
Newsletter 8

Dear Parents

Welcome to newsletter number 8!

One forthcoming date that I would like to share is the next school coffee morning, which will be on Friday February 7th, from 8:40-9:40 in the school hall. **All parents or grandparents are very welcome to attend.** We will have teas, coffees, something to eat, some toys for any toddlers that come along, but most importantly there will be a **warm welcome!** We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Open the Book

Open the Book presented the bible story, Calling Disciples, Luke 5 v1-11.



Jesus went from town to town telling people about the kingdom of God. The people wanted to hear more. By the time Jesus arrived at Capernaum the crowd was enormous and Jesus needed to find a way to be seen and heard. At Lake Galilee he saw two fishing boats and asked Simon if he could borrow a boat. Everyone could now see and hear Jesus. When Jesus had finished his teaching he asked Simon if he could go with his friends to catch some fish.

When Jesus told the fishermen to lower their nets, they did and soon the nets were full. They were amazed as they had fished all night and caught nothing. Simon looked at Jesus and realised this was no ordinary man. He fell to his knees and told Jesus to go away as Simon was a man who did not deserve to be in his presence. Jesus smiled and told him not to be afraid. He said he had a new job for him and his friends. Instead of being fishermen they would be fishers of men and women. So they left their jobs and Jesus taught them and they became disciples. The Open the Book team pray all the children have a happy and peaceful New Year.



Be a Boy Chorister for a Day **Saturday 15th March 2025**

1.45pm-5.30pm

Boys aged between six and nine who love to sing can experience what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister. There will be fun singing workshops, and the day will end with them taking part in the Evensong service alongside the Boy Choristers of the Cathedral Choir.

Later in the year, on Saturday 20 September 2025, there will be the annual *Be a Chorister for a Day* event which is open to all children.

Here is a link to further information on the Wells Cathedral website, including a wonderful short video of the Choristers explaining how they feel about Chorister life in their own words -

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/choristerships>

If you would like further information or to register for a place at either event, please contact Melanie Lawlor via musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk.



Our value for this term is:



Petting Farm at Wells Cathedral

Saturday 25th January 2025
11.00am-3.00pm
Admission included with entry to the cathedral.



Come and meet a variety of furry friends as the Cathedral hosts Puxton Park's petting farm! Enjoy the opportunity to pet, groom, and learn about these beautiful animals and how we can take care of them.

Also between 28 Jan – 1st Feb 2025 is an immersive sound and light show called LUXMURALIS SPACE. Tickets are £6-£12 and available via wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

School Uniform and Cosmetics

At Winford Primary, we have a smart red and grey uniform and we believe that wearing uniform is a really important part of belonging to our school community. We therefore expect all children to attend school looking neat, tidy and wearing school uniform. Wearing make-up and nail varnish is not considered age appropriate for primary school so these are not permitted at Winford Primary. We have noticed some pupils coming to school wearing eye make-up and bringing their own products to school. Please can parents be reminded that make-up should not be worn and or brought into school. Thank you.



Mendip Hockey Club

Mendip hockey club are running youth hockey sessions for 7-16 years old male and female player over the next few weeks.

Youth Hockey Sessions take place on Tuesday 21st, 28th Jan and 4th, 11th Feb between 6.00 and 7.00pm at Chew Valley School.

New to hockey or played before, all youth players are welcome to come along. £2 per session. 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



UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
Parent and carers coffee morning	Friday	7 th Feb	8.40-9.40am
Last day of term-non-school uniform	Thursday	13 th Feb	
Inset day	Friday	14 th Feb	
Term 4 starts	Monday	24 th Feb	

