



Wraxall School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

Coming up this week



Tuesday: Swimming for year 3 & 4

Friday: Go Orange day - wear something orange & bring in some loose change for Muscular Dystrophy UK

Information for Parents



Dear parents/ carers,

Every week you will find a link to Parent INFO in the school newsletter email.

What is Parent Info?

Parent Info provides high quality information to parents and carers about their children's wellbeing and resilience. There are hundreds of useful articles and information covering a wide range of subject matter from Family Life, Sex and Relationships, Health and Well Being and Digital World.

In line with CEOP's Thinkuknow programme, some of the content covers internet safety, but it all starts from the assumption that young people make little distinction between their online and offline lives and the issues for parents can often be the same.

Simply click [here](#) to access the website and navigate through the articles you would like to read. New content is added weekly.

You will also find a link to Parent Info in the E-safety section of the school website.

INTERNET SAFETY EVENING AT NAILSEA SCHOOL

All Y5 and Y6 parents are invited to an internet safety evening on Tuesday 20th February at Nailsea School. The event run by an expert from the UK Safer Internet Centre aims to help parents understand how they can support and guide their child's internet use. The evening will cover use of Snapchat, Instagram, Omegle, Vine, GTA, YouTube, etc. There will also be practical information on filtering, gaming restrictors, images and social platforms.

Nailsea School Business Studies students will be selling refreshments from 6.00pm and then the evening starts at 6.30pm and will last for 90 minutes. In order for the school to plan for numbers, if you plan to attend the event please email Ms Hynes dhynes@nailseaschool.com to confirm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, 8th February, after school: "Red & white" cake sale - incorporating "The Great Wraxall Bake Off"

Friday, 2nd March, 19:30, Long Ashton Village Hall: Quiz Night

Friday, 8th June, 19:30 (tbc), White Hart, Weston-in-Gordano: Summer Party (for grown ups)

Friday, 29th June, 15:30, Failand Village Hall: Summer Fayre (for everyone)

THE GREAT WRAXALL BAKE OFF: 8th February

The next cake sale is going to incorporate a small, friendly baking competition for students. More details to come very, very soon, but students will have the chance to bring in their own baked goods, with the chance to win a number of prizes. Stay tuned!

QUIZ NIGHT: 2nd March

The annual Wraxall School Quiz Night is back! Quiz-masters-extraordinaire Alice and Dave will again be stumping us all. Everyone is welcome, so spread the word to friends, family, neighbours and strangers! Doors open at 19:00 for a 19:30 start at the Long Ashton Village Hall. Food will be served after the first couple of rounds. Crisps and other snacks will be available to purchase at any time. Early bird tickets, with a slight discount, are available online now!

[Tickets for the Wraxall C of E VA Primary School Quiz Night](#)

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER PARTY!

Details will follow, but for the moment make sure you hold the evening of 8th June free for the Wraxall School Summer Party..for grown-ups! It'll be a fun, social night for parents, carers, teachers and other folks from the Wraxall Primary School community at the White Hart in Weston-in-Gordano.

CLASS WISHLISTS

This is a new initiative that the FWSA is going to try out. These lists are a result of the FWSA getting requests from parents for ways to help classes directly, over and above the normal fundraising we do. These are things that will make a difference in teaching and administering, but that fall outside the extremely tight and dwindling school budgets.

See the lists, and a full explanation here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zbaxkU_J_C8Sta2ivt-EZNxWara9ew6nj_1SSpU1Kss/

Thanks and have a great weekend!

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Church News



All Saints' Church, Wraxall on Friday 2nd February at 6.30pm and Saturday 3rd February at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

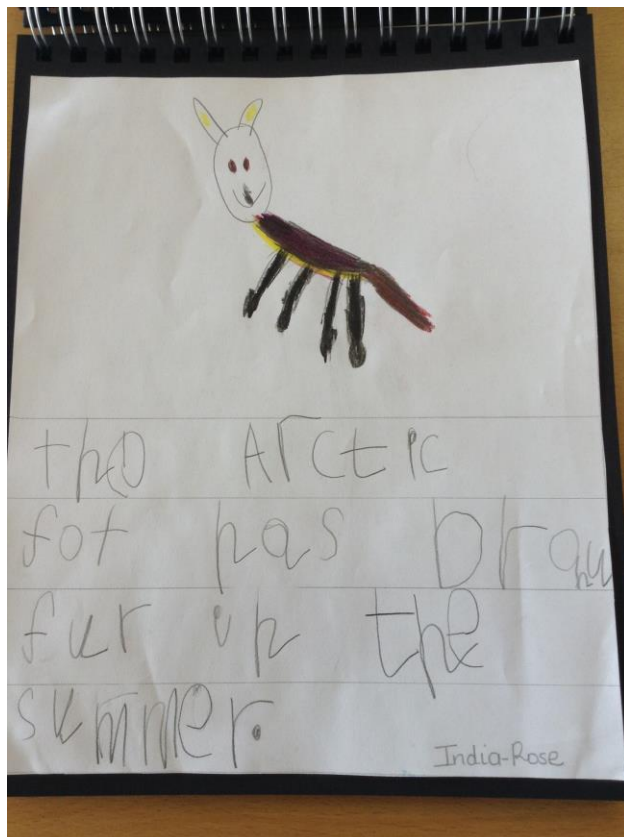
Tickets are £5 for adults & £3 for children (16 & under) and are available from John Brown's Hardware, All Saints Church, Wraxall Primary School & Failand Post Office.

