

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 28.04.2023



*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.
Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

Building solid foundations (Mathew 7:24)

Respect

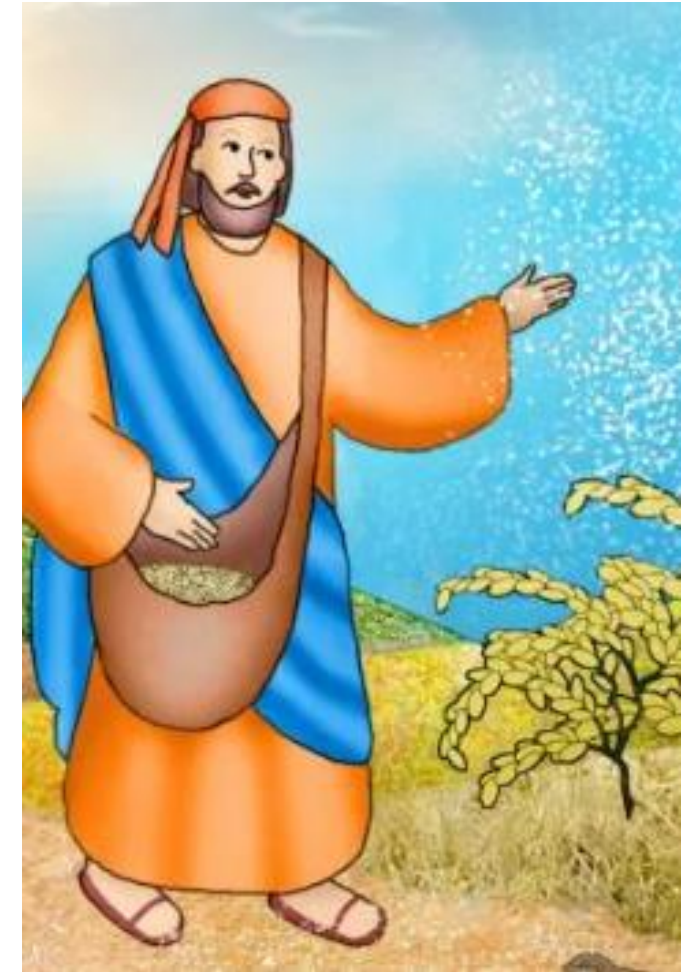
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Collective Worship

We have continued with our theme of being our best, focussing this week on how religion / faith can help people to be their best. Mrs Kahn and Mrs Amjad shared their thoughts about Ramadan and Eid on Tuesday. On Wednesday we considered how Sikhs try to give 10% of their earnings to charity, helping others and feeling good about their actions. Yesterday we explored the parable of the sower, thinking carefully about how we can avoid the weeds and, just as importantly, how not to behave like a weed. Children were able to give some fantastic examples today of how we can all spread peace, love and joy each day.



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This week's Highlights

Year 3 Children enjoyed their practical lesson investigating rocks this week
English continues to be popular with the children - we are now studying non chronological reports
Children have started their Terrific Times Tables challenge this week.

Year 4 have enjoyed designing and writing golden tickets as part of the English unit on Charlie and the chocolate factory.

Year 5 had a visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company on Monday. They enjoyed the performance of the Greek myth, 'Perseus and Medusa', and had a lot of fun taking part in the theatre skills workshops afterwards.

Year 6 enjoyed discussing the concept of fairness as part of their PSHE lesson this week.

House point totals: Red 750 / Green 870 / Blue 750 / Purple 660

Commendation Awards

A good number of children were commended this week for working hard towards achieving our virtues of curiosity, courage and compassion whilst also living the school values. One child was drawn at random from each year group. The lucky winners will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at Real Magic Books in Wendover.

All those who were commended receive 10 house points. As we said to all the children today – you have to be in it to win it! All adults in the school will be thinking carefully about who will be commended next week.

