

Westoning Lower School News

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THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

Redbourne Sports Partnership Festivals began this week. On Wednesday 10 children from Mercury Class represented the School at a Tag Rugby Tournament. The rugby squad played brilliantly, winning 2 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1 by only 1 try! Well done to all the children that took part and thank you for being great representatives of WLS. On Thursday morning 12 children from Mars Class went to a non-competitive KS1 Multi Skills Festival. They enjoyed the morning and made some new friends from other schools. Well done to Harrison and Rosie for receiving wrist bands for showing great perseverance, and to the other children who took part.

I would like to give a special mention to Rocco, Mia and Ali from Year 4 for showing great responsibility and care for our environment by helping to clear glass and rubbish from the playground on Monday morning before School. I would also like to say thank you to Mia and Rocco's parents for also helping by sweeping the glass up. It is a shame that some members of our Community feel they need to treat the recreation ground in this way and we have passed on our concerns to the Parish Council.

Other the last 2 weeks we have welcomed some new faces onto the WLS Team. Mrs Lynn Elson has joined the KS1 Team as Teaching Assistant across Years 1 & 2, Mrs Dawn Graves has joined the KS2 Team as Teaching Assistant across Years 3 & 4 and Miss Rachael Tommy has joined Venus Class for this term as part of her Teacher Training. I am sure you will join us in giving them a warm welcome to WLS.

Mrs Jacqui Boyle
Head Teacher

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parent Consultations, we hope that you are pleased with the progress your children are making in their new Classes. Please remember that you can make an appointment to see Class Teachers at any time to discuss concerns.

PTA AGM

Come and join us for a glass of fizz, beer or soft drinks at the AGM taking place on 16th October in the school hall. You will hear the achievements of 2019 and future plans! The PTA are looking for a new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Currently these roles are fulfilled by parents of children in the leavers year so it's time for new people to take over before we leave the school. If you are interested in any of these roles please nominate yourself or nominate someone you feel you suitable. The roles get appointed at the AGM. Nominations to: wlspta@outlook.com or in the PTA mailbox or Facebook message.

PTA DISCO & NON UNIFORM DAY

The PTA will be holding the next Disco on 17th October 2019. If your child would like their face painted please give consent via Parent Mail. Please make payment for admission via Parent Mail.

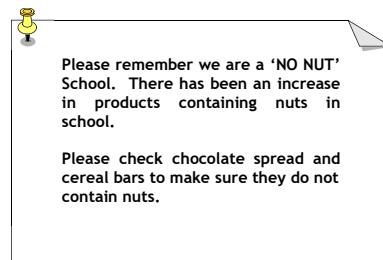
Friday 18th October is non uniform day. Children can come to school dressed in clothing of their choice in exchange for a £1 donation to the PTA. The PTA will be on the gate collecting donations.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16/10/19	PTA AGM
17/10/19	PTA Disco
18/10/19	Non Uniform Day
21/10/19	October Half Term
28/10/19	INSET DAY
29/10/19	Children Back to School
29/10/19	PTA Pumpkin Carving
11/11/19	Odd Sock Day
12/11/19	Individual School Photos
13/11/19	Diamond Day
15/11/19	Children In Need
03/12/19	Open Afternoon
05/12/19	Movie with Santa (PTA Event)
11/12/19	Saturn Class Nativity Play
16/12/19	Carol Service (Church)
20/12/19	End of Term

KEY

- Parent/Child Event
- Information Purposes Only



THIS WEEK'S ATTACHMENT

Week 1 Dinner Menu



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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

The Governors hold a drop in Surgery every Tuesday morning from 9am-10am.

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.

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STARS

'Busy hands and feet' has been our theme this week. We have enjoyed doing hand, feet and finger print painting. We have been outside practising our hand and foot co-ordination playing with balls, bean bags and hoops. We have enjoyed threading pasta necklaces. In our music and movement sessions we have been playing instruments and doing actions songs. On Friday afternoon we had a cookery session and made jam tarts.

