



Wookey Weekly News ***Friday 7th February 2020***



Stars of the Week

Stars of the week for this week are: Rex and Aurelia (Rowan Class), Ivy and Eboni (Oak Class), Isaac and Ellie (Willow Class) and Ava (Chestnut Class). They will have their celebration with Mr Marsh next week.

Clubs after Half Term

As we have had such a high demand for places we have decided to offer cooking club to a second group of children (from Rowan and Oak classes) after half term. The last cooking club session for the current group of children will therefore be on Wednesday 12th February. Parents of children who have places in cookery club will receive confirmation after half term.

Homework club on Tuesdays will be switching to Key Stage 2 only after half term (Chestnut and Willow Classes). We will invite our younger children to re-join homework club in the summer term, when the focus will be on them again.

Gym club will be switching to Key Stage 2 children (Willow and Chestnut Classes) after half term. We will open up the online booking page for that group on Monday 10th February.

Wednesday Science club is going to become an Environmental Action group for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. As we would like to offer this club to our most committed children only, can we please ask any children who would like to take part in it to write to Miss Coates explaining why they think this is an important issue. The first task this group will be undertaking is to revitalise our pond area ready for the spring. This club will not be entered on our online booking system.

Hot Lunches

We have enabled hot lunch bookings for the period February 24th to March 13th on Tucasi (Week 1 to 3 after half term). Please book for the duration of this period before Thursday 13th February. Many thanks

New Member of Staff

We will be welcoming a new member of staff to Wookey School on Monday next week. Miss Lucy Peters will be joining our playgroup staff as an apprentice play group assistant. Miss Peters is looking forward to joining the staff and meeting all the children in Little Acorns.

Netball News

Well done also to our netball team who took part in their latest league fixture on Monday this week. After racing into a 9-0 lead their opponents managed to get on the scoreboard in the final quarter but the final score was 11-2 to Wookey. We have two matches next week, with a tournament at Wells Blue School on Monday followed by our next league match on Tuesday.

Carymoor Trip

Thank you for showing your support for our planned trips to Carymoor after half term. I am pleased to report that over 95% of parents gave their £2 contributions, which means that the trips on 24th and 25th February can take place.

As the trip is straight after half term, and a lot of information was sent out with the original letter that all parents received, we thought it would be sensible to reprint a section of the letter here:

"On the Monday, Years 3 to 6 will all need to bring a packed lunch with them. If they are entitled to a free school meal and you would like us to provide them with a packed lunch, please tell us before the 31st January via the form below. On the Tuesday, all the children going on the trip are entitled to a free packed lunch. Please let us know via the form if you wish us to provide them with one. We will not be serving any hot lunches for the children remaining in school on that day (Years 3 to 6) so these children will need to select a sandwich option for their lunch. Please ensure that you send your child on the day of their trip in warm, waterproof clothing and footwear (ideally wellies) with a spare set of clothes and shoes in a rucksack."

World Book Day

We will, as usual, be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 5th March. I want to give parents enough notice though that we will not be asking the children to dress up this year. We have some other exciting ideas that we will be sharing with you next week. We are aware of the cost and time needed to create an outfit, and the ideas we have will hopefully remove these pressures from our parents.

Spelling Shed and Maths Shed

Please note that, as part of our drive to reduce paper usage at school, we will not be producing certificates for Spelling Shed and Maths Shed from this point on. Children who complete their assigned homework will instead receive a house point which will contribute to the house point tally of their team.

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.5% This is still below the national average and our target of 95%. We have had 12 incidents where children have been recorded in the register this week as being late, which is significantly fewer than last week. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children attend school regularly and on time.

Monthly Attendance Figures

September 2019 – 96.2%

October 2019 – 94.4%

November 2019 – 93.6%

December 2019 – 91.4%

January 2020 – 93.8%

Diary Dates for this term

Monday 10th February – Netball Tournament @ Wells Blue School

Tuesday 11th February – Netball fixture @ Strode

Wednesday 12th February – Assembly with Rev. Guy

Thursday 13th February – Year 6 watching Hairspray production @ Wells Blue School

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Monday 24th February – Start of term 4

Monday 24th February – 'Day at the Dump' trip for Year 3 to 6 children

Tuesday 25th February – 'Day at the Dump' trip for Reception to Year 2 children

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – NCMP for Reception and Year 6 children

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.