

# Wraxall's School News



## *Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

What a busy term it is turning into – but all great stuff!

The children have continued to learn about the school vision this week. We ended our fortnight of work on this with our special inspirational speaker Floyd Woodrow who led a workshop in each class today. He commented on the exceptional behaviour of the children, their amazing understanding and demonstration of our school Christian values and was very impressed with their work ethic too. I felt very proud of the children and their amazing thoughts and their aspirations for the future. When I asked them about their learning from the workshop these were some of the comments that I had...

*"He's changed my mind and completely made me believe more that I can do it!" Alfie*

*"I liked it when we were doing the pictures and we were writing...we watched videos too!" Celeste*

*Thinking about the Super North Star and the children's goals Floyd asked what could stop you and Ada shared the thoughtful response "yourself". It was great to see the courage and confidence of the children as they shared their goals.*

It was great to see the extra kindness from the children this week, following our Value of Compassion. They had to think carefully about the Random Acts of Kindness that they could perform. I certainly saw a lot of extra smiles heading my way when I was walking around the school.

This week it's been a pleasure to read some of the children's holiday projects of diary writing. Well done to Sienna for her entrepreneurial skills with her pebble art – very creative! Some lovely detail from Zac and Mika too. Well done to everyone who wrote one over the summer.

I apologise in advance for the bumper newsletter this week. I've struggled to fit all the exciting opportunities into one letter. School trips and enrichment is well and truly underway with more to follow soon. Year 5/6 have brought home their residential trip letters today (so pleased to be able to do this again!!!) and there are a whole host of other trip letters winging their way to your email inboxes soon so keep a look out for them. Next week we will be selecting our Year 5/6 monitors and helpers. Information about these roles is coming home with the children tonight.

On Monday the children will be bringing home their reading sponsorship forms and passports with a paper copy of the information you need.

A HUGE thank you to the FWSA for their ongoing support. Their committee meeting on Wednesday went well and they have some great fundraising ideas for the year ahead. Their AGM is on Wednesday next week – check out the information below. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and recharge ready for our second week of the year.

Amy Townsend

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher Teams Meeting 3.45pm**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher Teams Meeting 3.45pm**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Wear Green Clothes to School for the day to mark 'Big Green Week'.**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Welcome Service – All pupils to attend. Reception parents only.**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Book Sale 'The Yellow Lighted Bookshop' Open from 2.30pm.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Reception Welcome Picnic at 3.15pm. All families in school invited. Bring your own picnic. Lollies and drinks for sale on the day. Organised by FWSA. On the school field.**

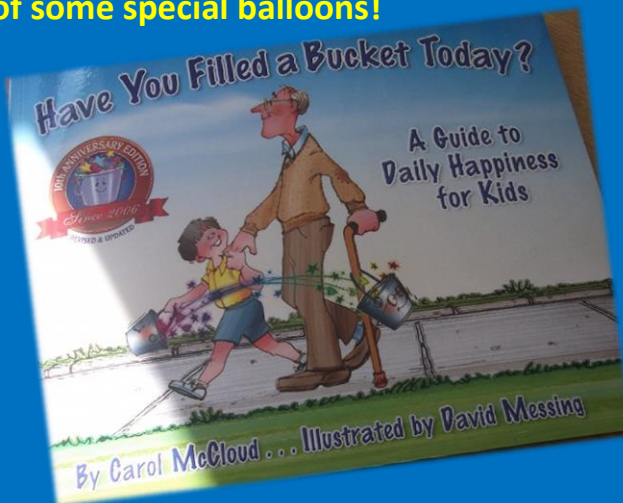
# Inspirational Speaker

Today we were visited by Floyd Woodrow from 'Compass for Life'. The children responded really well to this goal setting workshop and made some great comments. They have all brought home a copy of their plans for their personal 'Super North Star' to share with you and talk about. They might ask you a few questions about your 'Super North Star' too!



**This week we have continued to explore our Value of 'Compassion'.**

**In Monday's Collective Worship Miss Townsend read 'Have you filled a bucket today?' Miss T challenged us to carry out 'Random Acts of Kindness' this week. From a big smile, to a friendly note to offering to help some one out. When we arrived at school on Thursday morning we had a handy reminder too in the form of some special balloons!**



## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help on school trips and activities. If you would like to help with trips this year then please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we have enough time to process the paperwork.

