

WFPS Fortnightly Update-Issue 8 (17th January 2020)



Living, Learning and Growing Together in God's Love
Jesus said "I came to give life – life in all its fullness."

We are a school rooted in God and our community through our founders. We continue their vision to welcome, nurture and enable all to flourish and develop as unique individuals who share their gifts with each other and the wider world.



Diary Dates

Monday 20th January – PTFA Clothes Collection
Tuesday 21st January – Year 5 Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 22nd January – 9.15am - Cedar Class Celebration
Friday 24th January – Cake Sale in aid of Sleep Out
Wednesday 29th January – 9.15am - Chestnut Class Celebration
Friday 31st January – Beech Class Cake Sale
Wednesday 5th February – 9.15am – Maple Class Celebration
Wednesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day
Friday 7th February – Oak Class Cake Sale
Tuesday 11th February – Singing Square 2.40pm
Wednesday 12th February 9.15am – Beech Class Celebration
Thursday 13th February – PTFA Hot Dog Evening 3.15pm – 5pm
Friday 14th February – School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24th February – Teacher Training Day, School Closed



Tuesday 25th February – School Re – opens to pupils

Wednesday 26th February - Author Adam Guillian in school
Friday 28th February – Fir Class Cake Sale
Wednesday 4th March – Holly Class Celebration – 9.15am
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Friday 6th March – Chestnut Class Cake Sale
Tuesday 10th March – Simon Aston in school – Online Safety
Wednesday 11th March – Cherry Class Celebration – 9.15am
Friday 13th March – Cherry Class Cake Sale
Monday 16th March – RSC Performance at the Derngate
Tuesday 17th March – St Patricks Day, to dress in green
Tuesday 17th March – Year 4 Family Service 9.15am
Wednesday 25th March – Willow Class Celebration 9.15am
Tuesday 31st March – Easter Service at St Peters
9.15am Year 1/2/3 10am Year 4/5/6
Wednesday 1st April – Easter Service at S Peters for Reception and Pre School 11am
Tuesday 31st March – Parents Evening 5.30pm – 8pm
Thursday 2nd April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Friday 3rd April – School Closes

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Reading Update January 2020

Please see attached a copy of our Reading Update for January 2020, the update includes helpful hints and important dates for your diary

Reading Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 26th February – Author Adam Guillain in

Thursday 5th March – Word Book Day

Monday 18th May – Poet Ian Bland in school

Monday 18th May – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Family Poetry Workshop with Ian Bland



As you know, we take part in a Trust wide project each year that is linked with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC). This year we are learning about Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' and we are so excited to see the learning that has taken place! Every year group has been involved and all of our children are engaging incredibly well with the play. They are able to articulate what Venice was like, who the characters are and some of the plot so far.

Some of our Reception children have offered comments about the play: "I love the houses [in Venice] and the super big tower and the water. I feel said for Antonio because he can't get his ships back and Shylock is going to take a pound of his flesh." "I like the brown boats - they're like canoes." Some of the class chose to build Portia's house out of blocks.

Year 1 were enthusiastic about their writing: One hot afternoon two men were talking. Their names were Antonio and Bassanio. Bassanio was sad because he wanted to marry a beautiful and clever powerful girl but he didn't have special clothes to to marry her.

Hawthorn Class have been working with a composer to create some music for a particular scene in the play. The children were so enthusiastic, saying: "Hawthorn has been enjoying using drama and music to explore the story and help us understand the story more deeply. This is giving us an understanding of what could happen next when Jessica and Lorenzo leave." "We are enjoying the suspense!" "It has helped us imagine how the characters are feeling and what their emotions are and maybe what they should have done instead of what they did." "We got to watch 'The Merchant of Venice' with the RSC, earlier in the year, which really helped us too."



Coffee Morning

Our next 'Coffee Morning' will be held in our 'Community Room' on Monday 20th January 2020 from

8.50 am – 10 am

Please join us



Apple/Smart Watches

A reminder that Smart/apple watches should not be worn in school, they have the same functionality of a phone which are not permitted to be used.

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World Book Day

Week beginning 2nd March 2020 is Book Week. We celebrate books and reading all year round at Weston Favell but this a particularly special week as it is World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Classes will be sharing and celebrating their favourite books throughout the week. After speaking with children, we have found that there are mixed opinions towards dressing up as a book character. We have therefore agreed that dressing up is entirely optional. If you do choose to dress up, to support our efforts with looking after our planet, we ask that you do not purchase something new but instead reuse and recycle. This could be re-using a costume from previous years or making your own costume from clothes and resources you already own. It must be a character from a book.



End Of School Day

Our School day ends at 3.15pm however we have an increasing number of children being collected late from school and after school clubs

Please be aware that any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to PALS (The before and after school club) and you will be invoiced for the full session at a cost of £7.00, the club runs until 5.45pm.

Please collect your child promptly from after school clubs such as netball, gymnastics, Any children not collected 10 minutes after the end of the club will be taken to PALS and you will be invoiced the full session at a cost of £7.00. If for any reason you are running late, please let the school know so we can tell your child.
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NMPAT Music

NMPAT Saturday Music and Art Centres are holding an Open Day on: **Saturday 18th January 2020**

Please see the attached leaflet

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Safety around school

We are very concerned that some parents and children have been entering school by walking under the barrier to the school car park. This is extremely dangerous and could result in a serious injury.

Please enter the school premises by using the pedestrian access points on Westwood Way or by the PALS entrance off the Wellingborough Road.



Dolce School Catering

Dolce have been providing our children with school meals for the last two weeks. We are very pleased with the quality and menu options which are being provided. Lunchtimes have been slightly longer to enable the children and staff to become familiar with the new system in place. Staff have been in the hall during lunchtime to supervise and speak to the children about the food. We have had lots of positive feedback not only from the children but also from staff. If children have chosen meals which they have not enjoyed we have asked them to let you know so you can select another option.



PE Kit/School Uniforms

Please ensure children have Warm outdoor PE Kit in school at all times, along with plimsolls. PE sessions will be inside in adverse weather. Also a reminder that all children should be wearing black school shoes as part of their uniform. From Monday 27th January we will provide black plimsolls for children who do not wear black shoes.



PTFA – Clothing Collection

Our next clothing collection is on Monday 20th January. Please drop off any bags of unwanted clothes from 8.30am outside the main gate.



Safety around school

Following on from previous newsletters please park safely with consideration for local homeowners when dropping children to school. We have received numerous complaints over recent weeks regarding inconsiderate parking. We will continue to monitor this along with our community police officer.



This is an example of parking reported by the local community support officer who monitors and reports dangerous parking.