

# Wraxall's School News



## *Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

Great excitement at Wraxall last week – the chicks had hatched!!

Year 3/4 arrived at school on Wednesday morning to be greeted by a couple of cracks in the egg shells and were soon to enjoy the arrival of a little fluffy chick. The visualiser was set up and as the week unfolded, we saw the arrival of another four chicks. Year 3/4 time travelled to visit the Iron Age. They had a fantastic time at The M Shed Museum and particularly enjoyed the museum workshop.

I am always eager to enhance our provision and provide the children with as many opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom as we can accommodate (with other logistics factored in too!) Next term we have World Book Day taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and the extremely popular Science Week and Easter Festival week. These events would not always be possible without the support of you and so once again, I would like to thank you for the time that you spend volunteering and helping with various trips and events. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time this term, to all the staff for their hard work (as always) and for putting the wellbeing and best interests of the children at the forefront of all they do and thank you to the governors for their continued support.

Next term we will be holding a science week. If you are able to offer your time to support this week by helping in class with some of the practical activities or would like to talk to the children about your own science related work or interests then please contact the school office to discuss this further. We want this week to really inspire the children and make them aware of the impact of science in everyday life.

Happy end of term to all!

Amy Townsend

### Important Dates for Term 4 – 2023-2024

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Term 4 - School open to all pupils**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day – Children invited to dress as favourite book character**
- Wb. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week**
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day**
- Wb. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Festival Week**
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service at All Saints Church at 2.00pm. Parents/Carers invited.**
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Term 4**



### Stars of the Week

Reception – Ethan , Wilberforce, Ava, Sammy

Year 1&2– Ellis, Natasha, Leo, Ollie

Year 3&4 – Naomi, Charles, Pippa, Jacob

Year 5&6 - Abigail, Christopher, Aurora, Harley

## Egg-citing News

Pine Class are over the moon with the new arrivals in class, of 5 fluffy cute chicks.

It was a tense time waiting for the eggs to hatch, but it was lovely to watch their little beaks breaking through the shells.

Mr Leech is beyond excited and very proud. The chicks have all been named by the children and have been given the names of Emily, Swifty, Shadow, Phillip and Heather.



Take a nap



Our value this term is  
'Perseverance'.



## Whole School Tobogganing

The children enjoyed a tobogganing lesson at Mendip Activity Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and below are some comments from the children:-

"The best thing was how fast you went down the hill and it was funny that the boys were crashing into each other - it was super fun but tiring."

"I enjoyed at the end when we all went down the hill together at the same time - that was fun."

"The best thing was racing with all of my friends"

"I liked that you could have fun. It was really busy but then it was also relaxing when we went to the Alpine Lounge"

"I really like the Alpine Lounge. There were fluffy seats, it was really comfortable"

## Lunar New Year

What a fantastic end to the school day following the performance of Lion and Dragon dancing as part of Lunar New Year celebrations. It was lovely to see so many parents there. HUGE thanks to Jess C for organising the event and to the FWSA for funding it. It was lovely to hear the children laughing and cheering at the spectacle. A lovely community event.





## **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.

## **THANK YOU FWSA**

*A HUGE thank you to the FWSA for their continued support. They have an incredibly important role in supporting the school and have provided finances for a host of enriching provision for the children. It should not be forgotten that they are all volunteers who kindly donate their time to improve the opportunities available for the children. If you would like to support the FWSA or be part of their next fundraiser, then please contact the FWSA rep for your class or speak to the school office. Please see below for a letter from the FWSA.*

## **ATTENDANCE**

**The Education Welfare Officer visited our school earlier this week and continues to monitor the attendance of pupils. All pupils with attendance falling below 95% or who are persistently late are regularly monitored. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly for school and is in class by 8.45am as lateness can result in unauthorised sessions in the register.**

## **Church News**

### **Monthly Coffee Morning 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Due to INSET Days at most local schools, Third Monday Coffee will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 8.45-10.00am (4<sup>th</sup> Monday) in the Cross Tree Centre. All Welcome! Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks and friendly chat. Contact Sarah at [sarh.vicarintraining@gmail.com](mailto:sarh.vicarintraining@gmail.com) or Elize in the Parish office for more information: [wraxallwithfailand@gmail.com](mailto:wraxallwithfailand@gmail.com).

### **Reminder of Whats on Monthly for families:**

1st Sunday of the month 9.30am Graze – All Age Worship at All Saints beginning in Cross Tree Centre. 3<sup>rd</sup> (or occasionally 4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of the month 8.45am coffee and toddlers in Cross Tree Centre.

### **Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan**

The Examiner for the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan has asked that comments are invited on two aspects of the plan:-

1. An addendum to the Consultation Statement which sets out more fully how people were consulted before the plan was submitted for examination.
2. Revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework in December 2023 and whether the neighbourhood plan is not conformity with any of these revisions.

Additional details and how to comment online can be found at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wfplan](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wfplan)

How to comment: The easiest way to view the information and comment is online at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wfplan](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wfplan).

Documents can also be viewed at:

Nailsea Library - 6-8 Colliers Walk, Nailsea, BS48 1RH (during normal opening hours)

The Cross Tree Centre, All Saints Church, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1LB (At the reception during normal opening hours)

For any questions about this consultation contact the Planning Policy Team at North Somerset Council [planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk)

## **FWSA NEWS**

Dear All

The aim of the FWSA is to enrich your children's education at Wraxall. We try to balance fundraisers with hosting community events; spending funds with raising money. Thank you to Sian for keeping us on track. This term we have spent some of the funds raised in the Christmas term on school equipment, and whole school experiences which we hope you have enjoyed too.

### **Tobogganing**

The children loved their annual visit to Mendip Activity Centre, FWSA funds paid for the transport. Thank you to members who accompanied the children.

### **Chinese Dragon/Lion**

The Chinese Dragon/Lion performance on Wednesday, what an event! It was great to see so many parents and family members come along in the afternoon and hear the children laughing and wow-ing at the spectacle. A brilliant community event, thank you to Jess C for organising this for us.

### **Popcorn Night**

Our Popcorn Night last week was very well attended. You all have such polite children – they requested food and drinks remembering the P&Qs, and happily ate us out of fruit and vegetables. They are a credit to everyone. As our first after school Popcorn event, we have a few things that we will do differently next time, like TV on and hot food asap! Thank you to Elize, Juliette, Katie and Mrs Allan for your help, and families for joining us. Our next Popcorn Night is on March the 22<sup>nd</sup> where we will be watching Disney's 'Elemental'.

### **Mothering Sunday Sale**

Last year's sale was so popular we would love to do it again. Before we buy items, have you any unwanted pocket money gifts? We will put out a box next term for any donations.

### **Upcoming Term Diary**

- Term Four FWSA meeting - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm (venue tbc)
- Mothering Sunday Sale - 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Curry and Quiz - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm with further details after the holiday
- Popcorn Night - 22<sup>nd</sup> March, after school

### **Save the Date**

- Argentinian Wine Tasting Evening - 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm
- Summer Party - 5<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you for your continued support and of course if you would like to get involved in any way, please get in contact.

Wishing you a great half term

**FWSA**