

Dear Families,

Our children have been getting active with their Bikeability training this week! They were commended by the Bikeability coaches for their hard work and resilience as they learned important new skills. It was such a pleasure to see our children taking to the roads and some putting foot to pedal for the first time!

Hazel Class went on an adventure around the village as they practised their map skills, learnt about local landmarks and brought their Geography learning to life.



We were also treated to a visit from Miss Andrews who told us all about her work as a Doctor fulfilling one of our 70 promises by Year 7 part of School Trust approach to personal development developing the qualities and attributes children need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.

We have so much to look forward to over the next few weeks including Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and a Christmas Party in Village Hall. Please note that we have changed the date for our Christmas Dinner to **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** to accommodate some of the trips and visits happening across our hub of schools.

## *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...

Get ready to bid for your child's artwork during the Art Exhibition which takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to the Friends of West Alvington for organising these events for our school.

### Some important information for next week-

- Tuesday – Cinema Trip. Please collect your child from Kingsbridge Cinema @ 3.15pm.
- Tuesday – No afterschool sports club
- Wednesday – Chestnut & Oak Forest School AM
- Wednesday – Book Fair in School Hall from 3pm (no art club today)
- Thursday – No Mini Chestnuts today – please come along to our below event instead.
- Thursday – Little Learners EYFS Open Morning 10.15am

## 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



## ★ 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10.15am at West Alvington C of E Academy. To book please email [westalvington@lapsew.org](mailto:westalvington@lapsew.org) or phone our office between 9am–1pm

01548 312290

## Nativity

EYFS and KS1 are continuing with their Nativity rehearsals. Please ensure to practice any lines that your child might have to support them.

**Was your child born between  
1st September 2019 and  
31st August 2020?**

**How to Apply for a Primary  
School Place in Devon**

You can apply online at  
**[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)**  
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on  
**0345 155 1019**  
or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)

Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

Devon  
County Council

## Family Information

Action for Children- funded webinars for parents and carers

Action for children - Devon Childrens Centres are offering a selection of webinars and online events. The latest of which are listed below:

- Help me - I'm a Parent! - Tantrums & Meltdowns - Monday 15th January 2024 (1 - 2pm)
- Help me - I'm a Parent! - PLAY - Wednesday 21st February 2024 (1 - 2pm)

To book please visit: [Devon Digital Webinars | Eventbrite](#)

Digi Dads Connect – digital drop in session for male carers

We also offer monthly male carer drop in's called Digi Dads connect! This is a safe and supportive digital session for males with child caring responsibilities to meet and share.

Book onto a Digi Dads Connect drop in session here: [Devon Digital Services – Digi Dad's Connect \(office365.com\)](http://DevonDigitalServices.com)

There are two dates left this year on the 27th November and the 11th December.

## 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...

Paramedics

Emergency

Dear all,

This week we have been playing with our preferred toys and with each other. There is super evidence of being kind and helpful which has linked well with thinking about the different people who help us. Reception have been joining us for a weekly activity which is great for our little ones too.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes from Miss Lees and Mrs Butterworth



Firefighters



**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!**



**Sylvie**

**For keeping on going despite being under the weather**



# Hazel Years R-2

**EYFS** – Our theme this week has been People who help us! The children have had a visit from a real doctor, emersed themselves in small world play and thought about which uniform they would like to wear when they are grown up. Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills. In phonics, the children have been making fabulous progress, fine tuning their ability to blend, using their Fred fingers and some have even begun to write sentences! We are so proud of you all. Furthermore, a huge well done to the children for completing their balance bike training with Bikeability – the trainer was blown away by their ability and enthusiasm.

**KS1** – As artists, we have been experimenting with colour washing and zooming in on several aspects of Yvonne Coomber's work. As geographers, we ventured out around our village, visiting our local landmarks. We have also been exploring human and physical features of our local area and coming up with definitions for these terms. As mathematicians we have started our new learning block of shape. We have learnt the words 'vertices and 'vertex' which are the mathematical terms for a point/corner of a shape.

## 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

This week both Year 1 and Year 2 will come home with end of unit booklets to have a go at!

### 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.

I can't wait to see!

#### Star of the Week!



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Emma

Ethan

*You have blown us away this week with your sentence writing in RE. You presented your work so neatly and had such well thought out answers. Even Miss Coombe commented on how beautiful your work was. Well done you!*



#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 75.6%  
Let's try to improve next week!

## Oak Years 3-6

### This week in Oak Class..

This week they have been fantastically busy in Oak Class. The children have been such superstars during Bikeability and we have had so many compliments from the trainers about the children's determination, confidence and enthusiasm during their sessions. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish.

As active citizens, KS2 supported the younger children in a game of dodgeball teaching them the vital skills and how to work as a team.

As scientists, Years 3 & 4 have been writing up their findings from their experiment, investigating what key things the plants need to survive. The children have learnt how to alter a range of variables such as sunlight, temperature, nutrients and oxygen. Years 5 & 6 have been exploring food groups, identifying examples and investigating the effects they have on our bodies.

### 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, please read the extract about D-Day and answer the questions.

### 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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Milla

You have been such a credit to our school this week, showing our school values with no hesitation. You have gone above and beyond to help your teachers and peers. You are an absolute superstar Milla!

#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 98.3%

Well done Everyone! Let's try and improve even more next week!

### Dates for your Diary

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- Tuesday 28th November – Cinema Trip – collect your child from Kingsbridge Cinema 3.15pm
- 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 3.15 – 4.20pm
- Thursday 7th December – Hazel Planetarium Trip. Children to be dropped at Charleton Village Hall @ 9.15am
- 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
- Thursday 14th December – Christmas spectacular day! Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party (Village Hall)
- Friday 15th December – Last day of term
- Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Trip To Jump Plymouth

#### Forest School Dates

- Wednesday 29th November – Oak & Chestnut
  - Monday 11th December – Hazel & Chestnut
- (Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).