way and that you do not feel pressured to purchase expensive outfits from supermarkets.

### A Kind Donation

Oak Class will have a lovely new mud kitchen to explore when they return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This is thanks to a kind donation from one of our grandparents.

On behalf of the children, I want to thank them for their generosity.





### Goodbye

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and thank you to Mr Scriven at the end of the spring term. Through TLE Sports Coaching, he has worked at Wookey for over 5 years and during that time he has had a massive impact on the children. Despite not being employed directly by Wookey School, Craig has been very much part of the team and we will all miss him. We wish him only the best as he starts his new role as sports coach and teaching assistant in Lympsham School after Easter.

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](mailto: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.