

# Westoning Lower School News

7th January 2022

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## THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year to you all. The children have all settled back into school very quickly and it is lovely to hear the stories about their Christmas break with families and friends. .

The term has started well and the children are already busy working away on new topics.

The first Value for this new term is Co-operation. We will be talking to the children about teamwork and the importance of community which can only be achieved by working together.

**Mrs Jacqui Boyle**  
Head Teacher

## BLUE HOUSE

Children in Blue House earned the most House Stars last half term. As their treat they have chosen to have a pyjama day on Thursday 13th January. On this day they can come to school dressed in their pyjamas and also bring in their favourite toy.

## NEW YEAR GOALS & CHALLENGES

In their classes the children have been talking about New Year. It has been lovely to hear about some of the goals and challenges which they hope to achieve during 2022. We will look forward to updates!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the weather turning much colder, please ensure children come to school with a warm coat, gloves and hat. Weather permitting children will still play outside during break and lunchtimes.

## STARTING SCHOOL - CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 01.09.2017 - 31.08.2018

Please be reminded that applications for a place in Reception Class for children born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018 must be made to Central Bedfordshire by 15th January 2022.

Applications can be made by visiting [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). Please be reminded that even if your child currently attends Nursery you MUST still make an application for a school place in September.

## TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

**14/02/2022 - February Half Term**

**21/02/2022 - Back to School**

**4/04/2022 - 15/04/2022 -  
Easter Holidays**

**30/05/22 - 3/06/22 Half Term**

**22/07/22 - End of School Year**

**W/C 10th January is  
WEEK 1 LUNCH MENU**



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### OFFICE TEAM AVAILABILITY

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### GOVERNOR SURGERY

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

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## STARS

In Stars class we have loved hearing all the stories from the children about Christmas and New Year. We have started the new term practising lots of new nursery rhymes. Our favourite so far has been Hickory Dickory Dock. We practised looking at the clock, recognising the numbers on the clock and we played musical instruments to make the chimes. We were very lucky to practise our counting skills on the laptops and are having fun playing with our new friends who joined us this week. We are so clever that we can build our own train track that runs all around our carpet area.

## SATURN

This week in Saturn class we have been very excited to start our new topic Once Upon A time. We have focused on the story of the Three Little Pigs, looking at different versions of the classic fairy tale. We have become super narrators using puppets in the classroom to re tell the story and even made up our own endings for the naughty wolf. In maths we have been consolidating our understanding of more, fewer and learning all about zero and how it can be represented in various ways

## JUPITER

This week in Jupiter Class, the children have begun a new unit of work in English based on the book 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. They have been looking at London landmarks, learning about the Queen and where she lives and making up sentences using action and describing words. In maths, they have been adding by counting on, using number lines as well as finding and making number bonds within 20. In science, the children have started a new topic on animals and have learnt that animals need water, air, energy and shelter in order to grow.

## MARS

Mars Class has settled back into the New Year at school. We all have a new place to sit and a new talk partner. In English we have started a module on poetry and have been looking at 'If I Ruled the School'. In maths we are looking at the beginning of multiplication and have been exploring arrays. In art we have been practicing brush strokes and have painted some lovely roller coasters. In PSHE we talked about belonging.

## VENUS

Venus class have settled back quickly after the Christmas holidays and have been thinking about our hopes and wishes for 2022. In English we are enjoying our new book, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, and have started thinking about how the Big, Bad Wolf can be viewed in different ways. We have continued work on Multiplication and Division in Maths and are excited to try and win the TTR battle against Mrs Wilson!

## MERCURY

We have had a lovely first week back in Mercury Class and we enjoyed sharing our Christmas highlights with each other. In English we found out about how New Year is celebrated around the world and thought about our own hopes and wishes for 2022. We really enjoyed learning to sing Auld Lang Syne too! In Maths we have been working hard on our 9 and 7x tables and enjoyed learning how to play Tag Rugby in PE. We have enjoyed listening to more of our class story 'The Wizards of Once' and have found out about vitamins and minerals and the food chain in Science.



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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:	90.03%
Jupiter Class:	95.98%
Mars Class:	97.07%
Venus Class:	96.59%
Mercury Class:	97.08%
Whole School:	95.35%

**Well done Mercury Class for the highest attendance this week!**



## 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.

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 7th January

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Dennis	super role play of our story, the Three Little Pigs
SATURN	Faith	fantastic re telling of our story, The three Little Pigs.
JUPITER	Jessica	thinking of interesting vocabulary to use in sentences
JUPITER	Alfie	quickly understanding how to use number lines when counting on
MARS	Eoin	fantastic improvement with his handwriting
MARS	Matthew	always trying his hardest with everything
VENUS	Olly	super work on multiplication and division
VENUS	Justin	great effort in reading and writing
MERCURY	Finley	excellent rugby Skills
MERCURY	Mason	super times tables