

# Wraxall's School News



*Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

Welcome Back!

It has been soooooo utterly lovely to have a return to more normality this week and to see all of our families and children together once more. During breaktime on Monday it was great to see our Reception children joining our KS1 and KS2 children and to see them all playing together. It has been a challenging eighteen months for our children, staff and parents. Despite the best efforts of all involved, Wraxall has been different and that same fact-to-face contact hasn't been possible. This week has felt like a turning point. Parents are once again standing and talking in the playground, the children are back together at break and lunchtimes and I have been able to see the school together again in collective worship, in freetime, in staff meetings and also talking to our families in the mornings and at the end of the day. I have really missed the same level of communication with you all over the last few months so please do come and say hello, let me know if there are any worries however small they may seem as I am here to help! This year we are already beginning to plan our class trips and some whole school events too. If you would like to volunteer in school this year and/or attend our school trips please let the school office know. We also have some other thoughts for involving you in your child's learning this year. I will be in contact soon for some feedback from you on our ideas for this and also for you to share your thinking too.

We have begun the school year with an exciting whole school project called 'Growing Together'. Each class is working towards the same theme and there will be lots of opportunities to explore the outdoors, growing and improving the environment for ourselves and others. We are also looking to donate some planters to the local community so if you know of a good cause who would appreciate one please let us know. There is information in this newsletter about our school's vision as your children have been exploring what it means this week and will continue to develop their understanding and involvement in it over the coming months. Next week we have special guest Floyd Woodrow from 'Compass for Life' visiting the school to work with the children on developing their own goals and aspirations.

We are also pleased to announce that in the next couple of weeks we will be holding a book sale by the book shop who we hosted during our Global Goals Week back in 2019, with their lovely diverse, ethical and environmental books. Details to follow soon!

We have lots of projects taking place across the school this year. If you would like to volunteer some time to share ideas or help us then please let the school office know.

This week I have spent some time with our new reception children. They have discovered the watering cans and, in the spirit of teamwork and taking turns, they spent over an hour watering the plants without a pause. I'm not sure what Mrs Hayward thinks, but it is lovely to see the new water feature she now has in her playground! They also did some great chalk drawing and if Belle's fairy drawing is anything to go by Axel Scheffler has competition!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and recharge ready for our second week of the year.

Amy Townsend

## Important Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher Teams Meeting 3.45pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 'Compass for Life' enrichment day with Floyd Woodrow**

**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**

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



## Stars of the Week

Their work is on display on the Wall of Fame in the School Hall.

Please come and have a look!

Year 1/2 – Naomi

Year 3/4 – William and Henry

Year 5/6 – Seth

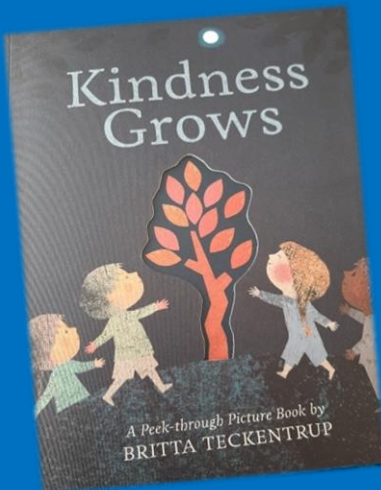
## Headteacher's Award

Alfie, Charles, Phoebe, Grace and Annie

**This week we have explored our Vision Strapline**

**Inspiring, Nurturing, Achieving**

**We have also explored our value of 'Compassion'.**



Use your voice for  
kindness, your ears for  
compassion, your hands  
for charity, your mind  
for truth, and your  
Heart for Love.



**In Monday's Collective Worship Miss Townsend read 'Kindness Grows'. We are all writing a pledge for how we can help our school to grow and flourish this year.**

## Class Names

Exciting News! Each class now has a class name. Linked to our school vision of growth we have chosen a tree theme for our classes.

**Reception – Maple Class**

**Year 1/2 – Willow Class**

**Year 3/4 – Silver Birch Class**

**Year 5/6 – Oak Class**

## Birthday Books!

A big thank you to our oldest child in school for their donation of a Birthday book. It is a welcome addition to the school library. Wishing them a very Happy Birthday!





# Wellbeing

Make an effort to learn  
Something new everyday



## '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'

\* Inspire \* Nurture \*  
\* Achieve \* Compassion \*  
\* Responsibility \*



## Veggie Sales!

Well done to our Green-fingered growers!

So far they have raised the amazing total of **£43.25** from the sale of our school grown veggies. This will be used to provide more seeds, compost and tools so that we can grow even more.

Our next project is to install an allotment patch in the school grounds. Any vegetable or fruit cuttings that you have would be appreciated!

