Wookey Weekly News Friday 1st February 2019



Well done to our stars of the week for this week. They are: Esme and Leon (Chestnut Class), Isaac and Roman (Willow Class), Jack and Freya (Oak Class) and Aurelia (Rowan Class). They will be having their celebration with Mr Marsh next week.

Snow Day

I hope the children are making the most of their snow day. My blog this week focuses on what went on behind the scenes in the period leading up to the decision to close today. You can read it by clicking <u>here</u>.

As we appear to be moving into a period of significantly colder weather, I should take this opportunity to remind everyone now of our cold weather procedures.

Any decision to close the school due to severe weather will be based on a combination of three factors. They are the safety of children on site, the safety of access to our site and the ability of staff to travel to Wookey from their homes all around Somerset.

If a decision is made to close, we will communicate this at the earliest possible opportunity to parents. If this decision is taken at the start of the day, as it was today, we will use our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as Seesaw to share this information with you. If the decision is taken to close the school early and invite parents to collect their children from school before 3:20 we will also communicate via email. If we have a prolonged period of snow we will update parents on a daily basis of our status.

Cross Country Event

We are incredibly proud of the resilience shown by our children during the Mendip Cross Country Event at Downside School this week. The children had a taste of things to come as they were greeted by freezing conditions and snow throughout their races! The race results should be published soon at: http://www.mendipjuniorathletics.org.uk/



Parking at The Pheasant Inn

You may have read on our social media accounts that I had a phone call from the landlord of The Pheasant Inn this week to report some dangerous behaviour in their car park at the end of the day. They would like me to remind everyone that parking in the main section of their car park is not permitted and that their gate must remain closed at all times. Thank you for supporting our ongoing focus on road safety with the children.

Charity Cake Sale

Many of you will be aware of the fact that the funeral of Jo Waterman, a much respected member of our community, took place on Thursday this week. We have been thinking of the best way to honour Jo's memory and, given her prowess as a baker, we have decided upon a charity cake sale.

The cake sale will be taking place on Thursday 14th February, from 2:45pm in the school hall. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the charity Breast Cancer Now, of whom Jo was a staunch supporter.



Donations of cakes to sell would be most welcomed. We would love to raise a significant amount of money to donate in Jo's memory, so we hope to see you there.

Liz Bowen, another member of our community with a long relationship with our school, is going to be running Bath Half Marathon this year for the same charity in Jo's memory, so if you would like to sponsor Liz you can do so here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabethbowen2018





We are one of the 44 schools that have committed themselves to the Somerset e-pledge for Safer Internet Day 5th February 2019.

We pledge to support families to create a **gameplan**. A gameplan is an agreement that families can use to help them game safely and positively.

We have sent out a gameplan template for parents to use at home and posters are displayed in all our classrooms. For more information click here.



Diary Dates

Monday 4th February – Parent Teacher Meeting bookings open on website

Tuesday 5th February – Chestnut Trip to Glastonbury Museum

Tuesday 5th February – Netball Fixture v Elmhurst A

Wednesday 6th February – Assembly with Reverend Paul and Reverend Guy

Monday 11th February – Netball Festival at Wells Blue School

Monday 11th to Friday 15th February – No after school clubs this week

Wednesday 13th February – Rowan Class Trip

Thursday 14th February – Charity Cake Sale

Friday 15th February – Last day before half term

Friday 15th February – WSA Quiz and Chips

Wednesday 20th February – Kx365, 1 year active!

Monday 25th February – back to school, Netball Festival at Wells Blue School. All after school clubs start this week.

Tuesday 26^{th} February – Netball Fixture v Elmhurst B

Monday 4th March – Parent Teacher Meetings. No after school clubs this week.

Wednesday 6th March – Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day / Readathon

Friday 15th March – Futsal Tournament at Strode Sports Centre

Tuesday 19th March – Netball Fixture v Meare

Monday 25th March – Rowan and Oak Class Trip

Friday 29th March – Willow Class Trip (Provisional Date)

Monday 1st April – No after school clubs this week.

Tuesday 2nd April – Bonnet Parade (Little Acorns and Rowan Class) at 9:15 am

Friday 5th April – Easter Events / Last day of term