



# Wookey Weekly News



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents of children in Chestnut and Willow Classes,

We have had a great time at Wookey Church Hall this week rehearsing and recording our KS2 play. Unfortunately, due to the absence of more than one cast member on Friday, we were unable to complete our filming on time. We will therefore need the children to be dropped off at the hall on Monday morning, when we will film our final scenes. Stay tuned for the date of our online 'world premiere' in the coming week!

You will undoubtedly be aware that the Government has updated its 'Schools COVID-19 operational guidance' in light of the country moving to step 4 of its roadmap to recovery on Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not had the chance to read it, you can click on this link to do so.

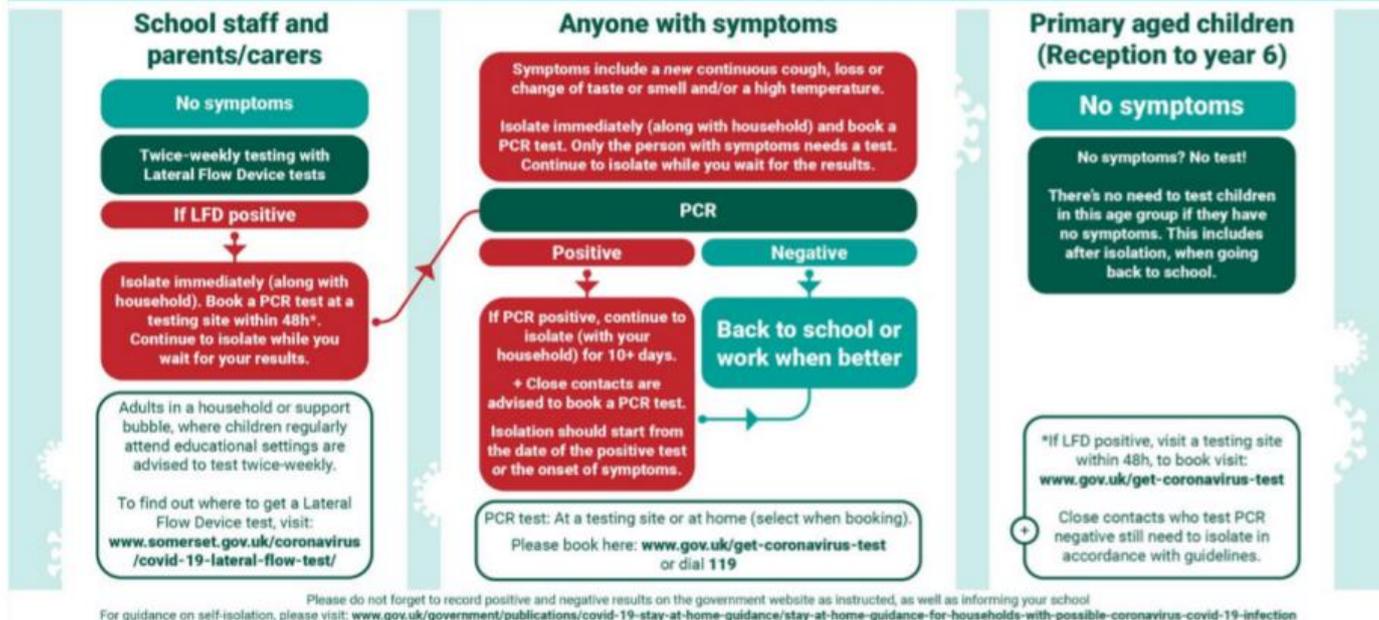
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Although restrictions are going to be relaxed nationally with a week remaining in our summer term, it is my intention to keep all current COVID-19 procedures in place until we return in September. The last thing we want to do, at such a late stage in the school year, is to do anything that increases the chances of any of our families having a disrupted summer break so please bear with us for a little while longer. We are aware of a significant number of cases in local schools this week, which has made the decision to keep things as they are a relatively easy one.

When we do get to September we will of course be relaxing things somewhat, although there have been some changes in the past 15 months that have been positively received by parents, so we will not be going back to exactly how things were before the pandemic. I will share more details next week once they have been approved by the school Governors in our meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

On the subject of Governors, we will be saying goodbye to Ed Watts on Monday as it will be his last meeting as a Parent Governor. On behalf of the staff and children I want to thank Ed for his support over the last few years. We will also be welcoming a new Governor on Monday, Alyson Mair, who will be joining us as a co-opted (community) Governor.

# EYFS (Reception) - Year 6 Covid-19 testing



## Temporary Road Closure

We have been informed that there will be a temporary road closure in Castle Lane on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. From the information we have, access to the school car park will be unaffected from the Wells Road, but there is likely to be a problem for anyone coming from Fenny Castle.

## School Reports

You will have received your child's annual report from their class teacher this week. As always, it was a pleasure to read every report, and I was particularly delighted to read teacher comments about how the children have coped so brilliantly with such a disrupted year. Please do take advantage of the offer of a zoom meeting, or personal chat, with your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss their report further. When you return your acknowledgement slip, indicate that you would like to speak to them and they will contact you.

## Patreon Donations

Thank you, on behalf of the children, to the ongoing generosity of our Patreon members, as we have been able this week to purchase a significant number of reading books to add to our home reading scheme. Sadly, schools (particularly small schools) have been impacted by the cuts in funding in recent years and we are having to rely more on donations than ever before. If you would like to become a patron of Wookey Primary School then you can find more here:

<https://www.patreon.com/user?u=43863915>

## Leaver's Lunch

Year 6 parents are warmly invited to attend a leavers picnic lunch on the school field at 1pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. As we will be holding this event outside we are able to invite 2 parents for each of our Year 6 children. Please bring a picnic for yourselves and your child and we will provide drinks and ice-creams. The children will be asked to share their leavers speeches with you before the start of the picnic. We

appreciate that this is another event that is running slightly differently to in previous years but we hope that, weather permitting, it will be a celebration of our Year 6 children's time at Wookey Primary School.

### INSET Days for 2021-22

Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

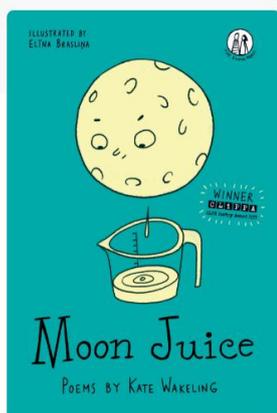
Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Chestnut Residential at Hooke Court

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Leaver's Lunch

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of the academic year



### Book of the Week

Our Book of the Week this week is 'Moon Juice', a collection of poems by Kate Wakeling. You can read it for free by clicking [here](#).

*Meet Skig, who is meant to be a warrior (but is really more of a worrier). Meet a giddy comet, which skids across the sky with its tail on fire. Put a marvellous new machine in your pocket, which promises to solve all of your life's problems. These poems are musical, wistful and full of wonder at the weirdness of the world.*

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Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or by email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

or the contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care.

In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999.

