



# Wraxall School Newsletter

**Friday 9th March 2018**

## [Dates for your diary](#)

**Tuesday 13th March:** Year 3 & 4 Swimming

**Thursday 15th March:** Year 3 & 4 at Caerleon for the day

**Friday 16th March:** Year 1's to accompany Reception class on the welly walk

**Monday 19th to Friday 23rd March:** Sport Relief Week

**Thursday 22nd March:** Year 1 & 2 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo farm

**Friday 23rd March:** Dress in "sporty gear" or as your favourite sports person for Sport Relief

**Friday 23rd March:** Last day of term

**TUESDAY 10th APRIL:** Back to school

**Friday 13th April:** Rugby day

## Information for Parents



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### **SPORT RELIEF**

It's Sport Relief Week from 19-23 March. We will be taking part in sporty activities all week. Every day, each class will have an extra active lesson. Then, on Friday, we will have our own "Wraxall Giant Circuit", where the whole school will take part in a circuit training session. The children can come in dressed in "sporty gear" or as their favourite sports person on Friday 23 March, and bring in donations for Sport Relief on that day.

## FWSA

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, 27th April, 19:00, 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)

### **QUIZ NIGHT: \*Rescheduled for Friday 27 April\***

Following cancellation last week due to snow, we have rescheduled the annual Wraxall School Quiz Night for 27 April. Original tickets are still valid, but if you are not able to make the new date, we will, of course, give you a full refund. 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.

[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/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zbaxkU_J_C8Sta2ivt-EZNxWara9ew6nj_1SSpU1Kss/)

Thanks and have a great weekend!

FWSA

## Church News



**Sunday 11th March** - 10.00 am: Mothering Sunday with Communion, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

### **YEAR 3 & 4 PARENTS**

You should have received an invitation for a dinner party being held in the Cross Tree Centre on Friday 16th March at 7.30pm. If you have not received one then please contact the school office.

**Sunday 18th March** - 10.00 am: All Together in Church (ATIC) with Communion, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

All welcome. A service of music, words and prayer for all ages

## Sunday 25th March 16:30 - Food@4:30, Failand Village Hall

Please join us for some family fun. The theme this month is "Cheers & Jeers" as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We will be serving hot food suitable for all diets so please let Jules Harris [jules.curate@gmail.com](mailto:jules.curate@gmail.com) if you can come.

## Message from Mr Tucker

Dear Parents/Carers,

When you think back to this time last week, it is hard to believe that the sun is now shining and that spring is certainly on its way.

Thank you so much for all your help and understanding last Thursday when we had to close due to the snow. It is never easy to know what to do for the best in those situations. Close too early and you look ridiculous if the snow does not come. Opening during a blizzard and you risk an accident. The speed and humour that accompanied the children getting home was lovely and made a tricky little time all the easier. We really appreciate everyone pitching in. Oh, and just for the record, in no way did I enjoy having to close the school, tacking an extra day onto the weekend or using Poets' Walk as a luge. No sirree. Not me. I was devastated that I couldn't fight my way into school. Such is life. However, one of the genuine downsides was having to cancel the Quiz Night. We have rescheduled and look forward to taking on all-comers and grinding them into the dirt; er, sorry, I mean quizzing robustly with you on Friday 27 April.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come to parents' evening. It is hard to slot this in at times: speaking as a dad, I know. However, it is so important that we have these meetings, so that vital information about progress and next steps is shared. When you receive your child's report, there should be no surprises because, if we have done our jobs properly, you should know most of this already. Of all the schools I have worked at (and at my age there have been a few) there is no question that the community spirit we have here is second to none. The backup you give us and the support we hope we give you should join together to allow the children to thrive and make the very most of themselves. Thank you for all you do and thank you to all the staff who are so giving of their time.

We were delighted that so many of you were tempted to try the samples from our new catering suppliers, who we will be switching over to in April, while you were waiting for your parents' evening appointment. As has been well documented, I am something of a carnivore but even I was blown away by the Lentil Curry and as for the Lasagne: it was simply to die for. (If they had run out of tasting pots by the time you arrived: blame Beth. She had eighteen portions of curry and 25 flapjacks – quite reserved by her normal standards, really). If you would like any more details or simply just a menu of the new school dinners, please do contact the office.

The school's Educational Welfare Officer has contacted me this week as she is concerned about our attendance rates at school. We are well below the national average, which is a cause for concern. If a child's attendance is at 90%, they will have missed the equivalent of 20 days of school. This is a lot of learning to miss. We understand that children are ill sometimes but anything you can do to ensure that they miss as little of school as possible will be very much appreciated.

On the 22nd of March, Mr Khanna and I will be running two workshops after school: one on how to help your children with reading/comprehension and the other on helping them with their times tables at home. The sessions will last about an hour in total (max) and will give you tips on what to do and how to do it. With the increase in expectations around SATs, this could just tip the scales in the children's favour.

Our Stars of the Week are Harley in Reception, Beth & Jamie in Year 1/2, Jess & Sophie in Year 3/4 and Marlowe & Scarlet S in Year 5/6. Very well done. The house with the most Conduct Marks was Phoenix, while Griffin had the highest number of work marks. Bronze badges were awarded to Grace, Harley and Reuben, and a Silver badge to Phoebe S.

Some of you may remember our rugby day last year, when Isabella's dad, Matt, came in to take all the classes for a rugby session and then half the school trooped off to Ashton Gate to form the guard of honour for the players and watch Bristol take on Harlequins. It was a fantastic day and a brilliant night, which the children loved. Back by popular demand, we shall be repeating the dose on 13th April (first Friday back after Easter). If you would like to come along to the evening game, please let the office know and we shall block book a group of tickets so we can all sit together.

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care. Will England beat France? Will I be grumpy on Monday? I fear the answers to both those questions are inextricably linked. Fingers crossed everyone.

Mr Tucker

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