

# WFPS Fortnightly Update-Issue 11 (6<sup>th</sup> March 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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Simon Aston in school – Online Safety**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Cherry Class Celebration – 9.15am  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Cherry Class Cake Sale  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – RSC Performance at the Derngate  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patricks Day, to dress in green  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 leading Family Service 9.15am  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Trip to the national gallery  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Willow Class Celebration 9.15am  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 6:00 pm – Year 4 Ilam information evening for parents and children  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Service at St Peters  
9.15am Year 1/2/3 10am Year 4/5/6  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Parents Evening 5.30pm – 8pm  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 11:00– Easter Service at St. Peters - Reception and Pre School  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – School Closes**



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**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School Re –Opens to pupils**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St Georges Day, all teams to dress in Red and bring in a contribution to their chosen charity.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 leave for Ilam Hall  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Maple Class to Compton Verney  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Return from Ilam Hall  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Fir Class Celebration 9.15am  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Redwood Class to Compton Verney  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Weston Favell Pre School Cake Sale  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED – VE DAY**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – PTFA Clothes Collection  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS week begins  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Sycamore Class Celebration  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm May Day at St Johns  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – PTFA Disco, Reception – Year 3, 5pm -6pm  
Year 4 – Year 6 6.15pm – 7.30pm  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School Closes**

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## COVID-19 Update

The Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19, related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

**We have received numerous email enquiries from parents about coronavirus. Please be aware that we will be following guidelines issued by the DfE. We will share any information and advice provided by home contact to keep you updated.**



## No Nut products in School

A reminder to advise that due to a number of children having nut allergies within school, snacks and packed lunches should not contain nut products



## **Online Behaviour Parent Information Sessions**

Simon Aston, Northampton's E-Safety Officer, is coming into school on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** to talk to the children about Online Safety. We have arranged for Simon to several information sessions for parents throughout the day. They will be at

**9.00 am in the community room (Please enter via the playground)**

**2,45 am in the School Hall (Please enter via school reception)**

**6.00 pm in the community room (Please enter via the playground)**

**The gates will be open at 4.45pm and we will open the playground for parking)**

We would urge you to try and attend one of these sessions. Simon works with young people and parents across the county to ensure social media is used safely. Some of his work sadly involves teaching young people how to use social media safely after individuals have fallen victim to harrowing experiences. He is able to offer advice on how parents can support and protect their children to use their devices safely.

**There has been a significant increase in the number of concerns raised by parents over inappropriate use of social media between children at home. This is an ideal opportunity to come and speak with Simon about how parents should deal with these situations.**

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## Homework

We have had a couple of enquiries about homework expectations. Homework is set with the intention of it being meaningful and manageable.

-All year groups bring home Knowledge Organisers. This is an opportunity for you to share knowledge with your children and promote discussion at home about their learning in school. The knowledge organisers contain key vocabulary. Please practise the vocabulary with your child to ensure they have a secure understanding of it's meaning.

Age appropriate vocabulary lists, Common Exception Words and words linked with phonic lessons are sent home for children to practise. This will vary between year groups.

-Reading – our expectation is that children will read at home five times a week.

-Maths – maths activity provided by class teachers or TT Rocks (Years 1-6) Key Instant Recall Facts are also provided for each individual child.

At some points in the year there will be additional tasks for some year groups.

In KS2 homework will be marked in pink pen by the children as they discuss the tasks.

In KS1 homework will be marked by a staff member.



## Parents Evening Information

Parents' Evenings will take place on  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 5.30pm - 8.00pm**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 3.30pm – 6.00pm.**

We encourage you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. A crèche will be provided for your children in the Studio at a cost of 50p per child or £1 per family, bookable and payable on the night.

Please sign up using the sheet which will be displayed on the classroom door from **Monday Morning**, due to GDPR regulations, please DO NOT write your child's full name on the form. Please use FIRST name and initial of surname only

**Our School dinner provider Dolce will be attending both dates to hold taster sessions, our menu options are proving to be very popular and we would like to give all parents the opportunity to speak to our providers and taste some of the meals you have been booking for your children.**

### **Please be aware - Local Roadworks affecting Weston Favell**

Seven weeks of roadworks will be taking place while Northamptonshire Highways carry out repairs an underpass. Two slip roads connecting Weston Favell Shopping Centre to the A43 will be closed from Monday March 16th 2020 forcing motorists onto diversions which may cause delays  
The repairs are due to be completed by Friday May 3 2020

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## **School Diners**

Our new school dinner menu is proving to be very popular and we are delighted with our new provider Dolce and the wonderful choice of options on the menu, To help reduce food waste we do ask that you discuss the menu with your children to ensure they enjoy the selection of food ordered,

A reminder that school meals can be ordered up to 8.15am of each school morning, however if your child has no order made we will still provide a lunch however the option will be a jacket potato with a choice of topping (No other items on the menu can be offered).

If you would like to order or see the current menu please visit [www.dolce.co.uk](http://www.dolce.co.uk)



## **Courage-**

Being courageous can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of courage to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time and we have to find courage to overcome them.

Talk together about

- the different challenges that each family faces
- is there someone that we admire because of the courage that they have shown?
- who or what helps us find courage?



## **PE Kit/School Uniforms**

Please ensure children have Warm outdoor PE Kit in school at all times, along with trainers. 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. We will provide black plimsolls for children who do not wear black shoes.

## **Pre School Entrance**

Can we ask that all parents use the Pre School entrance gate located on Westwood Way only to access pre school with your children and not the rear gate located within the school grounds