Come along and enjoy a fun evening, you know you want to - oh yes you do!

Sunday 4th February 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC), All Saints' Wraxall Church

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages

Message from Mr Tucker



Dear Parents/Carers,

Several parents have asked where I was on Wednesday morning when the most almighty torrential rain pounded down on us. Believe me, it truly hurt having to stay inside while so many of you turned up

looking like drowned rats. The problem was, Beth made me do a... thing. A very important 'thing' and just would not let me out. I begged and pleaded but the woman was not for turning. Normal service shall be resumed on Monday. (Probably. If it is warm and dry).

Reception have been reading information texts this week, looking at the animals which inhabit the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions. As Christopher informed me, 'Polar bears don't eat penguins because polar bears are at the top and penguins are at the bottom'. Quite right, my good sir. As often happens, things started to spiral at this point, with Narwhals becoming the hot topic of conversation. A metre stick was used to find out just how long one of their 'tusks' are (up to 4 metres, by the way) and they have now decided that they would like to make a life-sized version out of toilet rolls and paper, to be suspended from the ceiling for ever more. The whole school is watching Mrs H, it had better be good!

Year 1/2 have been having a go at something a little different this week. Armed with some of the biggest pinecones you have ever seen, half a ton of bird seed and a vat of lard, Fin's mum has been working on creating bird feeders for every member of the class. The children had great fun mixing up the ingredients (when I say 'mixing', I really mean 'wearing') and then trying to spoon them into the gaps between the cones' fronds, which is distinctly trickier than it looks. They are also helping Mrs Martin construct two bird boxes which we shall be putting up in the school grounds with the hope that it will attract a couple of our feathered friends and encouraging them to nest in the spring time. I shall let you know if we hear the pitter patter of tiny wings in a couple of months' time.

Egg update: they are all just sat there like lemons. Not a sausage is happening. (Hmmm sausage and egg. I like sausage and egg). Hope we haven't been sold a pup here! Edit: Apparently, patience is required and there should be some movement next week.

Right, it is 2:45 on Thursday afternoon and I have just been into Miss Madge's class to see what they have been learning about this week. If I am honest, I was not expecting to be confronted with, 'The digestive system.' This topic, coupled with Year 3/4: I was decidedly edgy; one might even say 'nervous' about the nature of the information they were about to impart to me. Well, fair dooz, they were incredibly eloquent and had a far more intricate knowledge of the digestive tract than myself. All of this background information was in preparation for them to be able to have the understanding to support their Big Write explanation. It will allow them to concentrate on crafting an effective piece rather than having to think about the factual information required and how to make it sound appropriate. (Friday morning: Excellent results. They have written some stunning stuff and because they did not have to concentrate on the content, they could really focus on the mechanics of effective writing).

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of watching a maths lesson in Year 5/6. It is always somewhat of a mixed experience when I join the oldest members of the school. On the one hand, it is amazing to see what they can do with, in this case, fractions, decimals and percentages. On the other hand, I live in mortal dread of being asked a question, any question, as the chances of me being able to answer it are slim. Decidedly slim. I was genuinely impressed with the way they were managing to calculate some really challenging problems; problems that I would not ever have looked at until I was in secondary school. Just so you have a point of reference, here is one of the problems that the whole class had to tackle. Although the maths was pretty easy, working out what was required of them was another matter. (**Obviously** I know the answer, but if you would like to check how you have got on, it is probably best to contact Mr Khanna. You know, as it is his question and all. Don't want to step on his toes. Protocol and all that).

All the children in Class 6 vote to pick a class captain. The choice is Holly, Dev or Joe. Dev gets 10% of the votes, Joe gets twice as many as votes as Holly. What % of votes does the winner get?

Next Friday we are having an 'Orange day', where the children are invited to come wearing something orange to school. Anything goes, from jumpers to scarves to ribbons. This is in support of a local boy who has sadly been diagnosed with having muscular dystrophy. Many of the schools in our areas are joining together to raise money for research into this illness and we would very much appreciate any donations you can spare. If you do not have anything orange, please do not worry, it is not a problem. Just come in your normal school uniform and you are very welcome to still bring in £1.00, if you would like. To be honest, all donations will be very gratefully received. There is an article on the front of the North Somerset Times this week which may be of interest.

This time our Stars of the week are Christopher in Reception, Lawson & Zachary in year 1/2, Max & Joe in Year 3/4 and Marlowe & Yas in Year 5/6. Very well done all of you. Griffin have the most conduct marks this time and also the highest number of work marks. Bronze badges were awarded to Max, Esther, Olivia & Hannah and a Gold badge was awarded to Ben W, congratulations!

Last week I wrote in the newsletter that we would be holding a Book for Bedtime event after half term. Amazingly, the date was correct, Thursday 22nd February, and everyone is very welcome to join us for stories and hot chocolate. A letter will be coming out with more details but please be aware that an adult will be needed to accompany the children

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care. Oh, and if you find any of our Reception class, who were blown away on Wednesday morning, please do return them to Mrs Hayward/Mrs Harris. Ellie and Zach were last seen disappearing over the Quantocks so if you are on your way to Bridgwater, do keep an eye out for a red jumper or two.

Mr Tucker

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