

The Wheldon Weekly

4th October 2019



Weekly Message

Welcome to The Wheldon Weekly. We hope you will find it helpful and informative. This will be emailed every Friday.

I'd like to start this week's message by praising all children for their exemplary behaviour during our fire alarm activation this week. Thank you to staff for acting quickly but calmly to evacuate the school and to parents / carers for your patience and understanding in the playground whilst we completed head counts.

We enjoyed a brilliant trip to Stocksbridge Farm on Wednesday and would like to thank our catering company ISS for arranging this for us.

Holidays in Term Time

The Government has advised Headteachers that they are no longer able to routinely authorise requests for holiday or leave of absence and can only do so in very exceptional circumstances, having taken into account the effect on the children's learning and overall attendance.

Parents are strongly advised not to book holidays or flight tickets prior to seeking authorisation from the school. The school may also ask for evidence for the reason behind a late return to school following the holidays, as any holidays taken without prior agreement, will result in the child being given an unauthorised absence code and the Education Welfare Office will be advised and a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued.

Mrs McMullen
Headteacher

Awards Assembly

Learning Champion	Values Champion
Lola Year 2	Tommy Year 2
Skyy Year 2/1	Molly Year 2/1
Lily Reception / Year 1	Carson Reception / Year 1
Isla Reception	Rome Reception
Well Done To All Our Champions!	

Diary dates...

Date	Event
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly – all welcome at 2.15pm
Monday 14 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 17 th October	First Hub Drop-in, see notices for further details – 9.15am
Monday 21 st October	Parents Evening – 3.30 to 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening – 3.30 to 5.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	School Photo's with Tempest Photography
Friday 25 th October	School closes for 1 week half term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school at 9am
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – more details to follow
Wednesday 27 th November	Whole School Open Morning
Friday 29 th November	Own clothes day donations for Christmas Fayre
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch Day

Attendance This Week

Class	%	Place
Nursery	81.54	5 th
Reception	96.02	2 nd
Reception / Year 1	96.18	1st
Year 2/1	92.34	3 rd
Year 2	90.20	4 th

NURSERY

In Nursery this week we started our new topic 'Why do leaves go crispy?' and we went on an Autumn walk to collect lots of Autumn treasures. We brought them back into class and have investigated them by looking at them through microscopes. We also have created Autumn art by using our Autumn treasures.



YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been learning about toys and how they have changed over time. We have thought about the materials which toys are made from and how we use them. The children loved bringing their toys from home and we created fact files all about them. We also really enjoyed Pirate Day!



RECEPTION

In Reception this week we started our new topic 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?' The children have enjoyed starting to explore our topic and using it in our literacy work. We all enjoyed an Autumn walk and looked at the changing colours of the leaves and collected conkers. We had lots of fun on pirate day and everyone looked brilliant in their costumes.

YEAR 2

This week some of us have enjoyed visiting the farm and finding out where our food comes from. We have finished reading George's Marvellous Medicine and have begun to read another story by Roald Dahl. In science we investigated melting different materials and found out that butter melted the quickest. In maths we have begun to look at adding and subtracting two numbers to 20 and looking at how to check our work. We are also enjoying using playdough to create a simple animation using the iPads.



Notices

- Please remember to let the school office know of any changes of address, email or phone numbers. It is important that these are updated on our systems in order that we can contact you in an emergency.
- We would appreciate donations of dried and tinned foods for our Harvest Festival. We would like to create some parcels to give to families in need. If you know of a family in need please call in and speak to Mrs McMullen or Mrs Haddock.
- We have had some cases of Head Lice reported in school this week. Please can all parents and carers regularly check your children's hair and treat when necessary.

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