

Dear Families,

It was great to meet with the Friends of West Alvington this week, they have lots of fantastic fund-raising plans for the year ahead. We will soon be sharing dates for FOWA events and asking for your support. This term we are fundraising towards transport costs for two exciting trips that Hazel and Oak class have planned.

Please see below for news and updates from our classes.

The winner has been chosen of the menu contest for West Alvington and that winner is... [David Howard!](#) Well done to everyone for your inventive menus, it was very hard to choose.

Best Wishes,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Tuesday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in It all day)
- Morning Sports Club 8-9 each Tuesday
- After school sports club 3.15-4.15 each Tuesday
- Art Club starts Wednesday. For everyone who expressed interest; the timetable will be confirmed on Monday.
- Sporty Stars are back every Thursday after school. Sign up on MCAS.
- Hot weather continues to be forecast next week please send children to school with suncream, sun hat and a water bottle.
- Friday is Pyjama Day! Please bring a £1 donation for FOWA.

CENSUS DAY
2023

Census

Please remember to sign your child up for a FREE census day lunch on 5.10.23. The menu will be available at some point next week. You will be notified when it comes onto MCAS. Our school funding is based on how many children have a school meal on that date. Additionally, the school with the highest take up of school lunches in the Trust on that day will receive £750 for a special treat for our children! Let's see if Team West Alvington can win the prize!

West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

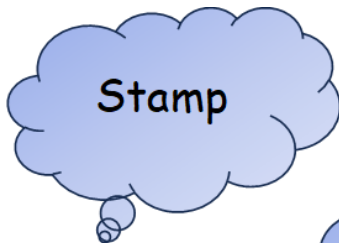
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



WOW Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

We can't wait to see!

Hazel Years R-2

Highlights from the week:

EYFS – This week, our theme has been *Our families!* We drew our family and thought about what they mean to us. We explored that families might look different for everyone. Our fine motor focus was pencil control.

KS1 – As mathematicians, Year 1 and 2 have both explored number place value. We have been overwhelmed by their curiosity and drive to learn. The children have been able to represent numbers in numerous ways and our Year 2s have started to look at place value charts.

We were lucky enough to join an author's event this week! We joined the author, Kaye Unmansky who wrote *This Rock is Mine!* It was great to celebrate a local author, talk about the meaning of the story and the characters.



Home Learning

Spellings – KS1 only

Your child will have a set of words to learn for the month which will challenge them and extend their vocabulary. We will also be focussing on these at school. Your child will still be tested on these each Friday.

Reading

Reception will start having these quizzes in a few weeks

Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

**RWinc book bag book, reading record and library book due in: Thursday New books :
Friday**

Oxford Owl Quizzes

Reception will start having these quizzes in a few weeks

Each week your child will be set a quiz to complete which will correspond with what they have been learning at school! The full set of books have also been set for your child – the books allocated will be the colour of the group your child is in. These will be different to the book bag books they bring home. Please read these as and when.

Quiz completed by: Thursday New Quiz: Friday

Login: School code: jel8

It is free to access all the books, and there are also loads of different activities you could try at home too! If you misplace their individual login details, please catch either me or Miss Elliott and we can get these for you.

Maths

Please explore Numbots and have a go at a few games – I wonder what your score will be!

Reception only – please find your weekly maths home learning on Tapestry.



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Michael

For his amazing phonics and for trying really hard with his letter formation!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 97.8%

Let's try harder for next week!

Oak Years 3-6

This week as food technologists, the children loved blind tasting delicious soups made by the kitchen team at Thurlestone. They have super taste buds in Oak Class and were very close to correctly guessing the ingredients used to cook; Mediterranean tomato, garlic and sweetcorn and cumin and carrot soup! We will be making our own soup in school as part of learning about 'rationing' in history. As scientists, the children loved making bionic hands to show how our bones and muscles move!



Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read.

Home Learning

For home learning this week, I have sent home a sheet for your child to investigate how to make a 3D map. The children will have two weeks to complete this Home Learning – due Friday 6th October. We have spoken about the different kinds of 3D maps they could make, remembering to label with OS symbols. This also forms part of our geography learning this term.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. This week, the children have apostrophes for contraction spellings which link to our English writing. We will have a spelling test next Friday.

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Heidi

This young lady has wowed us all with her thirst for learning and consistent hard work across all areas in our curriculum. Heidi always adds her thoughts and feelings during our class discussions and has so many fantastic ideas to share during our science lessons! So impressed with your amazing learning attitude – well done!

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th October – National Poetry Day

Friday 6th October – Harvest Festival @ WA church 2pm

Tuesday 10th October – Flu Immunisations

Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October – Parent Consultations

Friday 20th October 2023 – Last day of half-term

23rd – 27th October – Half term

Monday 30th October 2023 – Back to School

Monday 30th October – School photos (individual and family)

Tuesday 5th December – Oak Theatre Trip

Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances AM & PM

Monday 11th December – Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December – Hazel Theatre trip

Friday 15th December – Last day of term

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 27th September – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 11th October – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 1st November – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 15th November – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 29th November – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 13th December – Hazel & Chestnut

(Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).