Celebration Assembly Certificates	
Lion Reception	<p>River- for trying so hard in phonics this week! River has been working really hard to learn all of the sounds and to then use these for reading and writing! We have also noticed his confidence is really improving with letter formation and we're so pleased with this progress!</p> <p>Rory- also for fantastic work in phonics this week. Rory has become so much more independent when reading and writing and this is so lovely to see! He is also always very proud of himself so keep up this great work Rory!</p> <p>Penny- for working really hard on her handwriting this week. Penny is the only person who is left handed in our class and it can sometimes be tricky to learn new letter formation and to make sure all the letters are sat on the line. Penny is trying really hard to master this at the moment- keep up the good work!</p> <p>Saxon- for super writing in English this week. We have been reading a rhyming book and after we matched lots of rhyming words together we wrote sentences to go with them. Our favourite was 'the sheep is on the jeep'. Saxon really tried hard to write these sentences independently remembering capital letters and finger spaces!</p>
Leopard Year 1	<p>Ollie for doing some AMAZING handwriting. He has been taking his time to form his letters correctly and I have seen a huge improvement just in the last two weeks. Ollie has been taking care with his work and making sure he doesn't rush. Well done Ollie, keep it up!</p>

	<p>Not only does Izzy try her best and put effort into all of her learning, she is also a great friend to everyone in Leopard Class and is a great role model to others. Well done Izzy!</p> <p>Lola has been putting so much effort into her writing this term. She has been careful to remember her capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, as well as conjunctions. Her handwriting is also looking brilliant. Well done Lola, keep it up.</p> <p>Beau has been standing out in our phonics lessons for always engaging and putting in 100% effort. She has also been showing me some great 'ready to learn' behaviours like sitting quietly on the carpet and having a 'can do' attitude to all of her learning. Well done Beau!</p>
<u>Panther Year 2</u>	<p>Ada you have blown me away this week with your focus and determination in all of your learning. Because of this you have produced some wonderful work, in particular some amazing handwriting. Well done Ada.</p> <p>Mariella I am so proud of the way in which you have approached our reading test this week. You have shown real perseverance and have shown a wonderful attitude. Even when you were unsure it didn't stop you doing your best and showing us what a great reader you are. Well done.</p> <p>Paisleigh-Mae and Maleah, both of you have really impressed me with your handwriting this week. You have worked really hard to keep your letters the right size and to form them correctly. I have noticed the care you have taken and it has made such a difference to your writing. Well done</p>
<u>Tiger Year 3</u>	<p>James, you have shown this week how much more confident you are to participate in our lessons, especially in maths. Because of this, you have been able to showcase your understanding of the new skills taught. This was particularly evident this week when learning how to multiply by 4. Well done, James.</p> <p>Lola and Mia, I have been impressed with both of your enthusiasm during lessons this week. You have been working hard to take on the new learning and to demonstrate your understanding. I was particularly impressed with this 'can do' attitude during our history lesson about the different roles during the Bronze and Iron age. Well done, girls.</p>
<u>Jaguar Year 4</u>	<p>Quinn and Walter - both Quinn and Walter have shown much more focus and determination when it comes to their learning in class this week. They've been concentrating better, contributing more and produced some really good work as a result. Well done!</p> <p>Ivy and Louis were brilliant during our dance session yesterday. Both children showed superb focus, concentration and gave an excellent amount of effort into the lesson. You both tried so hard to follow the moves and as a result you produced some great moves. We can't wait to see what brilliant work you will do in next week's lesson!</p>
<u>Lynx Year 5</u>	<p>Harrison has represented our school fantastically this week. He has conducted himself in a way which makes me proud to be his teacher. Well done Harrison!</p> <p>Ava has shown excellent perseverance with our Maths recently. We have been doing long multiplication and it has not been easy. She has worked exceptionally hard to master the skills needed and made excellent progress. Well done Ava!</p> <p>Ellie and Minnie, you both work exceptionally hard in every lesson. I am always impressed by the level of effort you put into your learning, whether it is English, Maths, Art or Science. You are both superstars, keep up the good work!</p>
<u>Puma Year 6</u>	<p>George- This has been a fantastic week for George! He has been really engaged with his learning and has been keeping up with the challenging expectations of writing quantity in Year 6. I have also seen George being a kind friend to peers on his table, helping them where he is able to in a really calm and patient manner.</p> <p>It has been great to see George speed up with getting his work completed and I hope that we can keep this going! Keep up the progress George!</p> <p>Evie-Mae has made huge progress in maths recently and her arithmetic assessment score has proved this! Evie has shown determination and maturity to identify where she needed to improve and has put the time in at home as well as pushing herself in class. She is a true role model and deserves to be incredibly proud of her learning journey.</p>