

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents

We have had a great start to what promises to be a very busy term. Please make sure you put all our Christmas events in your diary. Thank you to all who came to the disco and helped raise a fantastic sum of money for our school, £744.49. Special thanks goes to the PTA and all the parents/carers who made this event possible. We really do appreciate all you do.

Today with the help of our Chair of Governors, John Miles, the school council representatives planted a plum tree in front of the school. This tree has been planted in gratitude to Sonia Clark who was a governor at this school for 40 years and who retired last year. We are grateful to all who serve our school and community and particularly grateful to Sonia who saw the school through so many changes.



Family Wellbeing Parenting Villages

The Parenting Village is a parent support group run by the Family Wellbeing Parenting Team. The drop-in is a relaxed and friendly place where parents, parenting specialists and professionals from a range of services (Family Support Workers, the ROTH Team, UK Resettlement Team, SEND Parent/carer Liaison officer and school nurses) are on hand to offer support, a listening ear, advice and signposting. Parents can also find further information about advanced parenting groups and how these might support them. Parents of children of all ages are welcome. Free refreshments and free to attend.

The Parenting Villages run as follows:

- The 1st Thursday of every month, Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NP 13:30-15:00
- The 1st Friday of every month, Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Worle,

Song Squad Christmas Sing-Along-Wells Cathedral

Saturday 21 December 2024

Wells Cathedral's Song Squad choirs are inviting families to sign-up for this special festive event, which is particularly aimed at children aged 4-11. Enjoy singing fun Christmas songs and joyful carols, free entry to the Cathedral, and after the event there will be free hot chocolate and shortbread for all participants!

Children need to be accompanied by an adult throughout, and places should be reserved in advance via wellscathedral.org.uk/events.

During the event there will be a short performance by the Wells Cathedral Song Squad choirs – the Cathedral's un-auditioned choirs for children aged 4 to 11 (inclusive), who are hoping to entice new members! The choirs are open to children who attend any school, are great fun, and there's no audition – children just need to enjoy

Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ, 09:30 – 11:00

- The 2nd Tuesday of every month, Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 9DA, 09:00 – 11:00
- The 3rd Monday of every month, Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6NN, 09:30 – 11:00.

Mendip Hockey Club

Mendip hockey club are offering a couple of free taster sessions for 7-16 years old male and female player over the next few weeks.



Youth Hockey Sessions on Tuesday 26th Nov and 2nd Dec between 5.30-6.30pm at Chew Valley School. Mendip Hockey Club is hoping to restarts its youth hockey development programme with these two trialling open sessions. Hockey sticks are available but please wear shin pads and a gum shield. Please contact hbullock@sasp.co.uk for more information or go to www.mendiphockey.org.uk

Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? Universal infant free school meals are offered to all children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but free school meals are also offered to people on qualifying benefits. If you claim qualifying benefits, you are eligible to apply for free school meals, whatever year group your child is in. Qualifying benefits are: Income support, income based job seekers allowance, child tax credit, working tax credit, pension credit. To check if you are eligible and to apply, please follow this link: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



singing! Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays during term time from 4.45pm – 5.15pm (for the 4 to 6 year-olds – Song Squad Minis) and 5.15pm – 6.15pm (for the 7–11 year olds – Song Squad), in the Education Room at Wells Cathedral.

For more information on the event or about either of the Song Squad choirs, please contact Jill via songsquad@wellscathedral.org.uk.

Open the Book

The Open the Book team presented the bible story New Heaven New Earth from the book of Revelation. A follower of Jesus, John, was sent to Patmos, an island between Greece and Turkey. Whilst John was worshipping God, Jesus appeared to him in a series of amazing visions. John wrote down what he saw and this became the final book of the Bible, The Book of Revelation.



Lunchboxes and morning

snacks

Please consider carefully what food go into children's lunchboxes. We ask for no peanut products, and no packets of sweets or 'proper' chocolate bars (Penguin / caramel wafer type bars are fine).



For Year 3-6 children that bring in a playtime snack, please ensure that it is something healthy like a piece of fruit or vegetable.

UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Friday	6 th December	9.00
Reception Nativity	Tuesday	10 th December	9.00
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Wednesday	11 th December	9.00
Year 5 and 6 Church Service	Wednesday	11 th December	6.15pm
Whole school Pantomime Trip	Thursday	12 th December	
Choir concert	Friday	13 th December	2.30pm
Rocksteady Concert	Monday	16 th December	9.30am
Christmas lunch	Wednesday	18 th December	
End of term-non school uniform	Friday	20 th December	

