



# Wookey Weekly News

Friday 7th December 2018



**Hot Lunches next week - Week 3**

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week. They are: Imogen and Indie (Chestnut), Rose and Demi-Rose (Willow), Cece and Henry (Oak) and Megan (Chestnut). They will be having a celebration with Mr Marsh next week.



## **Christmas Lunch 2018**

There are still a significant number of children for whom we have not received a lunch order for our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December. We need to know your order, even if your child receives a free hot meal through the Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM) scheme or for any other reason. You can order your child's lunch from the online bookings page of our website. <https://goo.gl/ZVczHS>

## **Christmas Play Tickets**

There are still a small number of tickets left for Rowan and Oak Class' Christmas Production of 'A King is Born' on Wednesday 12th December. Please book via the [online bookings](#) page of our website. If you have already booked 3 tickets but would like more we will inform you next week when these tickets will be available, assuming they haven't all be claimed by then.



## **Champions!**

A huge well done to our Football Squad for winning the TLE Football League at their first attempt! They polished off the season with a convincing 10-1 victory against Ashcott on Monday this week.

We were so impressed with the way they developed as a team over the season. As the smallest school taking part in the league they should be extra proud of their achievement.

Many thanks to Mr Donnelly for coaching them so well. We couldn't have done it without him!

## **Guide to Video Games**

With Christmas fast approaching, parents may be considering video games as gifts for their children. Making a decision about which games are most suitable can be difficult. To help, [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com) have released a guide to the best family video games, organised by PEGI rating. The guide can be found at:

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/discover-2018s-amazing-video-games-for-your-family>

Wookey School  
&  
Little Acorns Playgroup

# Christmas Fair

Friday 14th December

6-8pm

Raffle Present room  
Usborne Books Chocolate tombola  
Games Pop up cafe  
Cake stall Mulled wine  
Hot pork rolls

*Everyone welcome!*

### Parking on Castle Lane

It has been reported by some parents that cars parked in Castle Lane at the start and end of the school day are making entry to the school car park very difficult. Please ensure that, if you are parking on Castle Lane, you leave plenty of space at both the entry and exit of our car park. Many thanks.

LIBRARY SERVICE

## Christmas Story Time Wells Library

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018  
11am  
4-10yr olds

Come and listen to "Babushka" and "Christmas Bear"  
read by local author Beth Webb

To book your place call 0300 123 2224 or  
email wlslib@somerset.gov.uk

### After School Clubs from January

Places are filling up quickly for our after school clubs, which start again on Monday 14th January. Once a club is full we will add a reserve list so that places can be offered if a child decides they do not want to carry on with the club they are signed up for.

Thank you for engaging with our online booking system. If you have any problems and you would like to book one of the places still available please pop into the school office or email [SCH.423@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SCH.423@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



Our Key Stage 2 children had a visit this week from the UK Parliament Senior Education and Engagement Officer for the South West of England. From their responses it was clear that they learned quite a bit about the workings of Parliament from him.

### **Live Streaming and video-chat risks**

Over a quarter of 7-16 year olds have live-streamed and 1 in 8 have video-chatted with someone that they have never met in person. These headline findings come from a recent NSPCC survey with over 40,000 participants. Whilst live-streaming and video-chatting can offer fantastic opportunities, it is essential that children are also educated about the risks.

More details from the survey can be found here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/livestreaming-video-chat-online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/livestreaming-video-chat-online-safety)

Are you aware of the opportunities and risks faced by children who live stream? Live streaming allows anybody to broadcast live using the internet. Many apps and sites include this function. Popular current apps include Youtube, Facebook live, TikTok (formerly Music.ly) and YouNow but most social networks include the function. Live streaming can be an incredibly creative process but also poses risks, such as receiving negative comments or being exposed to inappropriate content and contact. Guidance on live-streaming can be found at: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming>

### **A message from SCC School Admissions**

**For the attention of all parents/carers with a child due to start school in September 2019.**

If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) then it is very important you make an on time school place application.

**Deadline for primary admissions - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

To download the primary booklet for parent's, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit our website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) and choose the page Apply to Start School.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01823 355742 if you require any further information or would like to check whether an application for a particular child or children has been received.

Thank you in advance.

#### ***School Admissions Team***

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### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 11th Dec- Little Acorns Christmas Play @ 9:15am

Wednesday 12th Dec - Rowan and Oak Christmas Play @ 9:15am

Friday 14th Dec – Rowan and Oak Christmas Play @ 2:15pm

**Friday 14th Dec - WSA Christmas Fayre**

Wednesday 19th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20th Dec - Christmas Service at Wookey Church @ 9am

Friday 21st Dec - Last day of term - Christmas Bake Off (parents invited)

Monday 7th Jan 2019 - INSET

Tuesday 8th Jan 2019 - Back to School

We had another exciting day working with the instructors from UX2 on Tuesday this week. The children were set lots of challenges and given activities designed to develop their leadership and team working skills. Thanks again to the WSA for agreeing to fund this project throughout the school year.

You can see from this picture that Chestnut Class were proud of being able to assemble and erect this radio mast during their session with UX2.

We are planning to have our next day some time around the end of January, and the instructors have promised us that they will run a parent session at the end of the school day. Stay tuned for more information soon!



Weather permitting, we are hoping to open up the school field for parking on Friday next week during our Christmas Fayre. This is to avoid inconveniencing the landlord of The Pheasant Inn. We have made them aware of the event taking place, so thank you in advance for helping us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours.

Following on from designing Superhero Vegetable characters to encourage the younger children in school to eat their veg, Chestnut class have now produced comic strips. They will be sharing these during our reading assembly next week. If you would like to see more of these comics and read them in more detail, check out my latest Headteacher blog post on our website.

