

# Westoning Lower School News

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## THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a nice half term and enjoyed some quality family time together. It is nice to see the children have settled back in so quickly.

The weather has definitely turned much colder this week and we would like to remind you to send your child in with a coat, gloves and hat as they are still regularly playing outside.

With the new Lockdown now in place and cases continuing to rise, please could we ask that you wear a face mask when dropping off and/or collecting your child, especially when waiting in the line. Please remember that in line with Government Guidelines only 1 adult should come onto the school site and remember to stay the required distance apart when queuing for your child.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Jacqui Boyle - Head Teacher**

## ABSENCE REPORTING

Please can we remind you that if your child is absent from school, we must know the reason why. During the pandemic we are required to report absences daily to the Department for Education. In order to comply with these regulations we do need to know the reason for absence. Please can we ask that you do not just report on Parent Mail or the answering machine that your child is absent without including the reason.

## TRANSFER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 4 and you have not yet made an application to Middle School please visit [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) to make your application. Please remember the deadline for applications is 15th January 2021.

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Children had their photographs taken in School on Wednesday. Once proofs are received we will send them home with the children.

## WESTONING CARES

Please find attached information from the group Westoning Cares who are continuing to offer support during the pandemic.

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

Respect is at the core of everything we do in school. It underpins learning through behaviour and our attitudes to the people and the world around us.

Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners.

**Laurence Sterne**

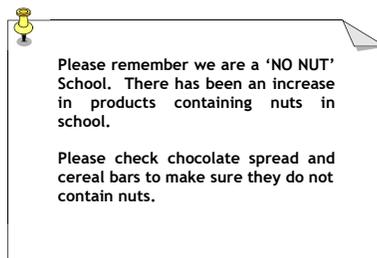
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**Julius Erving**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th December - Last day of term  
 21st Dec - 1st Jan - Christmas Holiday  
 4th January - INSET DAY  
KEY

- Parent/Child Event
- Information Purposes Only



## THIS WEEK'S ATTACHMENT

Week 3 Dinner Menu

## IMPORTANT REMINDER DROP OFF/COLLECTION

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## OFFICE TEAM AVAILABILITY

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## GOVERNOR SURGERY

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## STARS

This week in Stars Class our topic has been Bonfire Night! We have designed our own rockets using the shapes we are learning and created bonfire pictures. In ICT we designed our own fireworks and in Music and Movement we pretended to be fireworks! We have also been learning about Diwali and made Diva lamps and decorated our hands.

## SATURN CLASS

This half term our new topic is 'Let's Celebrate', and this week our theme has been Bonfire Night. We have created our own bonfires, along with firework displays drawn in chalk. We used the computers to also create amazing fireworks using 2Paint software. In our music and movement lesson we listened to a podcast about fireworks, and responding with dance and movement. In maths we have been focusing on counting, and the need be carefully to get the correct answer. In phonics we have been recapping our learning to date.



## JUPITER CLASS

This week we have come back after the half term ready to learn! We have been busy learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been looking at useful trucks and we were very interested in the dump truck which is really really big!

In maths we have been finding missing parts and number in number sentences. We found this a bit tricky at first but now we are really good at it!

## MARS CLASS

Although it's only been a short week, we have achieved a lot already! Mars class have begun two new topics. In Geography we are learning about Oceans and Continents, and used Google earth to find Westoning, Silsoe and Flitwick, and identified where some of the children live. In D.T. (design technology) we have begun to look at a range of puppets. Normally at this point I would invite children to bring in puppets from home, but in these strange times this is not possible so photos sent to the class email address would be lovely.

## VENUS CLASS

This week in Venus Class, the children have been listening to the story of Stig of the Dump in English. They have described the cave scene in detail and started to look at different ways of writing dialogue. In mathematics, they have been practising more column method addition. The children have also been learning greetings and classroom instructions in French.

## MERCURY CLASS

Mercury Class have settled back to school quickly and been working very hard. We have been continuing work using different subtraction methods in Maths, wrote some great recounts about the holidays in English and practised using pronouns instead of nouns to avoid repetition.

In Science, we discovered 'never-before-seen' creatures, which had adapted to a particular habitat, and in History, we finished our Infamous Invaders topic, learning about the Battle of Hastings and writing a newspaper report about it.

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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.

**Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 6th November**

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Macie	fantastic counting all week in maths
SATURN	Luke	creating a lovely bonfire picture
JUPITER	Ethan	working hard in maths and always wanting a challenge
JUPITER	Evie M	super subtraction work in Maths
MARS	Maisey	being an enthusiastic reader
MARS	Millie-May	always showing enthusiasm for reading
VENUS	Baxter	good understanding of column addition
VENUS	Ella	trying her best to understand how to do column addition
MERCURY	Joshua	writing a great recount about the holidays
MERCURY	Alfie	super subtraction work in Maths