

Westoning Lower School News

18th June 2021

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THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

We have good news to share with you today. We are pleased that our Catering Contract in conjunction with Parkfields Middle School has finally been agreed. From September Hobbs Catering will be providing hot meals to Westoning Lower School. We have a meeting with the new company next Wednesday and will send out details of the offer after this meeting. I am sure that this is good news to you as parents as well as to staff in school. As you will be aware from previous communications around catering, it has been very difficult for us as a small school to secure quality hot meals. Our hot meal numbers will be reviewed regularly and we ask that you support us in taking up the offer of hot meals moving forward from September.

Mrs Jacqui Boyle - Head Teacher

SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

Schools have received guidance earlier this week following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday. All Middle & Upper School transitions are unable to go ahead in the traditional formats which means our Year 4s will not be attending Middle School transition days next Thursday. Arnold and Parkfields are currently rescheduling transition visits so that one school at a time is able to have a form of transition. When we receive details we will ensure that you receive them.

SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately due to the latest announcements from the Government we will not be able to invite Parents/Carers to Sports Day on the 8th July. We will ensure that the children have a day of sport in school which will be one of their normal Friday P.E. days and dependant on the weather. Children will have the opportunity to earn points for their Houses within their class bubble so that we will still be able to award the Sports Day Cup this year.

MISS CROOKS ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to share with you that Miss Crooks gave birth to a baby boy this morning. Miss Crooks & her partner have named him Harry. I am sure you will join us in sending them best wishes and congratulations at this happy time.

WLS ART COMPETITION REMINDER

Please remember to pay a suggested £1 for children to enter the art competition.

The closing date is 30.6.21 and the team with the most entries will get 20 house stars. The winners from each year group will also get a prize.

The theme is the seasons (Yr R/Y1 = spring, Y2 = summer, Y3 = autumn and Y4 = winter).

If you would prefer your child to create their entry at school, rather than at home, please let us know by e-mailing your child's class once the entry fee has been paid.

This fundraising idea was made by Y3 and combines raising money for the new Y3/4 outside area with a lovely art display for everyone to enjoy before the end of this school year.

TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2021/22

Autumn Term

06.09.21 - 17.12.2021

Half Term

w/c 25.10.22

Spring Term

04.01.2022- 01.04.22

Half Term

w/c 14.02.2023

Summer Term

20.04.2022 - 22.07.2022

Half Term

w/c 30.05.2022

2022/23

Autumn Term

05.09.22 - 16.12.2022

Half Term

w/c 24.10.22

Spring Term

04.01.2023 - 31.03.2023

Half Term

w/c 13.02.2023

Summer Term

18.04.2023 - 21.07.2023

Half Term

w/c 29.05.2023

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.

Please wear a face covering and adhere to Social Distancing.



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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 Happiness

We look at how happiness means different things to different people and how we can be happy. This could be learning new things, finishing something, giving, receiving, and helping others.

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STARS

This week we have been looking at people who help keep us healthy. We have talked about opticians, dentists, vets, doctors and nurses. We have also talked about healthy eating and exercise.

The children have enjoyed making a toothbrush, painting eyes the correct colour, putting a skeleton together and doing the skeleton dance!

SATURN

This week we have continued with a second week on dinosaurs. This week our focus story has been Harry and a Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We have done some fantastic writing about the story and have ended the week by writing about our favourite dinosaur. In maths our second week on subtraction has seen us all able to do simple subtraction sums and some of us can use number lines to calculate the answer. We made some dinosaur world pictures as well as did some dinosaur yoga during the week too.

JUPITER

This week we have been reading and discussing another traditional story, Snow White. We were especially amazed about the modern version of the story, Snow White in New York. In Maths we've been working really hard in comparing and ordering numbers through different representations. In History we have been taken on a journey alongside Florence Nightingale, who travelled to Turkey to help the wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

Please remember the theme for Jupiter Class Art Competition Entries is Spring.

MARS

This week the children in Mars class have been watching our seeds germinate and become seedlings with green leaves. We are currently conducting an experiment in the classroom to prove what plants need to thrive. In maths the children used all the packaging brought in to look at weight and volume. They then practiced their column addition adding two packets weight or volume together. Some went into the thousands! Please don't forget the art competition being run by year 3, raising money for the outside learning area.

VENUS

This week in Venus Class, the children have been identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in mathematics and completed the geometry unit. They have been using alliteration, repetition and onomatopoeia when reading and writing poetry in English. The children have also enjoyed making sundials and recording shadows throughout the day in science. We had the perfect weather for this experiment this week.

MERCURY

We have started our Geometry work in Maths this week and have been learning about turns and angles. In English we have finished reading The Wolves in the Walls and have been identifying character traits and predicting a sequel story. We started putting paper mache on our Olympic masks in DT and in Computing we have continued using search engines to answer different types of question.



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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 14th June - Friday 18th June 2021

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Macie	great effort with her writing
SATURN	Archie	super work on subtraction
JUPITER	Jack	super Maths Work in comparing and ordering numbers
JUPITER	Ethan	great Maths Work in comparing and ordering numbers
MARS	Phoebe	making great contributions to our Science lesson on plants
MARS	Corey	making great contributions to our Science lesson on plants
VENUS	Caleb	positive attitude to learning
VENUS	Esme	determination to do well in maths
MERCURY	Noah	great all round ability in PE
MERCURY	Andrew	fantastic work identifying word classes in English