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion Reception</u></p>	<p>Felix for working so hard at school and at home with his phonics! Felix has already learnt all of the common exception words we need for phonics this term and he is working so hard with his blending- we can give him his first reading books with words! Keep up this hard work Felix!</p> <p>Louisa- for an amazing first week back to school! Louisa is coming into school with a smile on her face, she is trying her very best at everything we do in class and is being a lovely friend to the other children. This has been so pleasing to see! Keep up the great work Louisa!</p> <p>Nevaeh and Mabel- for both being excellent role models to the other children in class! They are both always ready to learn, they try their very best at everything we do and they are super friends- being kind, caring and including everyone in their games- to all of the other children in class. Well done girls, keep this up!</p>
<p><u>Leopard Year 1</u></p>	<p>Lola has been doing some amazing phonics work, I can hear her voice clearly when we are practicing our sounds, she really stands out and sets an amazing example to the rest of the class. Lola is also a very kind friend to the other children in our class and always offers a helping hand. Well done Lola!</p> <p>Jaxon has also been setting a fantastic example to the rest of Leopard Class. He takes an active part in all of our lessons and always offers his thoughts and ideas. We have been learning about different groups of animals in science and Jaxon has been showing us how much knowledge and enthusiasm he has about this topic. Well done Jaxon!</p> <p>Alex and Ella for both always setting an amazing example to the rest of the class. Not only do they both show me they are listening and participating, they also put lots of effort and care into their work. Well done Ella and Alex!!</p>
<p><u>Panther Year 2</u></p>	<p>You have had a great week Duke and it has been lovely to see you challenge yourself to reach star challenges both in English and Maths. I am particularly proud of your history work where you were able to talk like a historian about the difference between nursing now and in the 1800's. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Amber you have really impressed me this week with your English work. You have taken great care in your writing and have worked hard on your letter formation. When using expanded noun phrases you have chosen great adjectives and remembered the important coma! Great work. Keep it up.</p> <p>Jesse I have so impressed with your maths this week. It is lovely to see you so focused and this has meant that you have been able to do our maths independently. I am particularly impressed with how you have become an expert using a number line. Keep up the great work Jesse.</p> <p>Noah you have impressed me this week with your maths. When you have been focused you have produced some fantastic work, even challenging yourself to the star challenge. I have been really impressed with your number facts and this has really helped you to work quickly. Keep it up.</p>
<p><u>Tiger Year 3</u></p>	<p>Reggie, I have been really impressed this week with your presentation of your work - specifically in maths. You have been setting out your column methods beautifully in your maths book so that it is very clear to see your working out as well as showing your competency in the method. Well done, Reggie</p> <p>Frankie, you did something so wonderfully kind for many of the children in our class this week. After having a classroom session about 'positive noticing' and how powerful this can be, you then took it upon yourself to make labels at home for others and write things that</p>

	<p>you have noticed they had done well. This was something you did quietly, without telling anybody, which makes it very sincere. We did, however, notice this wonderful thing you did and wanted everyone else to see how kind you are. Well done, Frankie!</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u> <u>Year 4</u></p>	<p>Matilda showed fantastic perseverance this week as she worked through the column method of subtraction with exchanges. Even though it was challenging, she didn't give up and made lots of progress. Well done!</p> <p>Enid has been using some challenging suffixes in her writing during our unit on Odd and the Frost Giants. She has been able to describe characters as spontaneous, adventurous and even malicious and even better she is now introducing these words into her own independent writing. Well done, Enid!</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u></p>	<p>Evie has really impressed me this week with her Maths. She has shown excellent understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In every lesson this week, she has been determined to complete every sheet, including all of the Reasoning and Problem Solving sheets. Well done Evie, excellent work!</p> <p>Miss Edwards and I have been really impressed with Lucas this week. He has worked hard in every subject and been exceptionally focused and determined. Well done Lucas!</p> <p>Ruby- Ruby works hard in every lesson, applying our learning and showing exceptional motivation to succeed. She has shown excellent understanding of relative clauses and time adverbials and I look forward to reading your independent information text.</p> <p>Lola- Lola is a model pupil. She works hard in every lesson and shows excellent concentration. Her enthusiasm for her learning shines through and encourages those around her. Well done Lola.</p>
<p><u>Puma</u> <u>Year 6</u></p>	<p>Danny has started this term with a new-found determination and drive to work to his potential. Danny is always very conscientious about his work and this week I have seen him maintain this standard whilst also picking up his pace in completing tasks. This has allowed him to show off what he is really capable of - writing more and completing maths challenges too! Keep it up Danny!</p> <p>Olly has been working super hard in English over the last couple of weeks. He has been really concentrating on his handwriting and presentation - we have seen a big improvement! Olly has been really engaged with our new class novel 'The boy in the tower' and I am really excited to see how his independent writing continues to progress over the next couple of weeks. Keep it up Olly!</p> <p>Charlie completely WOWED the whole class this week with his fantastic piece of writing in history. Charlie put himself in the shoes of a child being evacuated in WW2. His choices of vocabulary meant that he set the scene perfectly and took us all back in time. The emotions that his letter elicited were phenomenal and he almost had us in tears. I would like Charlie to share his writing with the whole school.</p>