

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

It has been a lovely fortnight since the last newsletter. The children have been a delight and Year 5/6 in particular need a big shout out for their hard work as they have taken up their new Year 5/6 roles from office monitor to librarian, reader to projectionist. They are excelling in these new tasks. Well done!

It was great to see so many faces at Wednesday's Book Shop. We raised over £250 in books for the school and have also bought several additional titles that the children were particularly fond of, in the hope that we raise the funds to pay for them via the sponsored read. We are also hoping to use some of the sponsored read monies to install a new picnic area on the school field.

Last week's Great Big Green Week was a success. A special shout out to Ethan who spent time designing and helping in the construction of the minibeast hotel. A well done also to our green fingered growers who harvested and sold some of their crop last week and this week. During our green clothed Celebration Service on Friday last week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Brierley who was presented with a memory book from each class, some lovely flowers and chocolates and a Gift Voucher. Thank you for your kind donations.

This week we welcomed the Reception children and families to our school at Church. It was a lovely service – thank you to Elize and Sylvia for their hard work and warm welcome in Church, to Sienna, Annie and Beau for their role as singing champions and Ada, Phoebe and Sienna for their lovely prayer/reflection as part of Ethos Committee. You can read it below! We are now over half way through the term with just three weeks left and what a busy term it has been. A BIG thank you to all our families who have already submitted their sponsored read forms and monies. We can accept cash, cheques addressed to Lighthouse School Partnership. We are investigating card payments moving forwards.

I hope you have a lovely (and not too soggy!) weekend,
Amy Townsend

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th October - Year 5/6 Trip to 'We the Curious'

Friday 15th October - Reception Welcome Picnic at 3.15pm - Re-scheduled from 1st October. All families in school invited. Bring your own picnic. Lollies and drinks for sale on the day. Organised by the FWSA.



Stars of the Week

Their work is on display on the Wall of Fame in the School Hall.
Please come and have a look!

Reception – Jesse & Annie Year 1/2 – Naomi & Charlotte W

Year 3/4 – Chris, William, Fergus & Daniel, Elana, Chris

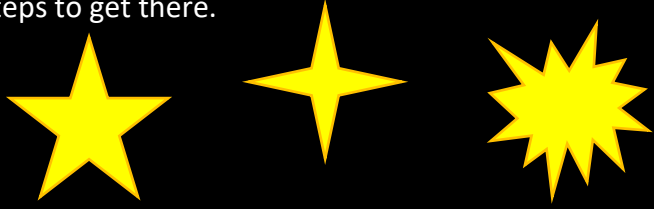
Year 5/6 – Mika & Jamie

Headteacher's Award

Annie, Saoirse, Ethan, Mika, Molly, Sienna, Ada, Phoebe, Emma

Super North Star

Our visit from Floyd Woodrow has certainly inspired several of our children. A couple have written to him directly and Year 5/6 have used the work as the basis for their homework. Check out Annie's amazing 'Super North Star' and her steps to get there.



"My North Star is that I want to be a singer like Ariana Grande. I want to be famous and influential because I want people to hear my singing and I want to use my fame to help people. The things that will help me are practice singing. My mummy can help me and singing lessons. It also helps to sing in front of people like I did today at the church with Maple class. It will also build my confidence to sing in front of people that I know. I'm going to sing in front of more people like my friends and Maple class and my family. I also asked Mum if she and her partner get married if I can sing some songs like "when we were young" by Adele to build my confidence. I would feel proud of myself and feel like I'm going to start a new life of rhythm."

Library Summer Reading Challenge

A HUGE well done to all the children who took part. Their certificates were presented and shared in Celebration Service today. Those who shared their certificates are named below...

Daniel, Esther, Naomi, Charlotte, Harriet, Pippa, Finn, Jesse, William (y4), Arthur, Michael, Chris, Molly, Raf, Grace, Phoebe, Ada, Alys, Charles, Sienna (y4), Lawson, Elana

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer over the last couple of weeks. You will be receiving an email soon with some important information and links to some documents to read before you come into school.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you and know the children will be thrilled to see you in school.

RUGBY BALL DONATION

A HUGE thank you to Fergus for his kind donation of some rugby balls for the school.



We are looking to put a rugby club in place at school and this kind donation will really help with this. More information to follow.

Be Happy

by Emma, Silver Birch Class

Always be happy.

Always be yourself.

Never be someone else.

If people don't like the way you are, just don't listen.

You are perfect the way you are.

Love yourself.



Wellbeing

Let the people you love
know that you love them



'WORDS OF THE WEEK'

You may like to talk to your child about these words and see if they can explain their meanings, suggest alternatives and put them in a sentence.

'Words of the Week'

* Bombard * Choppy *
* Blustery * Deluge *
* Flurry *

Rotary Club Thanks

Nailsea Rotary Club visited our school last week and very kindly donated their time to paint the outdoor classrooms, benches and and woodwork. They've done a brilliant job and it looks amazing.



KS1 Detectives...

On Monday Year 1/2 returned to their classrooms to find Police tape everywhere, a big mess and slime all around the classroom. Here are some examples of the classroom and the work that was produced to catch the culprits...

