



Wookey Weekly News

Friday 12th July 2019



Our stars of the week for this week are: Caleb and Ellis (Chestnut Class), Bella and Freya (Willow Class), Chloe and Ivy (Oak Class) and Riley (Rowan Class). They will be having their celebration with Mr Marsh next week.

SATS results

Our year 6 children received their SATs results on Tuesday this week. Mrs Davies shared her feelings with Year 6 parents in a letter this week and, as I can't put it better than she did, I thought that it would be worth sharing a section of the letter in this newsletter.

Your children have learned so much more than can be expressed in the numerical data generated by these tests. I am pleased that the reports went out before these results as what I wrote about your children in them was a reflection of the learning we have seen in class throughout the year. Performance on the day can be affected by a huge range of factors. Some will focus better under test conditions, others find it intimidating and struggle to work as well as they would in a normal classroom environment.

A few children, as always, have missed out by tiny amounts which will be particularly disappointing for them. All of the children should be proud of their achievements regardless of the label placed on them by the system in which we must work. I am proud of them and I have told them so this afternoon.

Sports Day

The children really enjoyed their hastily arranged sports day on Thursday morning. There has been so much happening in school lately that had prevented it from happening but we spotted a window of opportunity and went for it. It would have been really sad for the children to have missed out entirely so it is great that they had the chance to run their races together. I am sure many parents would have loved to have attended, but as you are aware we did try more than once to hold our Sports Day last month, and with such little notice yesterday we would have had to disappoint a number of parents who would not have been able to attend.

KS2 Rehearsals and Performance Information

Chestnut parents will have seen Mrs Davies message regarding rehearsal times next week:

Chestnut will be rehearsing on Monday and Tuesday morning in the village hall. Children can be dropped there from 8.30am and by 8.55am on each of those days. Breakfast club children will be walked down by staff. Many thanks.

When it comes to the evening performances we will need children at the church hall at 6pm as the performance starts at 6:30pm. We need **all** children at the evening performance, even if an adult is not attending to watch them. Adults should be seated 10 minutes before the start of the show.

For the Tuesday performance can we ask that all audience members are seated by 1:20pm at the latest, so that we can start on time at 1:30pm.

Leavers Lunch

Year 6 parents will have received an invitation to the leavers' lunch on Friday 19th July. Please arrive around 1:15pm so that the lunch can begin at the planned starting time of 1:30pm.

Attendance

As we approach the end of the year it is important that we celebrate the children with the highest level of attendance since September. The following children achieved exceptional attendance levels (99%+) this year and will be receiving a certificate in assembly today:

Toby A (Oak Class)
Chloe P (Oak Class)
Luka W (Oak Class)
Rose N (Oak Class)
Tom B (Willow Class)

Abi F (Chestnut Class)
Lottie B (Chestnut Class)
Daisy P (Chestnut Class)
Caleb H (Chestnut Class)

There is a clear link between progress and attendance so thank you for helping support your child by ensuring that their absences are kept to a minimum throughout the year. It must be noted that nearly 50% of our children had attendance that was recorded in their reports as 'room for improvement' or 'cause for concern', which is worrying and hopefully will not be repeated in the next 12 months.

Rounders Reports

We have had two rounders matches this week. The first, a home fixture against West Pennard School, took place on Tuesday. Our team played in a great spirit as always and they built on the positive signs shown in the second part of our previous match. The final score after two innings each was Wookey 67 West Pennard 33. Everyone played a full part in this victory so it would be impossible to select a 'player of the match'.

Our second fixture was away at Ashcott School on Thursday. In equally warm conditions the team took on a very strong Ashcott team which included several big hitters. It was nip and tuck throughout the four innings of this game, and when it had finished nobody was sure who had triumphed. When the result was read out we were delighted to hear the score of 46-41 to Wookey. Well played again to our team who are guaranteed at least second in the TLE rounders league for this year.



Lots of parents love sharing photos of their children with friends and family, particularly when they are on holiday or starting the new school year. A recent report found that 42% of young people reported that their parents had done this without asking their permission. This article from Thinkuknow helps parents to protect their child while staying social. <https://bit.ly/2G3wPb8>

Somerset CCC Schools' Day 2019

We had a great time at Taunton this week taking part in the Somerset County Cricket Schools day. As well as watching the action and taking part in a lunchtime parade we also took part in some skills activities and some of the children even managed to get autographs from some of the players.

If you are interested in taking your children to watch more cricket at Taunton, then there is currently a great offer of free junior memberships to under 18s. For more information, click the link below.

<https://www.somersetcountycc.co.uk/buy-tickets/membership/>



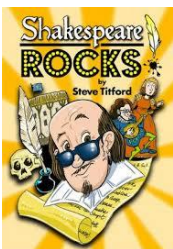
FREE Somerset County Cricket Club Junior Membership

Club Junior membership includes:

- Entry to all our home Specsavers County Championship matches
- Entry to all our home Royal London One-Day Cup group matches
- Entry to Western Storm's standalone matches at the Cooper Associates County Ground
- Entry to all home 2nd XI and friendly matches

PLUS, you get these great additional benefits too:

- Two FREE Junior Specsavers County Championship guest passes
- Two FREE Junior Royal London One-Day Cup group match guest pass
- One FREE scorecard per Specsavers County Championship home match
- A birthday card signed by members of the playing squad
- A free cricket training day during the year
- A SCCC free gift
- 10 % off in the Stragglers Coffee House
- 10% off Somerset branded clothing at Somerset County Sports



There are still a small number of tickets available for the Friday evening performance of Shakespeare Rocks next week. They are open to any parent, including Chestnut parents who may have already requested 4 tickets. If you would like to book tickets, then please click the image on the left or visit our website homepage.

Weekly Attendance Levels

For the third week in the row our attendance is below the national average.

Week beginning	School Attendance	Week beginning	School Attendance
22/4/19	98.6%	10/6/19	95.1%
29/4/19	93.9%	17/6/19	95.8%
7/5/19	96.7%	24/6/19	83.7%
13/5/19	96.9%	1/7/19	91.5%
20/5/19	92.65%	8/7/19	93.44%
4/6/19	93.5%		

"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."

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.





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

Take part this summer

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

- 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

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

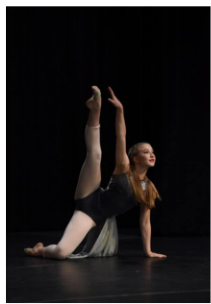
Dance Summer School 2019

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



Summer Holiday Family Fun Days!



Get hands-on with the outdoors

Winged Wonders

Tuesday 20th August 10AM-2PM

Find out about the wonderful winged creatures on our nature reserve, from birds and bats to butterflies and bees.

Enjoy lots of crafts and challenges, including plastic bag kite-making, egg parachutes and flying machines.





Woodland Survival

Wednesday 21st August 10AM-2PM

Head into the woods with us for orienteering, fire-lighting, marshmallow toasting, den-building, whittling and team challenges that would even test Bear Grylls!

For children aged 4-11 and their parents or carers.
£8 per person or £25 for a family of four.
Advanced booking essential.
Please call 01963 351350
or email education@carymoor.org.uk.



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Diary Dates

Friday 19th July – Leavers Lunch and rounders match (arrive at 1:15pm)

Friday 19th July – Chestnut Class Evening Performance (children need to be there at 6pm for a 6:30pm start – audience in place by 6:20pm please)

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 (audience in place by 1:20pm please)

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.