



Wookey Weekly News

Monday 22nd July 2019



The forecast for tomorrow is for extremely hot weather, so we are very happy for children to wear appropriate non-school uniform for the last day of the school year.



As we reach the end of the academic year I want to thank the people who have helped to make it another successful one for Wookey Primary School.

The first group of people I need to thank is our parents. We are very lucky to have parents at Wookey who understand that it is vital to work in close partnership with our skilled staff to support their children in making the best possible progress. It is not an understatement to say that shared understanding of our vision and priorities are key factors in our success.

Next I want to say a huge thank you to the outstanding professionals who put their heart and soul into providing the highest possible standard of education for the children in their care. I must make a special mention here of Mrs Jones and Mrs Clare, who are leaving us at the end of term. They have both been a huge part of Wookey School, and we will miss them both greatly. I am very lucky to lead such a great staff team, and the children are lucky to have each and every one of them working to support their development.

One of the great strengths of Wookey School is that we focus on developing and celebrating the 'whole' child rather than putting our energies into becoming an exam factory. External pressures can have a huge impact on how schools teach their children, but at Wookey we recognise that there is so much more to education than merely test results. The gratifying result of our commitment to our beliefs is that our results continue to improve. Progress in KS2 and attainment in KS1 this year are both excellent, and our Early Years and Phonics results continue to reflect outstanding teaching in all year groups.

Last but by no means least I want to thank the children. They have totally embraced our core values of respect, engagement, independence and activity in everything that they do at Wookey. Our curriculum is designed to teach the children in the way that they learn best, but without their commitment to and engagement in their learning it would be difficult for us to succeed.

I am sure that the children leaving us at the end of this term will take 'The Wookey Way' to their new schools, wherever they are, and that those returning, or joining us, in September will be ready for another exciting year at Wookey Primary School.

Have a great summer!

Andrew Marsh (Headteacher)

Hot Lunch Information

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with our new system for ordering lunches from September. As with all launches of new systems there will inevitably be some tweaks needed once the system is live, and thanks to some constructive feedback from parents we can confirm the following points:

- You only need to order 2 weeks ahead.
- We will print out order lists every second Thursday (starting on Thursday 12th September) and pass them to the supplier.
- This will allow parents to make changes online before the Thursday for the following 2 weeks if they wish.
- We have removed the requirement to pre-pay for lunches during this transition period. This will allow parents to pre-pay if they wish but if not then we will invoice every half term as before.

We are keen to keep improving this system, so please speak to Mrs Gosden in the office if you have any further suggestions.



On behalf of the children & staff I want to say a huge thank you to our hardworking WSA members for organising and running the summer fayre on Friday July 12th. We are lucky to have such a hardworking and committed group of parents.

Thanks also to everyone who came along and supported the school. I am pleased to announce that over £800 was raised for school funds by those in attendance.

#Pledge2Game

The [Internet Matters](#) team are challenging you to 'Play Your Children at their Own Game' this summer! Playing video games with your children is one of the best ways to keep them safe and healthy when they are gaming and we all know that kids love to beat the adults! To support parents, Internet Matters have also created a [Gaming Hub](#), which has fantastic tips on gaming to support families.

Find the advice at: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/> and **#Pledge2Game** with your children to help them develop healthy gaming habits this summer holiday!



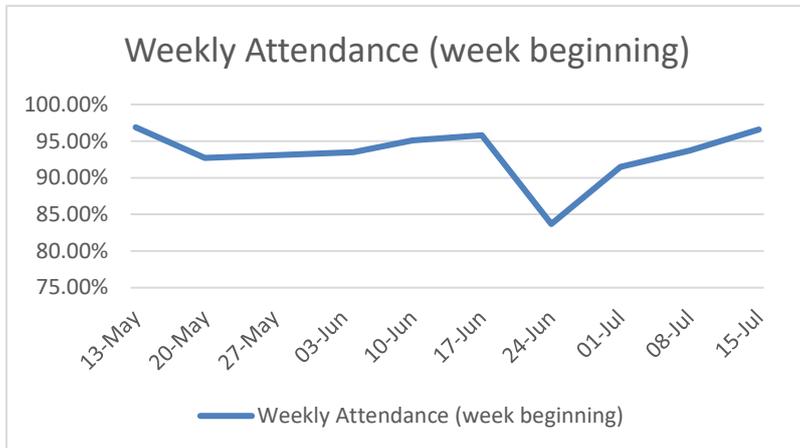
Read more about the #Pledge2Game campaign at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/play-your-child-at-their-own-game-this-summer/>

Reminder we are one of the chosen organisations in the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme for this month. Please let family and friends know and ask them to support Wookey Primary School if they are shopping in the Wells store.

Weekly Attendance Levels

I am pleased to report that our last full week of the school year yielded our highest attendance percentage since the middle of May.



“Taking a child on holiday in term time interrupts the learning of the whole class. Teachers have to spend time helping children catch up when they return. Parents should arrange holidays for the 13 week school holiday periods. Schools are open 190 days which leaves 175 days of the year for a holiday.”



On the back of England’s recent success in the World Cup I am pleased to announce that we have been able to secure 6 weeks of training sessions from Somerset Cricket Club when we return to school in September. The coaching sessions will be taking place on Friday afternoons and will involve all classes except Rowan. We will send out a reminder in September but I thought I would share the news with you now.





Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Take part this summer

1. Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT’S FREE!

- At Wells Library, Union Street
- We open Monday-Friday 9:30am -5pm
- Saturday 9:30am-2pm
- Challenge begins at Wells library Saturday 13th July
- Challenge ends at the library Saturday 7th September

2. Sign up to receive your special Space Chase mission folder.

3. Read at least SIX library books over the holidays

4. Collect stickers for each book you read

5. Add the stickers to your folder to complete your mission and the Challenge!

Wells Ballet School & Somerset Dance Umbrella

Zoe Burton BA (Hons) Art and Teaching of Ballet Royal Academy of Dance LRAD RTS

Sandra Davey AISTD Dip Graduate Laine Theatre Arts

Dance Summer School 2019



Fantastic fun week of dance & performing arts for 7 - 18 yr olds

Ballet, Tap, Modern & Jazz, Musical Theatre & Drama

Monday 29th July 2019 - Friday 2nd August 2019

9.30am - 3pm in Wells Town Hall

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July – Teddy Bears' Picnic (Rowan Class and Little Acorns) at 12:00

Tuesday 23rd July – Chestnut Class Matinee Performance and Leavers Goodbyes at the Church Hall

Wednesday 24th July – First Day of the Summer Break

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – INSET days (school closed)

Wednesday 4th September – First day of the new academic year

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***
- ***by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk***
- ***or the police***

You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999.