"We did some Wanted posters and put them up around the hall... You can get £50 reward or £1 reward" Harriet.

"When I went into the classroom I wanted to tidy it up because it was so messy" Charlotte



Prayer/Reflection for The Reception Welcome Service

Written by Ethos Committee Members Phoebe, Ada & Sienna

Dear God,

Help us to welcome our new pupils in Maple class to our school.

Let them be inspired by our actions and the values that we show.

Support and let them be included in the friendship that we share within our school.

We hope that our school will encourage Maple class to believe and achieve their goals and dreams.

We will show all the values to them and set a good example to them.

Help them to grow into the best strong sturdy trees that they can be.

Amen



PRIZE INFORMATION

FOR PUPILS

Our favourite 10 x published poets each win a creative writing goody bag.



Plus

Every entrant receives a bookmark.
A certificate of merit for all young writers chosen for publication!

You can view our most recent winners here: www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/winners

(Winners will be chosen from entries received in the Autumn Term 2021)

FOR SCHOOLS

1ST PRIZE

Young Writers' Award of Excellence and £100 book token!



2 X RUNNERS-UP

Each wins a framed certificate and a awesome selection of books!

Plus Every participating school receives a free copy of the book their pupils feature in!

(Winners will be chosen from entries received in the 2021/2022 academic year)

www.youngwriters.co.uk

Wraxall Enters

National KS2 'Young Writers' Poetry Competition

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will be writing poetry in class over the coming weeks. These will be sent off and uploaded to the 'Young Writers' poetry competition.

The theme this year is 'This is Me' which sees the children celebrating all the things that make them them!

Permission slips for school to submit your child's entry, will be shared with you soon.

Birthday Books!!

A BIG Happy Birthday and thank you for a lovely Birthday Book donation for our school library!



SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

"Everyone is responsible for safeguarding"

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888808 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

Church News

Sunday 3rd October - Harvest 2021

Please join us as we give thanks for all we have been blessed with through the seasons this year. Services are listed below along with our Harvest Afternoon Tea and Crafts/Activities for the children in church. Please RSVP Eileen for catering purposes 01275 856597.

10.00am Holy Communion All Saints live streamed on Zoom (contact office for more information)

3.00pm Harvest Tea in The Cross Tree Centre/activities in All Saints Church for Children (building homes with Weetabix and a food quiz).

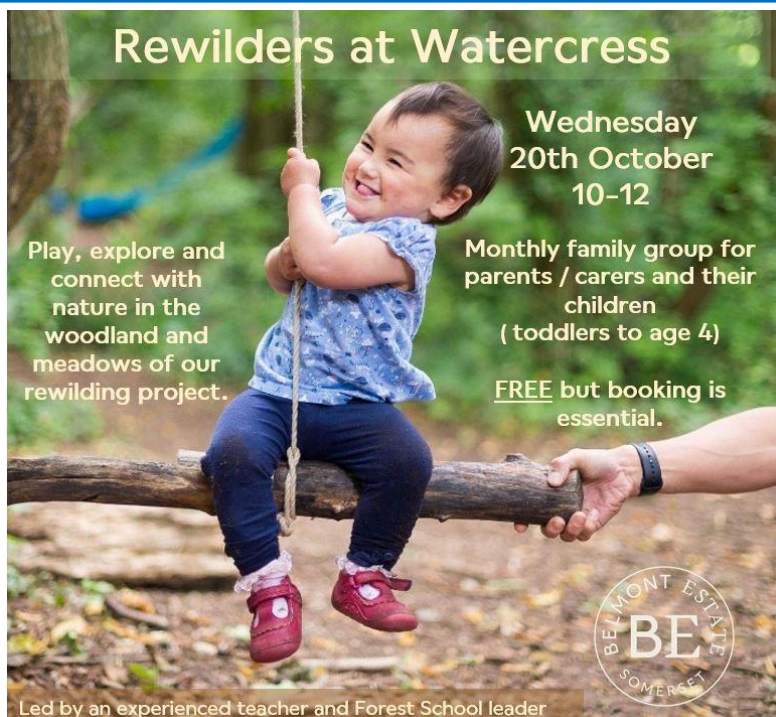
6.00pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's

Thank you for all your food donations this morning, we will let you know how much they weighed in animal format to pass onto your children.

We will be continuing to collect as a parish for Nailsea Food Bank. Food donations can be dropped off in the church porch at anytime. Your continued support is much appreciated: Nailseafoodbank@gmail.com

Licensing

We are very much looking forward to Morey's licensing service at All Saints on Wednesday the 6th October at 7pm. We are sure it won't be long and he will be introducing himself personally to you all!!



Rewilders at Watercress

**Wednesday
20th October
10-12**

Play, explore and connect with nature in the woodland and meadows of our rewilding project.

Monthly family group for parents / carers and their children (toddlers to age 4)

FREE but booking is essential.

Led by an experienced teacher and Forest School leader

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BE
SOMERSET

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)

Free School Meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

How to apply

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

When to reapply

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.

What Parents Need to Know about

POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

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