

Westoning Lower School News

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THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

We are now 5 weeks into the new school year, and it feels like we did not have all those months out from our usual routines. It is great to see that the children are still so enthusiastic about their learning and they are really enjoying being back with their friends. As the weather is now getting much colder it is really important to make sure the children come to school with coats etc to keep them warm whilst they are outside.

A survey was sent out today regarding access to devices for online learning at home. We have already had over 40 responses, so thank you very much for completing the survey so quickly. If you have not yet completed it, a Parent mail was sent out this morning with the link to a Google form. Your responses will help us finalise our plans for remote learning in case of any closures or isolation periods that may be needed over the coming months.

Finally, it has come to the school's attention that there has been an increase in cars parking in the layby at the front of the school. Unfortunately the layby does have double yellow lines which means that cars should not be parking there. There is also the risk of a child being injured now that we have two classes entering and exiting school through the front entrance gates. There is parking available at Recreation ground if no road parking is available. The Schools Police Liaison team has sent a letter to go out to the school community which is attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Jacqui Boyle - Head Teacher

STARTING SCHOOL

The application round for children due to start Reception Class in September 2020 is now open. If your child is born between **01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017** please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to make your application. Please remember even if your child attends Nursery Class at Westoning Lower School you **MUST** apply for a place in Reception Class. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021.

PTA AGM - Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm.

Teachers, Parents and Carers of children at WLS are invited to our annual AGM

Join us via Zoom to meet the PTA committee and find out about our fundraising successes and our plans for the year (although of course these are quite limited at the moment). Find out more about the PTA and how you could get involved and lend an occasional hand and be part of this lovely team. It's a great way to get to know other parents too!

Voting for committee members

Voting for new positions take place at the AGM. The current co-chairs, treasurer and secretary are happy to continue in their roles if there are no other nominations, and legally the PTA cannot continue without these roles fulfilled. However, if you are interested in any of these roles please email wlspta@outlook.com, or send us a message on our Facebook page. We can give you more information about these roles or you can chat to one of us about what we do.

The AGM is very informal and should last around 30 minutes. If you'd like to join us, please email wlspta@outlook.com and we will share the Zoom meeting log-in details.

See you then!

Gemma Ypey & Emma Wilson (Co-chairs) , Rebecca West (Secretary) , Lucy Hemmings (Treasurer)

PTA HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

The PTA are selling Halloween Treat Bags. If you would like to order one please do so on Parent Mail. The deadline for orders is Friday 16th October 2020. Further information was sent out separately via Parent Mail.

This Month's Value is Friendship

The teaching and learning focuses on what makes a good friendship, what to do if you fall out with friends, how best to resolve conflict and respecting the different opinions and feelings of friends

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Henry David Thoreau

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th–30th October - Half Term
 2nd November - INSET Day
 3rd November - Children Back in School
 18th December - Last day of term
 21st Dec - 1st Jan - Christmas Holiday
 4th January–INSET DAY

KEY

- Parent/Child Event
- Information Purposes Only



Please remember we are a 'NO NUT' School. There has been an increase in products containing nuts in school.

Please check chocolate spread and cereal bars to make sure they do not contain nuts.

THIS WEEK'S ATTACHMENT

Week 3 Dinner Menu
 Police Letter re Parking in the Layby

IMPORTANT REMINDER

DROP OFF/COLLECTION

Please be reminded that in line with Government Guidelines only 1 adult should come to the School site when dropping off or collecting children.



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OFFICE TEAM AVAILABILITY

There will be somebody in the office every day to answer any queries you may have between 8.30am - 3.45pm.

GOVERNOR SURGERY

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STARS

This week in Stars our topic is What Shall I Wear? We have enjoyed making pants for our aliens, designing a t-shirt, discussing who would wear what hat and what to wear depending on the weather. We were also very clever in ordering socks and shoes by size.

We have also got messy doing lots of painting this week and have discovered what colours we can make by mixing different colours together.

SATURN CLASS

This week in Saturn Class we have continued to look at our senses and we have talked about hearing. We went on a listening walk to see what we could hear in our local environment. We then did some lovely drawings of what we heard. We also really enjoyed playing sound bingo. In phonics we continued to learn the new sounds G, O, C and K. In maths we have been focusing on 1,2,3.



JUPITER CLASS

This week we have been reading the story 'Not a stick'. We have imagined a stick to be lots of different things. We acted out it being a magic wand, a rolling pin, a bat and so many more things!

In maths we have started to look at part-whole models for addition. We have used coloured counters to find all the ways to make numbers to 10.

In science we continued to look at materials and in DT we made a moving picture of a bee!

MARS CLASS

Mars class have continued to learn more times tables, and our focus was x10 this week. They have also been learning about number patterns and sequencing and looking for the clues as to what the pattern is. In English the children have been learning more about conjunctions and using the words and, but, when and because in their writing. They have created another Matisse style collage, based on one of his creations, painting with scissors!

VENUS CLASS

In English this week, the children in Venus Class have been learning how to use adverbs as well as planning and writing their own stories independently. In mathematics, they have been concentrating on adding ones to 3-digit numbers by not crossing 10s and crossing 10s. In science, they have been learning about fossils and the discovery of dinosaur bones and they have made their own clay fossils too.

MERCURY CLASS

In Mercury Class we have been reading Horrid Henry in English and using prepositions and adverbs to extend our sentences. We have also looked at a variety of poetry. We have completed our work on place value in Maths and produced posters in History to show our understanding of an aspect of Viking life.

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WLS CELEBRATES SUCCESS

GOLD AWARDS

Children placed in the Gold Award Book by their teacher will receive a Gold Award Certificate and sticker in Thursday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to all the children who are included in the book for this week.

Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Jack	always being ready to learn, and doing his best
SATURN	Layla	a super drawing in responses to her listening walk
JUPITER	Louis	always putting his hand up to answer questions
JUPITER	Amelie	putting lots of expression into her reading
MARS	Joe	consistently good work in maths
MARS	Corey	completing his Science work independently
VENUS	Mia	good planning for independent writing
VENUS	Elva	good planning for independent writing
MERCURY	Fynn	great independent work with negative numbers
MERCURY	Sean	brilliant effort in all subjects!