We are really excited to have lots of trips coming up but we need volunteers to help supervise the children so that they can still go ahead.

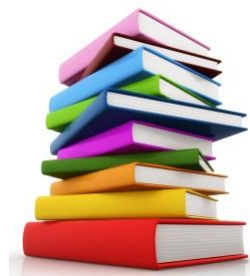
## Reception Welcome Events

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children and we are really pleased that we can once again hold some of our special events to welcome them to our school family. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a welcome service for our Reception families at All Saints' Church. Invitations to follow. On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm** the FWSA will be holding a welcome picnic on the school field. Lollies and drinks will be on sale. Bring your own picnic.





# Reading Miles Challenge Sponsored Read



It's not that easy to travel at the moment so why not read your way around the world with our Reading Miles Challenge.

Collect 500 miles for every 10 minutes you spend reading, either alone or with a parent, carer, or your brother or sister. You could even video call your relatives and read aloud to them!

You will receive your very own reading passport to use to watch the miles stack up on your very own world tour - a whopping 33,000 miles (or 11 hours) in total!

The challenge is split into seven journeys, each of which finishes in a 'checkpoint city'.

The money raised from our school's sponsored read will help purchase new books for the library and classrooms - with a particular focus on the environment, diversity and equality and global issues.

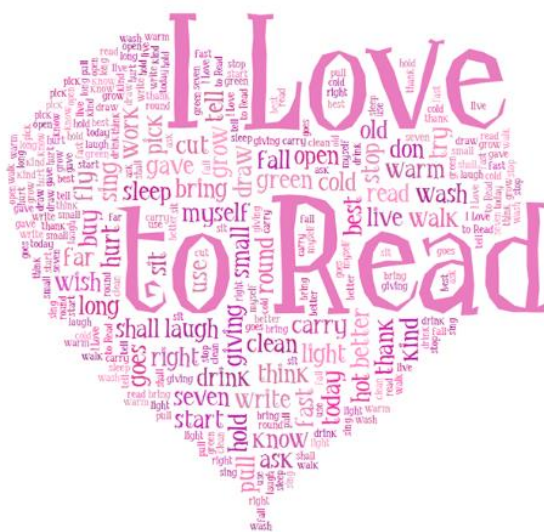
It will also continue to support our outdoor learning provision which we will continue to develop this year and will support us as we further develop our enrichment opportunities.

At the end of the challenge you will be asked to hand in your passport. There will be time to read in school as well as at home to support all children in achieving 11 hours of reading. We aiming to finish the challenge by the end of Term 2.

Further information and details will be sent home on Monday, along with your child's reading passport and a sponsorship form. We ask for the sponsorship forms and monies to be handed into the school office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Our 'Race to the North Pole' was a hugely successful fundraiser last year and provided outdoor gardening equipment, a sensory garden, new lunchtime and breaktime toys, enrichment provision including Winter Wonderland resources, plus much more.

As a small school we have a small budget with every penny counting - your fundraising support with our sponsored read will make a huge difference to the provision available for your child. Thank you in advance for your support with this!





Smile at any chance  
you get



Through the  
keyhole...



## 'WORDS OF THE WEEK'

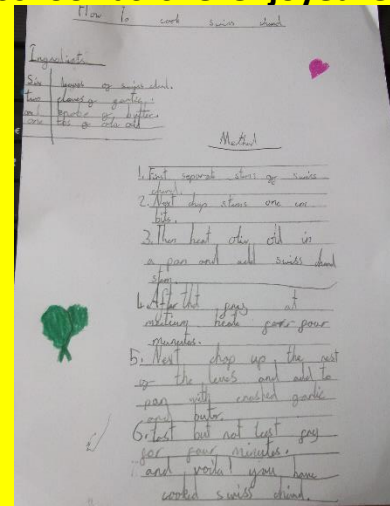
You may like to talk to your child about these words and see if they can explain their meanings, suggest alternatives and put them in a sentence.

### 'Words of the Week'

- \* Respect \* Perseverance \*
- \* Honesty \* Courage\*
- \* Friendship \*

## Elana's Recipe

Following the success of our school's swiss chard, Elana decided to share her own recipe with the school as she enjoyed eating it so much.



We are making our own school 'Wraxall's Recipe Book' if you would like to donate a recipe for it. Recipes should be handed in by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## Amazon Wishlist Updated

WOW! A HUGE thank you as all of the books on our Amazon wishlist have now been bought so...we've added more which will help support learning across the school. Check out the link using the quick links at the top of our school website.

