Wraxall Coft Primary School

3rd March 2023



# Wraxall's School News







#### Inspiring – Nurturing – Achievin

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. It feels like all but a distant memory now, with this term already whizzing along. Thank you to everyone for attending parents' evening earlier this week. It was our first face-to-face meeting since Covid-19 and it was lovely to have parents back in the building to meet with teachers. Thank you also to the Admin team for their hard work in organising and supporting with the bookings for this.

This week we have talked to the children about our behaviour system and explained it in more depth with them, including both the celebrations for demonstrating the values, but also the sanctions for making negative behaviour choices that don't reflect our school values. Please spend some time reading the parent letter which shares updates of these, sent separately. There are clearly noted stages of sanctions and the consequences include a red leaf system which includes communication home and involves the Senior Leadership Team. We will continue to work closely with the children to remind them of some of the changes to the systems that we are using.

Over the next few weeks we have the excitement of dressing up as book characters for Poetry Day on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The children will be taking part in poetry and creative writing workshops and there will be a poetry trail too. Parents will receive an invitation soon, to share in some of the fun.

Have a lovely weekend, Amy Townsend

Ally Townsend	
Dates for March	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March -	Open the Book Drama – 10.15am – whole school to watch
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March -	Year 3 & 4 Swimming lesson at Parish Wharf, Portishead
Thursday 9th March -	Parents Evening via MS Teams - EYFS – Year 6 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March -	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lesson at Parish Wharf, Portishead
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March -	Comic Relief Day - Details to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March -	Poetry Day – Dress up as a book character
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March -	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lesson at Parish Wharf, Portishead
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March -	End of Term Easter Service at 2pm All Saints, Wraxall. Familes welcome to
	Attend.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March -	North Somerset Dance Festival at Weston Playhouse
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Swimming lesson at Parish Wharf, Portishead
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March -	Last day of Term 4

# **Stars of The Week**

**Reception - Ollie & Ellis** 

Year 1 & 2 - Harper, Ryan & Natasha

Year 3 & 4 - Yeseniia & William

Year 5 & 6 – Ada & Sienna

**Headteacher Award** 

Seraph, Ada



Take a few minutes to notice a lovely Scent





Thank you for our new Birthday Books!

We had several wing their way to us last term – here are the latest Birthday Book donations, soon to join the library.



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A BIG thank you for the ongoing support of the FWSA. Their next meeting is on Tuesday at 8pm at the Old Farmhouse in Nailsea.

Please pop along if you'd like to volunteer your time to support this amazing charity in fundraising for the school.

# What have we been learning

# in class this fortnight?

## Maple Class have been...

Talking about toys and games from the past and we have played some old games from the past in the playground such as 'Hop Scotch' and 'Whats the time Mr Wolf'.



### Willow Class have been...

We had an amazing art afternoon, earned by the children as their class reward. The children made sculptures by wrapping tin foil around itself to produce some amazing figurines.

# Pine Class have been...

Learning about mummification and how this was carried out in Egyptian times.

We have also been learning about push and pull forces.

## Oak Class have been...

We have been planning and designing our Mars Rover.

We carried out experiments to filter dirty water to make it clean.

# Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

Year 3 and 4 started their swimming lessons at Parish Wharf, Portishead and below are some comments from the children:-

I have learnt a lot about swimming and I'm not scared of having my face underwater - Charles

I like the smell of the swimming pool, it's really nice - Abigail

I like the swimming lessons because it's really fun and you learn at the same time - Charlotte

I really liked learning to do proper swimming - Arthur

# **Willow Class Art Afternoon**

Willow Class enjoyed a fun art afternoon on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February as part of their class reward. They made some amazing sculptures out of tin foil. Here are some comments from the children:-

I liked wrapping the foil around and around to make a figure and then I helped other people. - Jess

I loved making the people, it was hard at first but we all got through it Layla

I really liked making the figures. I think mine looked liked a ballerina -Belle

The best thing was figuring out really good ideas on how to make the sculpture – Celeste

I liked making the foil stick together - Saoirse



# 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 or 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.

# **CHURCH NEWS**

Next First Monday Monthly Coffee Morning: Next Monday, February 6th

#### **Champing in Failand BBC Sounds**

Reporter Mark Hutchings who was sent to 'Champ' at St. Bartholomew's, Lower Failand has released his BBC Sounds interview with our Warden at the church, Chris Sage. Listen 11mins in on the following link: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001jbwq</u>

The 'Champing' or 'camping in a Church' season begins again in April until October. Created by the Churches Conservation Trust, it helps raise funds towards maintaining both active and redundant Churches within their portfolio.

To find out more about staying at St Bartholomew's or to book your stay go to: <a href="https://champing.co.uk/church/failand-somerset-st-bartholomews-church/">https://champing.co.uk/church/failand-somerset-st-bartholomews-church/</a>

#### Marathon Message from Morey

Caleb and I have wanted to run the London Marathon together for some time and the opportunity has arrived. This year - 26.2 miles in London. We know it is not going to be easy but we are running to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's Research UK. As a family we have connections with Alzheimer's and Dementia and wanted to play our part.

It would be wonderful if you felt you could donate to this good cause via our fundraising page (see below) or if you would like to contribute in cash then please pass this to me.

I am also selling "forget me not" key rings/broaches (kindly made by folks in my running club) for £2.00 each if you would like one of those.

Any amount will help this good cause and assist us in reaching our target of £2500.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/morey-andrews1

Any encouragement is appreciated and if you want to know how we're getting on then please do ask.

Many thanks

Morey