

# Westoning Lower School News

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## THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

We have received a certificate this week from The Royal British Legion to thank the school for supporting the Poppy Appeal. The school raised £195.42 towards supporting the armed forces, past and present. The village total was £1330.19. Thank you to everybody that contributed to this fantastic amount raised.

Last Friday the School Ambassadors and Art Ambassadors organised our activities for Children in Need. The Design a Pudsey competition was judged by the Art Ambassadors and the following designs were selected as overall winners:

The School raised £212.50 towards this worthwhile Charity—again a big thank you to everyone who contributed.

**Mrs Jacqui Boyle (Head Teacher)**

## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is now in school, and will be open on Monday and Tuesday after school next week if you have not yet visited it. Please come along and support the Book Fair as the School will receive free books depending on the commission made from sales.

## BAUBLE COMPETITION

As you may be aware, the closing date for the bauble competition is today. However, the judges are not coming in to school until next Thursday (28th November), so there is still time to enter if your child needs more time to create one. There are some lovely baubles in the office already, and we look forward to seeing more!

## PTA AFTERNOON WITH SANTA

The PTA are holding an Afternoon with Santa on Thursday 5th December, 3.30-5.30pm. The cost is £8 per child and can be booked via ParentMail. Bookings will be taken up until Thursday 28th November. This is to allow enough time for snacks etc to be purchased. The ticket price includes snacks, activities and a gift from Santa.

## PTA NAME THE BEAR

The school currently has a new pupil! A bear has arrived in school and needs a name and a new home. If your child (or you!) would like to have a go at naming the bear, the bear is in the main school reception. It costs £1 a go and you can choose a name from those on the grid and write your name next to it. The winner will be revealed by Santa on 5th December.

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Parish Council Village Christmas Event is taking place on Sunday 1st December from 3.30pm. Our school PTA will be there with stalls and there will be other activities too.. The event will culminate with carol singing and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. Please come along and support the PTA and the village.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 21/11 - 26.11.19 Travelling Book Fair
- 25/11/19 Dance Festival
- 28/11/19 Table Top Cricket Festival
- 03/12/19 Open Afternoon (3.15pm)
- 05/12/19 Afternoon with Santa (3.30pm)
- 11/12/19 Saturn Class Nativity Play(9.15am)
- 13/12/19 Year 3 & 4 Panto
- 16/12/19 Carol Service (Church 10am)
- 18/12/19 Christmas Dinner
- 20/12/19 Christmas Jumper Day for Ollie
- 20/12/19 End of Term
- 06/01/20 Children Back to School



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



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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 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.

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**Benjamin E. Mays**

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**Laurence Sterne**

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## STARS

This week in Stars Class we have been talking about harvest. The children started the week with the story Oliver's Vegetables, and then went onto dig up and explore lots of different vegetables. The children have really enjoyed doing lots of vegetable based activities, including sorting, printing and making parsnip and carrot soup. We have also been lucky to have some new toys this week in Stars and have enjoyed playing in our new class shop, farm and dolls house.

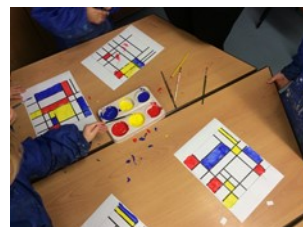
## SATURN CLASS

Saturn Class have been talking about harvest and Thanksgiving this week. We have had the story of how the pilgrims travelled to America. In response we have all tried to make boats from different materials and then experimented to see if they would float. In phonics we have started Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds, focusing on 'j' 'w' and 'v' this week. In maths we have been learning about money and have practised paying with £1 and £2 coins.



## JUPITER CLASS

This week we have been working with 2D and 3D shapes. We can name common 2D and 3D shapes, starting to learn how to spell their names and talk about their properties. We have also used 3D shapes to print 2D shapes! In English we have been reading the poem 'love it or hate it' and we have written our own version of the poem. In Art we have started to look at the artist Piet Mondrian, we recreated some of his artwork using felt tips and paint.



## MARS CLASS

This week Mars class have been developing their money skills and using their knowledge of column method to help them add amounts together and use subtraction to find change. The children have been looking at the work by the artist Van Gogh, and chose to copy their favourite painting by that artist. In English we are looking at suffixes, added to root words to change tense and verbs to nouns.



## VENUS CLASS

Venus class have been writing about settings and characters in English this week. They have been learning their 3 and 4 times tables in mathematics. They have been learning more about volcanoes in Geography too.

## MERCURY CLASS

We have been reading the legend of Beowulf in English this week, and writing some great descriptions of the main characters. In maths, we have continued calculating 4-digit additions and subtractions, estimating answers, checking with the inverse calculation and applying to word problems. We enjoyed making models of Viking longships in Art.

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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: 96.53%

Jupiter Class: 94.00%

Mars Class: 97.09%

Venus Class: 94.36%

Mercury Class: 97.10%

Whole School: 95.81%

**Well done Mercury 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 Thursday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to all the children who are included in the book for this week.

**Monday 18th November - Friday 22nd November**

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Cady	for making a super boat
SATURN	Lucas	for fantastic ball skills in PE
JUPITER	Corey	great work on 2D and 3D shapes
JUPITER	Phoebe	great work mixing colours to create a picture
MARS	Elliott	consistently good spelling test results
MARS	Elva	consistently good spelling test results
VENUS	Noah	listening well during swimming lessons
VENUS	Kevin	listening well during swimming lessons
MERCURY	Callum S	great description using expanded noun phrases
MERCURY	Addy	super work making a Viking longship model