Uniform and Planner

Most children received a house point today as they had their planner on their desk when checked. Please help children to remember their planner each day. Hopefully, the next check will see nearly all children earning a house point.

A reminder that all children need the correct PE kit in school on PE days. House points can be earned for correct kit and reminders will be put in planners if children have forgotten items of kit.

Young Carers

We are proud to announce that in recognition of our commitment to supporting young carers we have been invited to the Young Carers School Awards ceremony to receive an award.

More details to follow.



NEU Strike Action

Following a successful ballot, the National Education Union has informed schools that strike action will take place this term. Individual schools may be affected on up to 2 days (three national strikes and one regional):

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

I fully intend that the school remains open; we will do our absolute best to ensure that all children are able to attend school on each day affected by strike action. Planning is currently underway and more details will be shared with parents next week. In the meantime, I would ask that parents refrain from speculation on social media as this is may not be helpful.

Thank you
Gareth Kynaston

Dates for the Diary

Year 3 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday (Friday 17th March – Friday 26th May)

Y5 Cricket sessions: Every Friday (21st April – 14th July)

Y6 Leavers Hoodies: Closing date for orders Friday 28th April via PL Schoolwear

Y5 Wendover Market visit: Thursday 4th May

Early May Bank holiday: Monday 1st May (school closed)

Bank holiday - King's coronation: Monday 8th May (school closed)

Y3 Class Assemblies:

- 3W Tuesday 23rd May 9am
- 3J Wednesday 24th May 9am
- 3S Thursday 25th May 9am

2023 PTA events

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

Pre-loved uniform sale: Friday 17th July 8:30am and 3:30pm

Y6 Leavers Garden Party: Friday 21st July

Lunch Club - Drama



Our Drama Lunch Clubs by Dramarama have been running since September and in March our members did their first performances! *'The Magical Toy Shop'* was rehearsed each week and then performed to a small audience at the end of term. The children loved getting dressed up as different toys and the 'buzz' of performing to a live audience!

Drama club presents a wonderful opportunity for children to develop many skills including public speaking, teamwork, compromise and collaboration as well as boosting confidence and making friends.

We currently have a waitlist for the Year 3 lunch club every Wednesday and there are places for our Thursday class for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Places can be booked directly with Danielle at Dramarama at www.dramaramaclubs.uk

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

There are still spaces in our extensive range of instrumental lessons.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar (Chris Milton)



Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret.

At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Spaces still available in: Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn) Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) and Classical Guitar

Some lessons can be taken in small groups, which reduces the cost.

Applications for:

Strings and classic guitar should be made via Bucks Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email beckfordmusic@hotmail.com

Brass please email rjkitchen@sky.com

Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Premier Education are providing before and after school care every day the school is open and also offer multi-activity camps during the school holidays. Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent. Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and include arts & crafts, baking, sports, Lego, games, quiet reading and general free play.

Our sessions run at the Wendover Youth Centre Monday to Friday for the breakfast and after school club. For the Breakfast club, children are dropped off at the Youth Centre from 7:50am, and will be taken to the school at 8:45am. Children attending the After school course will be collected from the school playground (meeting at the adventure playground) and escorted after registration over to the youth centre.

Prices:

Breakfast club, 7.50am – 8.50am - £5.25 a session

Afterschool club, 3.30pm – 6pm - £12.00 a session

Chilterns.office@premier-education.com

01296 620097

Booking:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Booking for Gymnastics and Dodgeball:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019/?location=wendover>

Next weeks activities:

Monday – Bank Holiday

Tuesday - Basketball

Wednesday – Arts and Crafts (Kings Coronation)

Thursday – Nerf Wars

Friday – Decorate your own pizza

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for lunchtime supervisors to join our friendly team to start as soon as possible.

Supervising children aged between 8-11 years old in the lunch hall and outside on the playground. You will be required to work term time only, Monday to Friday 12:00-13:10.

The successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

For further information or to register your interest please email the school office on admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk



Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.