## 'Great Big Green Week'

Next week is Great Big Green Week. To celebrate this week the children will be making a whole school Minibeast Hotel, taking part in recycling activities and are invited to wear green clothes to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### 'Inspiring' by Christopher

*The children have been busy thinking about our school vision and Christopher wrote this brilliant piece about what he thinks the word 'inspiring' means...*

Inspiring means, like, when a person is stuck on writing another person says "Don't give up, you can do this". Its like a boost up, like when a car runs out of petrol or in this case a person runs out of ideas. A person fills up the car with petrol like telling a person never give up so the car (person) gets going again, just like a person starting to write again.

### Coming Soon...

- On-site Theatre Performances
- Freestyle football guest star
- Competitive Sport
- Running Club
- Pupil Governing Body
- Bedtime Books
- Lots of school trips!!

## Special Guest - Freestyle Footballer Visiting Wraxall's KS2 next term

We are pleased to announce that freestyle footballer Jamie Knight will be joining KS2 for a football session next term on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Jamie is a top 10 in the world freestyle footballer who has worked and performed in over 30 countries at some of the world's most prominent and watched events.

His athletic style and amazing ball control has left clients and audiences spellbound during his live shows and choreographed freestyle performances. He has worked with several top football-ers, starred on Irelands Got Talent and performed at some of the biggest football stadiums in the world. Most recently, he performed on the pitch at the 2017 Champions League final in front of 80,000 and he was also the official Global Mascot for UEFA Euro 2020!





## 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.

### 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](http://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](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)

## FWSA NEWS

The FWSA would like to invite all parents and staff to the AGM for 2021. It is to be held at **The Old Farmhouse Nailsea on Wednesday 22nd September at 8pm-10pm**. You can come along to hear reports from the committee on achievements and work carried out over the previous year or as a social- don't feel you will be made to join the FWSA.

There will be an opportunity for new members to join the committee, or just come along for a drink and chat, all help and ideas welcome

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm** we will be holding a **welcome picnic** on the school field. Lollies and drinks will be on sale. Bring your own picnic.

So far we are excited to announce for this coming Term a School Disco, Free music recital for children plus an evening candlelight performance for parents (tickets) plus a wine tasting evening. We are planning on funding 2 travelling theatre shows to the school this Autumn Winter Term.

## **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**

**We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Rector Rev. Morey A.C. Andrews. He will be licensed at All Saints Church by Bishop Mike Hill on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

### **A message from our new Rector**

I am Morey (pronounced Murray) and have been ordained since 1999. The past five years I have been working as Mission Enabler for the Sedgemoor Deanery. Prior to this I spent ten years in Oxford Diocese as a Vicar and seven years in Bristol Diocese as Curate and associate minister. I am married to Gillian who is a primary school teacher and she will be looking for work as we are settled. We have four children all 16 and above, Reuben, Tobias, Lois and Caleb. Reuben and Lois will be at University, Tobias is taking a gap year and we are all busily seeking where Caleb can take his A levels. There is much to say and we will elaborate over time, but this is just to say we are looking forward to joining you all in this exciting time of change.

My prayers are with you all and I look forward to what the Lord may do through us in the years ahead.

Blessings, Morey and Gillian

### **Sunny Saplings**

Wednesday mornings will see the return of our parent, baby and toddler group 'Sunny Saplings' from 9.30am – 11.00am during term time. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back with plenty of coffee, cake and activities for the children. Reminder, parents without children are also welcome. Please contact Elize for further information on how to join us via The Parish Office at The Cross Tree Centre.

### **Family Friendly Find and Snap**

In the holidays we held a family fun day in the Cross Tree Centre and around All Saints Churchyard. The feedback was great and it sounded like it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came along. We raised almost £200 for future children and family events through entry, donations and raffle tickets. Thank you to all those who came and made the event such a success.

### **Nailsea Foodbank**

We are continuing to collect as a parish for the Nailsea Foodbank and will be collecting for Harvest this year as well (more details to come). Food donations can be dropped off in the church porches. Your continued support is much appreciated. [Nailseafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:Nailseafoodbank@gmail.com)

# **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 and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

## Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

## Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up advertisement encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

## 'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment; the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

## Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

## Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

## Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

## Advice For Parents & Carers

### Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

### Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

### Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

### Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

### Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts "https" instead of "http". A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

### Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

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