

# Wraxall's School News



*Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

Happy New Year! It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this term and to hear the children's news and excitement about the break from school they have just had. In the staffroom we're all getting a real health push as we enter 2024. To continue the theme we will be thinking about Mental Health and wellbeing as part of our compassion week in the final week of this term.

Although there are only 4 more weeks left of this term, we have lots taking place. Year 3/4 had the arrival of eggs and an incubator this week and I am sure there will be lots of excitement and learning as the children watch them develop into chicks over the next few weeks. We have what is now an annual tradition of whole school tobogganing trip on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – thank you to all the parents who have offered their time to volunteer to make the trip possible. We have Numbers Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, to support the NSPCC and during the final week of term we will be thinking carefully about compassion for others and ourselves. Our Reception class is going through a bit of a resource revamp, so please do keep an eye on your emails for a bit of a wish-list for some second-hand resources that you may be looking to rehome and can help us with.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Amy Townsend

## Important Dates for Term 3 2024

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** - Whole School Tobogganing at Mendip Activity Centre
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - NSPCC Numbers Day - Children invited to wear numbers Themed clothes into school for a donation to go to the NSPCC.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm - Reception to Year 6
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm – Reception to Year 6. Further Details to follow.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of Term 3 - 'Wear what you love' non uniform day – Small donation for the FWSA.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Inset Day - School closed to all pupils.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Term 4 - first day of school for all pupils.



## Stars of the Week

Reception –

Year 1&2–

Year 3&4 –

Year 5&6 -

## Whole School Tobogganing – 24<sup>th</sup> January

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, the whole school are being treated to a tobogganing trip at Mendip Activity Centre. The children will enjoy a tobogganing session and then they will be able to eat their Lunch and chill out with stories in the Alpine Lounge. Children will need to have a water bottle and packed lunch with them and will need to wear long sleeved tops, long trousers, gloves, covered footwear (no sandals, flip flops or crocs), a waterproof jacket, warm layers and bring a change of clothes (in a labelled bag). We recommend them wearing old clothes in case they get torn or damaged.

**DON'T WEAR** Jeans or jewellery and avoid wearing cotton if possible.

## Parents Evenings

We will be holding parent's evenings on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> February. These will be face to face meetings you're your child's class teacher and will be held 3.30pm – 6.00pm. We will inform you when bookings go live on the website. Further details to follow. If you would prefer a Teams call then please contact the school office who will inform your child's class teacher.



## Try cooking a new recipe



Our value this term is  
**‘Perseverance’.**



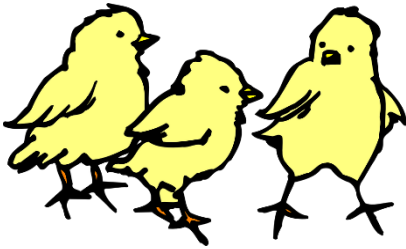
## Cracking News from Pine Class

The children in Year 3 and 4 are really egg-cited to report that they have taken delivery of a batch of eggs which they will look after and nurture over the next few weeks until they hatch into little fluffy chicks.

The children listened to a talk on how to look after the eggs and how to care for the chicks when they have hatched.

I am sure they will be thinking about some lovely names for the chicks and we will keep you informed of the progress. It should be an egg-cellent learning opportunity for them!

### Very Egg-citing



## Final week of this term

The final week of this term will be a compassion week.

As the week includes Mental Health Day, we are thinking about compassion towards ourselves too.

On the final day of term the children are invited to take part in the 'Wear what you love' day. This could be non-uniform, dressing up, a onesie. You choose! The FWSA ask that you bring in a small donation to take part on the day.



## Last Chance to apply for 2024 Primary School Places

Do you have a child due to start school (Reception) or transfer to a junior school in September 2024? Have you applied for their place yet?

Applications for primary school places must be submitted before next Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> January. This applies to all children starting school for the first time in September 2024 (those born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020), as well as children moving from infant to junior school (even if they are already attending an infant school connected to or on the same site as a junior school).

Applications are made directly with your local authority, even if you are applying for a school within a different area. For more information, including the application form, please follow the link below:-

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/parents%20guide%20to%20starting%20school%20and%20Transferring%20to%20Junior%20school%202024-25.pdf>

## **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, Paola Davis. 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**

### **Third Monday Monthly Coffee Morning: Next Monday 15th January**

Third Monday in the month 8.45am-10.00am in The Cross Tree Centre at Wraxall Church. Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks and friendly chat. Contact Sarah on [sarah.vicarintraining@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.vicarintraining@gmail.com) or Elize in the Parish Office for more information: [wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com](mailto:wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com)

### **GRAZE: All Age Worship Sunday 4th February**

1st Sunday of the month 9:30am Graze- All Age Worship at All Saints' beginning in the Cross Tree Centre  
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### **Got questions about life and Christianity?**

**Start Course 2024 beginning Thursday 11th January:** If you're looking for answers then maybe it's time to make a Start. Normally run in groups of about 6 to 10 people, each session involves video clips, exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. Each session lasts about an hour and is free to attend.

- What's life all about and where are we going?
- Does God exist and what is He like?
- Why is the world in such a mess?
- Who was Jesus, and is He relevant?
- What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for me today?
- How far can I go forward with God in my life?

No Cost- Thursday Evenings

7.00pm for puddings for 7.30pm start

Any questions



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