



Wookey Weekly News



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Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see the happy faces on the children as they arrived at the start of the day on Wednesday this week. We now have more pupils on role now than at any time since I joined Wookey, so there were lots of new faces as well as more familiar ones.

Thank you for your support in maintaining the continued, but reduced, Covid-related measures we have in place. As I said in my message on Seesaw this week, we will keep these measures under review and let you know when things will be changing.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all our parents of the importance of being connected to your child's Seesaw account, as we use this as our primary method of communication. If you don't check regularly for Seesaw messages you will miss out on important information which will impact your child. Seesaw can also be used to message me, or your child's class teacher, and we will endeavour to respond to any messages as swiftly as we can.

One of my many highlights of this week has been seeing the way that our children have welcomed all the new pupils who have joined us for the new academic year. It has also been heart-warming to get so much positive feedback from our newest families about the way that their children already feel part of the Wookey family. I also really enjoyed my time with Chestnut Class on Wednesday planting new strawberry plants from the runners that have grown this summer, harvesting some of our tomato crop and preparing the seeds from the sweet pea plants for growing in the spring.

After such a difficult time the staff and I are all really excited about the next 12 months in our wonderful, thriving school!

After School Clubs

You will have received information on Seesaw this week about sports clubs that we are running this term. Places need to be booked through your SCOPay logins. If you are a new parent and you haven't got your SCOPay login you can book places by responding to my message on Seesaw. As usual, we will be offering clubs for children in Rowan Class after Christmas, when they have had a chance to settle in to their new surroundings.

All clubs run until 4:15pm. We currently have 3 places left in KS1 Multi Sports, 8 places left in KS1 Football and 2 places left in Cross Country. We would like as many children as possible to have the opportunity to take part so can we please ask that you initially sign your child up for a maximum of one club. We will inform parents on Monday if there are spaces available to allow us to offer a second club place for children who are interested.

Goodbye to Miss Barlow

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Barlow on Friday 24th September, when she leaves Wookey School to start a degree at UWE Bristol. Jess joined us in 2018 and for the last three years she has provided great support to a number of children at Wookey. She will be missed by all of us. The process of appointing her replacement has started and I will inform you in due course.

Care4Calais

We are pleased to say that we are now a collection hub for the charity Care4Calais. They provide much needed essentials such as clothing and toiletries to refugees who have nothing but the clothes on their backs. We will be happy to accept clean, good quality clothing (they are particularly short of baby clothes and clothes for young children). As well as this, they need all toiletries (new please) such as shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste, nappies and wipes. Please ensure that all donations sent to school are sorted and clearly labelled as this needs to be done before we drop them off and we do not have the capacity to do that in school.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will be taking place on Wednesday 6th October. I am delighted to be able to take the children to St Matthew's Church again, rather than hold a 'virtual' service, but we have made the decision to only have children and not parents take part this year. I appreciate that this is another event that you will miss, but we felt that at this early stage in the school year it would be a sensible approach. Rev. Jan Shellard-Jones will be leading the service, and the children will be asked to bring tinned food to donate to the local food bank.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We will be offering either face-to-face or virtual parent teacher meetings this term. Whilst we are looking forward to sitting in the same room as parents when we meet, we are also aware that many of you find virtual meetings more convenient. We will be taking bookings soon for face to face meetings, which will take place on Wednesday 3rd November. Teachers will be in touch with arrangements for booking virtual meetings.

Diary Dates

Monday 27th September – Y5/6 Football Tournament at Wells Blue School

Monday 4th October – Y5/6 Football Tournament at Wells Blue School

Wednesday 6th October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 21st November – last day before half term

Wednesday 3rd November – Parent Teacher Meetings

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