

# Westoning Lower School News

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## THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

I have been reflecting on our first half term back at school and would like to say a big thank you to the whole school community for helping to make it a success. We have fortunately not been in the position of needing to close bubbles as yet, and I know this is down to the continued following of the procedures that we have in place to ensure the school stays as safe as it can be in these difficult times. I was hoping to be able to reinstate and plan for some of our usual activities going into next half term and the lead up to Christmas, but unfortunately the updated DfE guidance and the situation in our country does not allow for this at the moment. We will try our best to make sure we do celebrate Christmas in school in different ways this year, and we will be able to share these with you once we are back from our half term break.

The PTA held their annual AGM on Wednesday evening and it was good to see some new faces at the meeting. Gemma Ypey and Emma Wilson are continuing as co-chairs, Lucy Hemmings as treasurer, and Rebecca West as secretary, as well as the existing committee. I would like to say thank you to the PTA on behalf of the children and staff for all their hard work over the last year, and we look forward to continuing working with them.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half term break. I know many of you will be continuing working and hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children during the week. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**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](http://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.

## WESTONING CHURCH - IN LOVING MEMORY SERVICE

Each year at Westoning Church we hold a service entitled, 'In Loving Memory.' It is a simple service in which those who have been bereaved over the years, and more recently, can gather together to reflect, remember and give thanks for a loved one who has died, and offer a token of remembrance.

This service is normally very well attended and in the hour together we offer a traditional service of hymns and prayers and a time for reflection. Towards the end of the hour there is a time when we read out the names of those we have gathered to remember. Although the service is gentle and straight forward many people over the years have said how comforting it is; and they return year on year.

I write to invite you and your family and friends to this year's service on Sunday 1st November.

Times are so different this year so we shall be holding 2 socially distanced services one at 11am and one at 3pm as we shall have to restrict numbers. If you would like the name(s) of a loved one read out please forward the name to Linda Little before 30<sup>th</sup> October.

If you would like to attend please contact Linda Little on 01525 714064 or Email: [lindalittle012@gmail.com](mailto:lindalittle012@gmail.com)  
My thoughts and prayers continue with you.

Yours sincerely  
Nigel Washington

## This Month's Value is Friendship ....

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## 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 2 Dinner Menu

Central Bedfordshire Letter to Parents regarding the Covid Pandemic

## 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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## STARS

This week in Stars we have been looking at 'Our Favourite Things'. We have talked about our favourite toys and practised our cutting skills making collages of toys, talking about our favourite foods and playing Food Bingo, making celebration cakes in ICT, singing our favourite songs and playing instruments and painting pictures of our favourite people.

## SATURN CLASS

This week we have been exploring the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The children have enjoyed finding out about where Handa lived and did some lovely drawings. We also had a chance to try some of the unusual fruits from our story. We have finished our work on the senses, looking at taste and smell this week. We enjoyed a fun game of 'guess the smell!' In phonics we have looked at f, l, b and h. In maths we have focused on the number 5, and finished our week exploring the different ways you can add numbers together to make 5.



## JUPITER CLASS

This week in Jupiter class we have been reading the story of Beegu who is a little alien who is lost. We have written about how we would look after her if we found her and we used playdoh to make her a friend. All of our aliens are on our class website.

In maths we have been learning about more than, less than and equal too and we are getting really good at this!



## MARS CLASS

This is the last week before the end of this half term and the children in Mars class have worked really hard. They were really well behaved on Wednesday when it just didn't stop raining all day and we couldn't go outside to let off steam! We have completed our History topic about the seaside 100 years ago and our work on famous artists. Next term we will be looking at Oceans and Continents in geography and how to make a puppet in Design and Technology. Have a good half term holiday.



## VENUS CLASS

For English this week, Venus Class have been using powerful verbs, adverbs and adjectives when writing animal chant poems that they have read aloud to the whole class and they have made a good wall display of them. They have also memorised and recited a poem using expressions and actions. In mathematics, they have been showing their understanding of number and place value by reasoning and problem solving. For science, they have answered questions about palaeontology.

## MERCURY CLASS

Mercury Class as always have been working incredibly hard! We have been working on some tricky subtraction methods in Maths and sharing our homework presentations with the rest of the class.

In Science we researched the work of David Attenborough which was a nice way to end our Science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In History we found out about some gruesome punishments during Anglo Saxon times and have been working on our 'Jumping' skills in PE.

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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 19th October - Friday 23rd October**

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Jac-Junior	a lovely picture about our story 'Handa's Surprise'
SATURN	Georgia	a super drawing of her favourite meal
JUPITER	Summer-Rae	working hard on her letters and sounds
JUPITER	Daisy	always joining in class discussions
MARS	Phoebe	doing well with her spellings each week
MARS	Ava	always being polite and courteous
VENUS	Abbie	her good animal chant poem about puppies
VENUS	Harrison	his good animal chant poem about a sloth
MERCURY	Andrew	great effort with his recording and presentation in Maths.
MERCURY	Maisie	greater concentration and effort all week.