## Amazon Wishlist Thank you!

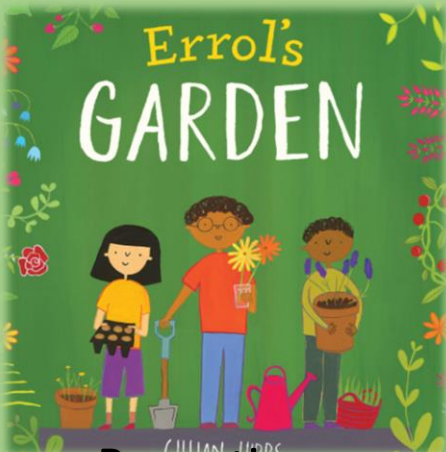
We received some very kind donations this week from our Amazon Wishlist. A huge thank you as these donations always make such a significant difference to our school. Thank you!

## Through the keyhole...



# 'Growing Together'

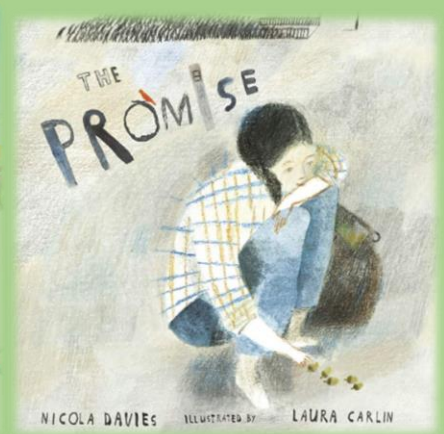
For the first fortnight of term we are exploring the whole school theme of 'Growing Together'. These are the books we are reading and using to support our learning...



Reception



Year 1/2



Year 3/4 and 5/6

## Our School Vision

The children have been busy exploring our school vision this week and the vision strapline (Inspiring, Nurturing, Achieving).

Picture a school at the heart of the community, surrounded by nature and where the children can't wait to arrive in the morning because they know that they will experience the excitement and joy of learning.

Picture a school where the children are **inspired** to aim high and believe that their dreams are achievable because they will have developed the skills and knowledge needed. They have the confidence to challenge themselves because they know that their mistakes will only make them stronger. They will flourish and become all that they aspire to be.

Picture a school where the children are **nurtured** to be the best that they can be. They know that school is a safe and inclusive place because they have seen that all are welcomed and cared for. They will show compassion in all that they do and will make society a kinder place for all.

Picture a school where the children are celebrated for being unique individuals who together form a strong and united team. They become active and creative citizens who will **achieve** amazing things throughout their lives and develop a better future for all.

Picture Wraxall Church of England Primary School –  
**Inspiring, Nurturing, Achieving**





## **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, Becky Cawsey. 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/met 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.



# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FREE SPEECH VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone has the right of 'freedom of expression.' This is the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It is not the right to say whatever you want. We all have a responsibility to use freedom of expression properly by not saying things that are grossly offensive or threatening, or encouraging hateful activity, thereby undermining the rights of others. Both online and offline, hate speech targets those who are different to the speaker in some way. Communication attacking or discriminating against groups and individuals (because of characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

## What is Free Speech?

Free speech is the principle that an individual is allowed to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship, or legal consequences. Here's why free speech is important...

The Human Rights Act states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely and hold their own opinions – even if those views are unpopular and could offend others.

Human Rights Act

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important that we respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it.

Any idea could potentially offend someone: Both Galileo and Darwin's theories, for example, were originally incredibly offensive to many. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

The ability to challenge others' views – and have ours challenged, too – is healthy, as it helps us learn to deal with criticism and to think seriously about what we say and believe.

It's a powerful way to push for change. Many modern rights – such as women being allowed to vote, or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without free speech.

Freedom of expression also includes the right not to do something: such as not standing up or singing for the national anthem, even though some people would deem that offensive.

Say no

Call hate out!

STOP HATE!

Spread Love

Report it!

## What is Hate Speech?

Hate speech is any communication which displays prejudice against someone's identity. It can be derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs. Some common types of hate speech include...

Targeting people or groups because of their race, gender or gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability.

Content which dehumanises individuals or groups based on those attributes, such as referring negatively to them as animals, inanimate objects or other non-human entities.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups, and justifying and glorifying these actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior, or even that they are criminals.

Promoting the exclusion or segregation of certain groups of people, or discrimination against them, because of who they are (e.g. their race or gender).

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity (for example, religious beliefs or a disability) is different to the person who's posting.

## For further information and reporting:

Amnesty International:  
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/freedom-of-expression/>

True Vision:  
[https://www.report-it.org.uk/reporting\\_internet\\_hate\\_crime](https://www.report-it.org.uk/reporting_internet_hate_crime)

Report Harmful Content:  
<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/?lang=en>

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