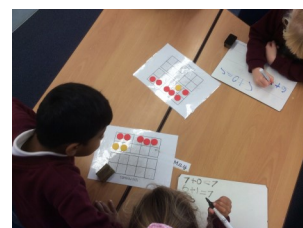
SATURN CLASS

Saturn Class have been finding out about their sense of touch this week. We have talked about how different things feel and made pictures that have different textures. We have also created hedgehogs with clay, which we are going to make into a wonderful autumn display in the classroom. We have looked at different uses for technology in class and in our homes, and made some super junk models. In PE we have been experimenting with different ways to move with our hands and out feet.



JUPITER CLASS

This week we have been very busy writing our own stories! We read the story 'Knuffle Bunny', in the story a little girl loses a toy. We have written our own lost toy stories. In maths we have been finding number bonds for numbers 3 to 9. We have also started to find number bonds to 10! Also this week we have made our own moving pictures to go into a big story book. We all really enjoyed making our pictures move.



MARS CLASS

The children in Mars class have been looking at all sorts of puppets and this week they made and took home sock puppets, not before they had played with them. The socks were kindly donated! In maths the children have been learning about column subtraction and completing some assessments. In English we have looked at rhyming words and the layout of poems.

VENUS CLASS

In English this week, the children in Venus Class have been learning how to use adverbs and speech marks, planning and writing their own stories independently. They have been concentrating on column subtraction crossing 10s and 100s in mathematics. They have been learning about dinosaurs and painting their own clay fossils in science.

MERCURY CLASS

We have learned more about Viking invaders in History this week. We have been doing some maths and grammar assessments, and in English we have also learned how to edit a piece of work and have done this to our own fable, ready to 'publish' next week.

Some of us enjoyed participating at the Tag Rugby festival and the rest of us enjoyed playing hockey outside in the sunshine! The rugby squad played brilliantly, winning 2 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1 by only 1 try!

We are looking forward to presenting and sharing our homework projects in class next week.

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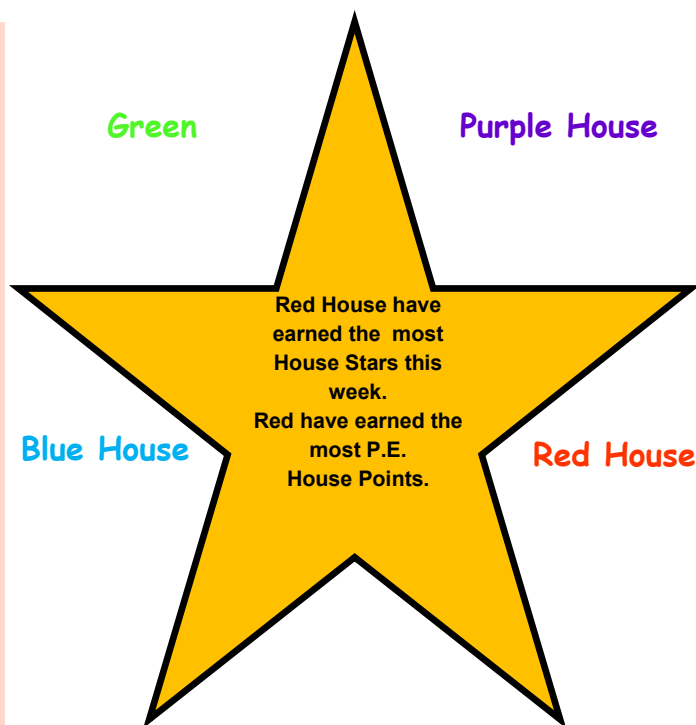
WLS CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Our Attendance Target is 96.5%. Please help us to achieve this by ensuring your child is in school everyday.

Attendance for this week:

Saturn Class:	98.11%
Jupiter Class:	93.79%
Mars Class:	97.89%
Venus Class:	93.13%
Mercury Class:	97.09%
Whole School:	96.00%

Well done Saturn Class for the highest attendance this week!



GOLD AWARD

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

Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Dalsy	creating super hedgehogs from clay
SATURN	Ethan	creating super hedgehogs from clay
JUPITER	Ollly	Great work on number bonds all week
JUPITER	Vinayak	Writing a great beginning to his story
MARS	Emmeline	trying hard with her handwriting
MARS	Finley	working well with his comprehension tasks
VENUS	Martha	good planning for independent writing
VENUS	Connie	good planning for independent writing
MERCURY	Keira	great attitude towards working together
MERCURY	Ernie	great attitude towards working together