

Dear Families,



Little Learners

A FREE tuff tray session focussing on preparing your child for school with support from the Early Years teacher and Nursery Practitioners of our 'Good' provision



We enjoyed a Forest School session on site this week due to the approaching stormy weather. It was good fun to use the hammock attached to our play equipment and learn how to use the saw to cut wood safely.

Miss Cose has been working hard to encourage even more 'Little Learners' to join Chestnut Nursery. Please see below for information on some fun family sessions for the whole community. We would be grateful if families could share with their local networks.

 **Little Learners at Chestnut Nursery** 

Join us for a FREE tuff tray session, open to all children aged 2-4, with an emphasis on supporting your little ones transition to preschool and school!

Our Early Years Teacher along with the Nursery practitioners will be on hand to answer all your questions on preparing your little one (and you!) for school life including:

- The application process
- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- What is phonics?
- Early numeracy
- The EYFS Curriculum
- Practical Tips for an easy transition
- How can I support my child's learning?

This is a relaxed and informal play session based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) with the opportunity to take a look around West Alvington's 'Good' Early Years department if you'd like to.

Thursday 30th November, 10.15am at West Alvington C of E Academy. To book please email westalvington@apsw.org or phone our office between 9am-1pm. 01548 312290

Please see below for some dates and news from the Friends of West Alvington who have been working hard to raise funds for our children.

Best Wishes,

Miss Coombe

Friends of West Alvington News and Dates

There are so many exciting events to look forward to over the coming weeks, here are just a few...

Eyes down! Bingo in the newly refurbished Village Hall is not to be missed on Friday **10th November**. Get ready to bid for your child's artwork during the Art Exhibition which takes place on Friday **6th December** in the school hall. Want to get organised for Christmas? Grab a bargain at the West Alvington Christmas Fayre, where you will find many gifts and delicious festive treats to choose from, don't miss out – Friday **8th December**. Thank you to the Friends of West Alvington for organising these events for our school.

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)

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...

Diwali

Blow

Fireworks



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!

Star of the Week!



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Sylvie

For being a kind and inclusive friend.

Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – Our theme this week has been Fireworks and Diwali! We explored the reasons why we have fireworks and how they make us feel. Our whole EYFS have had lots of fun making Diwali decorations. Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills. In maths, we have been exploring 1 more and 1 less using representations and numerals. The children loved listening to 5 little speckled frogs! They have blown us away!

KS1 – As geographers, we have been studying maps and the children drew their very own map of the school grounds. The children were able to label their maps and we began to look at symbols that can represent local places or businesses. In computing this week, we have started to learn how to independently log into a Chromebook using our usernames and passwords. As global citizens, we explored what it means to belong to a faith. We had class discussions about where we belong in our community.

Roxy was our PE superstar this week for her ability to adapt her rhythm and movements – well done you!

Home Learning

Spelling - KS1 only

Your child will come home with spellings each Friday for them to learn ready for their test the following Friday. It will include words that they can decode and some red tricky words.

Reading

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

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: jels

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 children:

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the half term 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.

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Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.

Star of the Week!



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Henry

It is beautiful to see your ability to persevere and blossom as the weeks go by.

We are so proud of you Henry.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 92.2%

Let's try to improve next week.

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

As writers the children began their new unit in English, *Rose Blanche*. The children used drama as a platform to immerse themselves into the story of a young girl living in Germany at the time of World War II and the Nazi regime. As historians, we learnt how the role of women changed during WW2 and how propaganda leaflets urged women to participate in the war effort. As artists, the children studied the work of local artist, Stephen Thomas. They learnt that he prefers to use watercolour to create his paintings inspired by the changing seasons and the effect of weather on the stunning landscapes – many of which the children recognised, including Burgh Island. As athletes, the children enjoyed their first PE session of the term, learning the 5 elements of dance: body, action, space, time and energy. Well done to Milla for being awarded our PE Superstar this week for her immaculate presentation.

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

This week, I would like the children to practise the multiplication and division maths tasks which I have sent home. Please help your child with this. Due Thursday 9th November 2023.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will be spelling rules or from the Tier 2 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every **Friday**.

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David

David, you have made some jaw dropping comments during our history and English learning this week. Mrs Andrews and I are always so amazed at the depth of your knowledge and you always add something very special to our lessons. Thank you. What a SUPERSTAR! :)

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Dates for your Diary

- Friday 10th November – Bingo FOWA (village Hall 6.30 – 10pm)
Friday 17th November – Children in Need SPOTacular
Friday 17th November – Bring and Buy Sale
w/c 20th November – Bikeability
Wednesday 29th November – Usborne Book Fair 3pm for parents 3.15 for families
Friday 1st December – Christmas Craft Afternoon 1.30 – 3pm
Monday 4th December – Hazel & Chestnut Nativity costume deadline
Tuesday 5th December – Oak Class Bristol Hippodrome Theatre Trip
6th December – Art Exhibition 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm @ WA Church
Friday 8th December – WA Christmas Market
Monday 11th December – KS2 Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm
Tea & Coffee provided by FOWA
Tuesday 12th December – Hazel Theatre trip
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Meal & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December – Christmas Party (Village Hall TBC)
Friday 15th December – Last day of term

Forest School Dates

- Wednesday 15th November – Hazel & Chestnut
Wednesday 29th November – Oak & Chestnut
Wednesday 15th December – Hazel & Chestnut
(Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).