

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

Well, we have reached the final day of Term 3! We are now half way through the year and I would like to celebrate the hard work of the children and staff so far this school year. It is with a huge smile that I visit the classrooms to see the children's work, hear what they have to say and talk with them about the exciting things that they are doing. This week it was great to see some of the Willow and Maple class children choosing to work together at lunchtime to make their very own Fairy Garden. There was great team work and they even managed to find two fairies (one definitely looks ready for the half-term break!).

This term we have been busy with recruitment across both schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Burditt, for her involvement in the recruitment of our Admin team at St Mary's and Mrs Sheppard for her support in our LSA interviews across both schools.

Despite some miserable weather, the children have had another lovely term of enrichment with tobogganing, storytelling, NSPCC number day, Lunar New Year, dance workshops, etc. I was so proud of our Year 3 children (Naomi, Charles, Sam and Levi) who asked to lead a special Valentines Fayre. They planned the event themselves and did a brilliant job today, running the event. The Year 5/6 role models at Christmas have taught them well. The name the puppy and bear part of the Fayre will take place on Monday 20th February, so if your child would like to take part please bring in £1 on the first day of term. Looking ahead, we are planning a range of whole school events over the coming months and are firmly bringing back trips – watch this space for some class events! We are also looking to organize some events and activities with St Mary's too, following a request from some of the St Mary's Year 6 children who are very eager to visit Wraxall! Next term we have Parents' Evenings, World Book Day and the Easter Festival.

I will be in contact during the first week of Term 4 with further information about the proposed strike action, but advise that you make alternative childcare arrangements in the event that there is a need for school or class closures. The next proposed date for strike action is Thursday 2nd March 2023. Thank you for your understanding at this time of uncertainty.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break,

Amy Townsend

Dates for January/February 2023

Monday 20th February - First day of Term 4

Wednesday 22nd February - Year 3 /4 Swimming Lessons begin - Children travelling to Portishead Leisure Centre

Wednesday 22nd February - 'Thinking Day' – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are invited to wear their uniforms into school for the day.

Monday 27th February – Parents Evenings – face to face in the school hall

Thursday 28th February – Parents Evenings – via. MS Teams

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – Bring in your favourite book for the day.

Proposed strike/Industrial action day



Special Lunchtime Awards

Ada and Ellie in Oak Class



Try tasting foods
from around the globe



NSPCC Numbers Day

Thank you to all of you who took
part in the NSPCC Numbers Day.

You raised the sum of

£82.20

which will be sent to the NSPCC
Charity to support children and
young people.

Thank You



WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Grow your own vegetables



Smarties Challenge

Last year the FWSA organised the
'Smarties Challenge' for children to take
part in over the half term break. The
children will be bringing home a tube of
smarties this Friday for them to eat.
They should then keep the empty tube
and they can earn money, i.e. 20p, for
helping their parents with odd jobs
around the home until they fill up the
tube. Tubes can then be returned to the
school office week commencing 20th
February.

You can keep a tally of monies raised and
send your donations by BACS,
alternatively you can return the tube and
monies raised to the school office for the
FWSA.

What have we been learning in class this fortnight?

Maple Class have been...

We have been learning all about Owls and their habitats.

Our focus has been on the book 'The Tiger who Came to Tea'.



Willow Class have been...

Looking at Push and Pull forces and how they work.

We have also been on a tour of the school, because Miss Townsend has set us a special challenge (watch this space!) and noting the points of where everything is in our environment.

Pine Class have been...

In Science we have been learning how fossils are formed.

In History we are learning about Ancient Egypt. We have been looking at Hieroglyphics, (Egyptian writing) and have been learning about Cleopatra.



Oak Class have been...

Carrying out investigations on how sugar dissolves and planning a fair test.

Learning about the Mars Rover called Curiosity and writing a report about its launch.

Thinking Day - 22nd February 2023

Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides traditionally hold a national thinking day and on this day are invited to wear their uniforms into school.

We are pleased to be able to take part in the day and if your child attends Rainbows, Brownies or Girl Guides they will be able to wear their uniforms into school on Wednesday the 22nd February.

This year will be about thinking and remembering Queen Elizabeth II as she was a great patriot of Girl Guiding.

Visit from Avon and Somerset Fire Brigade

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade on Tuesday 31st January which tied in with the 'Great Fire of London' History unit which the children are currently learning about.



The Fire Service talked to the children about fire safety and demonstrated what equipment and methods are used today to help fight fire and how to prevent fires.

The children then compared them to equipment and methods used in 1666.



Parents, Carers and Family Members... your help is needed!

Following the recent success of our whole school tobogganing trip we are really eager to have parents and family members back in school and volunteering.

There will be various volunteering opportunities over the coming weeks and months – from volunteers for trips, reading partners, gardening with the children, etc.

If you are able to offer some time either for a one-off event or regular help then please let us know by filling in the MS Form using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WDv90XP63f>

We will be in contact over the coming weeks about arranging for you to come in!

Thank you in advance for your support with this. Your help and time will make a huge difference to the provision we are able to offer the children.

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, Vicki Sheppard 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: If your concern is regarding the Headteacher you should contact Gary Lewis, CEO for Lighthouse Schools Partnership

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

North Somerset Social Care 01275 888 808

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

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

FEEL FAB FEB HALF-TERM



FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!



NAME _____



HOW MANY



DID YOU COLLECT?



Can you 'Feel Fab' this February half-term and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Can you think about these things that could help your wider well-being? Tick off 3 to earn your gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell February?! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!



Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Can you run, scoot, jog, skip or bike every day?

Eat healthily - can you eat some more fruit and vegetables or reduce your sugary snacks?



Use your time to think about others. Perform an act of kindness every day.



Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day



Bake - baking is a great way to relax and put a smile on the face of friends and family. How about a heart-shaped cake?



Read - reading is a great way to relax and wind down. Reduce your screen time and get lost in a good story



Rest and recuperation - find time to relax. Try yoga, listen to music etc. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being



Yourself - think about YOU! Take part in one of your favourite activities every day – games, sport, family walk, etc



Parents and Carers, the British Heart Foundation has nominated February as Heart Month.

They are offering a free online 15-minute CPR course – are you up for the challenge?

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>



CHURCH NEWS

Pancake Party

Join us for a Pancake Party in the Cross Tree Centre after school for yummy pancakes and super fun activities on Wednesday the 22nd February 3.30pm – 6.00pm (suggested donation of £1 per child)

Contact: wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com

Sarah.vicarintraining@gmail.com

Heaven's Above

An evening of Astronomy presented by Ken Wyatt, amateur Astronomist and former Missionary. Nailsea Methodist Church on Friday the 31st March 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Everyone is Welcome.

Sunny Saplings

Our resident toddler group, Sunny Saplings takes place on Friday mornings 9.00am-11.00am in The Cross Tree Centre at All Saints, Wraxall. Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks, activities and friendly chat. Contact Elize in the Parish Office for more information.

wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com

Next First Monday Monthly Coffee Morning: Monday 6th March in The Cross Tree Centre.

