

# Westoning Lower School News

22nd October 2021

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## THIS WEEK AT WLS ...

Dear Parent/Carer

It is amazing how quickly this half term has flown by. Despite having to go back into bubbles for a period of time, children have continued to be happy and have worked hard. I hope that you found the Parent Consultations at the beginning of the week useful and informative and that Teachers were able to answer any queries that you had. The staff are very proud of the way that the children have settled into their new classes and routines and we hope this will continue.

I wish you a good half term break and hope the children enjoy their Halloween treats. Thank you to the PTA for organising this.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

**Mrs Jacqui Boyle**  
Head Teacher

## PTA HALLOWEEN

### Treat Bags

Children will be bringing home their Halloween Treat bags today.

### Design a Pumpkin Competition

Thank you for all the entries for the Pumpkin Competition. They were all very creative and the PTA had the difficult task of judging them.

The winners are: Stars Class: Teddy, Saturn Class: Borys,  
Jupiter Class: Jessica, Mars Class: Eoin, Venus Class: Colby, Mercury Class: Rosie

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer will be in School on the morning of Tuesday 2nd November to take individual and sibling photographs. Unfortunately this year due to Covid restrictions siblings who do not attend school are unable to come in for photographs.

Please ensure children come to school dressed in full school uniform.

Children who usually have P.E. on Tuesdays should also come to school in uniform **NOT** P.E. kit.

## VENUS & MERCURY CLASS SWIMMING LESSONS

Please be reminded that swimming lessons will start on Friday 5th November. Children should bring their swimming kit into school with them. Long hair **MUST** be tied back and boys should wear swimming trunks. Please note that swimming shorts are not permitted by the Leisure Centre and children wearing them will be refused entry to the pool.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Merchandise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be on sale from Tuesday 2nd November. Children in Year 4 will be taking the box around to classes. If your child would like to purchase items please send in the correct money. A price list is attached for your information.

## TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

### 2021/22

#### Autumn Term

06.09.21 - 17.12.2021

Half Term

w/c 25.10.22

**1/11/2021 - INSET DAY**

**2/11/2021 School Photos**

**2/11/2021 - PTA Meeting 7.30pm (Chequers)**

**5/11/2021 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming**

**12/11/2021 - KS1 Multi Skills (Selected Squad)**

**12/11/2021—Children In Need (Non uniform day)**

**23/11/2021 - Year 4 Dance Festival (Selected Squad)**

**1/12/2021—KS2 Archery (Selected Squad)**

**9/12/2021 - Saturn Class Nativity**

**13/12/2021—Christmas Church Service (TBC)**

**15/12/2021 - KS2 Panto**

**15/12/2021 - R, 1 & 2 Magic Show**

**17/12/2021 - End of Term**

**04/01/2022 - Back to School**

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

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**Walter Winchell**

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**Bill Watterson**



## SATURN CLASS

Enjoyed making soup this week

## NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 2 LUNCH MENU



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## STARS

How quickly our first half term has gone. It has been a lovely time getting to know each other in stars class. This week we have been practising our cutting skills following the broomsticks lines and we had a tricky challenge of following step by step instructions to make a witch's face using lots of different shapes. We have been visiting our library in class and all the children have really loved choosing and sharing their favourite stories.

## SATURN

We had a busy week learning new sounds and writing simple words. In Maths we have been exploring number 5. Our Topic book has been 'Winnie and Wilbur, the Amazing Pumpkin' and learned all about how eating lots of vegetables will keep us fit and healthy. The highlight of the week we would definitely say was making vegetable soup. We all cut up the vegetables and enjoyed trying it. It was delicious!

## JUPITER

In Jupiter Class this week, the children have been finding number bonds in maths. This has involved using systematic methods and comparing number bonds to 10 as well as adding numbers together. In English, the children have been writing rhyming sub-headings and using the word 'because' in sentences. In science, they have been finishing their topic on seasonal changes.

The children have worked very hard all term and deserve a good break.

## MARS

As we come to the end of our busy first half term we have been completing our topics. We finished our English by writing our own diary of The Great Fire of London, and have also created pictures of the scene. In RE we recapped our learning on Festivals and Celebrations including Christmas, Easter, Diwali and Eid. In music we have enjoyed developing our musical skills and learning part of a song playing the xylophone. Everyone has worked really hard this half term and we are all looking forward to our half term break, especially Halloween!

## VENUS

This week we have finished our English book, Stone Age Boy, planned and written our own version of the story about falling back in time and having an exciting adventure in the Stone Age. In Maths, we have continued learning using different strategies for addition and subtraction, and have completed our first Year 3 progress checks. We had great fun learning how to do 'Mirror Art' by tracing our original picture and then reflecting and rotating it in different ways.

## MERCURY

In Maths this week we have continued with our addition and subtraction unit and have completed two maths assessments to show Mrs Dean how clever we are! We are enjoying our English poetry unit and have come up with some amazing ideas for our whole class poem which is based on the theme of bullying. In Science we found out about the water cycle and have produced some amazing symmetry/reflection art work that will be displayed in the hall. We had a whole afternoon of History on Thursday continuing with our Anglo-Saxon Unit. We listened to the story of Beowulf and got the chance to taste some Anglo-Saxon cakes!



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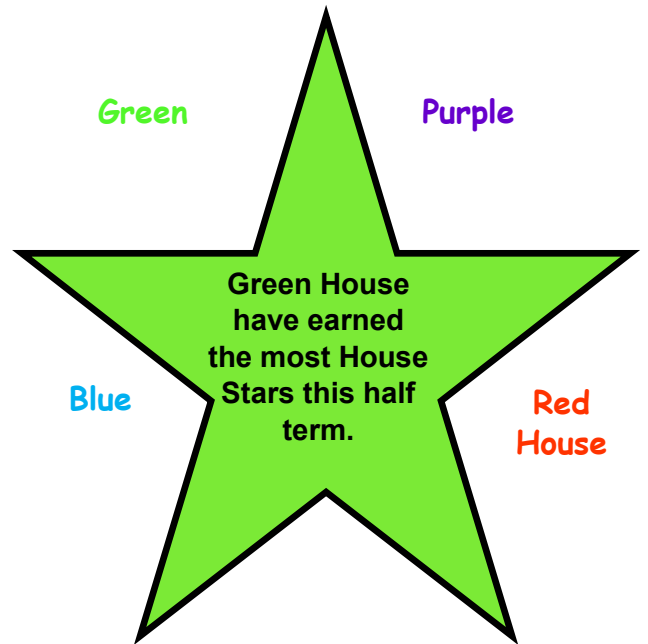
# WLS CELEBRATES SUCCESS

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:	89.50%
Jupiter Class:	94.99%
Mars Class:	96.52%
Venus Class:	96.54%
Mercury Class:	96.79%
Whole School:	94.86%

**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.

Monday 18th October - Friday 22nd October

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
SATURN	Evan	super effort with his writing
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JUPITER	Amber	working very hard in maths
JUPITER	Isaac	working very hard in maths
MARS	Ethan	great effort with his writing
MARS	Louis	great work in PE all half term.
VENUS	Olly	super independent maths work
VENUS	Phoebe	great attitude to learning, always trying your best!
MERCURY	Emmeline	super ideas for poetry!
MERCURY	Elliott	excellent drawing skills!