

Dear Families,

Our Bikeability program has had a tremendous impact on children, fostering both learning and enjoyment. This week our children have gained essential cycling skills, such as road awareness, balance, and safety techniques, but they also develop confidence in navigating their local environments. Well done to all our amazing bikers!

Year 6 had an action-packed morning at the leisure centre today, where they learned some essential life skills. From practicing how to respond in a medical emergency to gaining confidence in staying safe and being prepared to handle unexpected situations. It was a valuable and eye-opening experience that left them feeling empowered!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to school over the next few weeks for parent carer consultation meetings.

Have a great weekend,

Warm regards,

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)
- Friday Swimming Year 5 & 6

Save money on your childcare costs

The cost of childcare can take up a large chunk of the family budget. Whether you have babies, toddlers or teens, you could get support.

There are several Government schemes to help families with childcare costs, each one tailored to different needs, incomes and children's ages. They're not just to help pay for nurseries and childminders during term time, they can also cover wraparound childcare before and after school as well as help during the holidays.

To find out about all the schemes, visit the Government's Child Care Choices website and enter your details to see how you can save money on your childcare.

We have a duty to ensure there is enough childcare to meet parents' needs. Use our online form to tell us if you haven't been able to find the childcare you need.

Get a healthy start this autumn

If you receive certain benefits and are more than ten weeks pregnant, or have at least one child under four years old, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card, with money added every four weeks to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses and infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

You can also use your card to collect Healthy Start vitamins to support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding and vitamin drops for babies and young children suitable from birth to four years old.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

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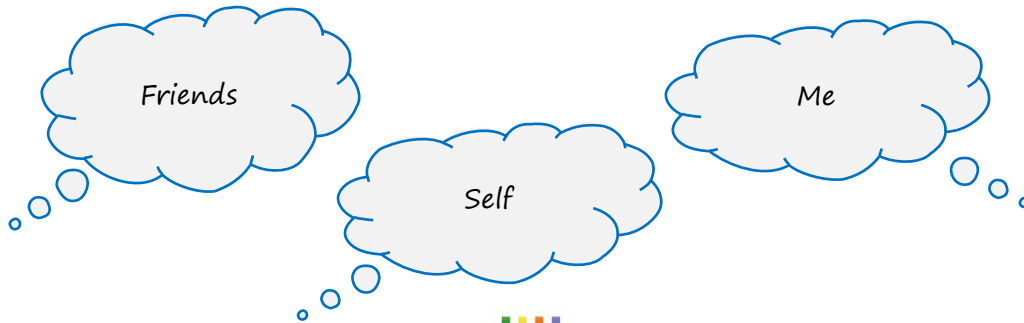
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



Wow Words!

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



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

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

We had another lovely forest school session this week in the sunshine. We went on an adventure during our Forest School sessions, on a bear hunt in fact. We found the bears house!

As artists this week we were using our artistic skills to mix primary colours and make secondary colours, we used these colours to design our own hot air balloons just like you find on Brian Pollards week.

As historians this week we had to decide if we thought Sir Francis Drake was a pirate or an explorer. We then had to use our historical knowledge to justify why.



Home Learning

- Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1 - bank, think, honk, sunk, to, go

Year 2 - age, huge, charge, bulge, after, any

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. 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 and completed reading record due in: Thursday

New books : Friday

Oxford owl:

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Emma

For always being so kind and respectful. She is always helping her peers and adults without being asked. Well done Emma!



Attendance

*Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 86%
Well done Everyone!*

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

The children were amazing during their bike ability sessions and proudly received their proficiency badges and certificates. As historians, they learnt more about the people of The Windrush Generation and created power points to share the biographies of Floella Benjamin, Linford Christie and Benjamin Zephania which they will present to the class next week. The children loved sketching their 'fisheye lense' portraits inspired by the work of Valerie Davide, using charcoal to consider tonal effects.

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 am sending home some place value consolidation for the children. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. The children can practise these in school and at home for their assessment every Friday.

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Ethan S

For working so hard to complete his work and making it look so beautiful!

School Christian Value

Lilly May

For supporting friends when they needed you.

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Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th October – Junior Life Skills (9.30 am – 12 pm)
Friday 11th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Monday 14th October- Parents Evening
Friday 18th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Tuesday 22nd October- Hazel Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd October Oak Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd October – Whole school FaB Day
Friday 25th October – FOWA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 25th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Half Term – 28th October to 1st November
Tuesday 5th November – Whole School Paignton Zoo Trip
Friday 15th November – Children in Need (details to follow)
Thursday 12th November – Christmas Jumper Day

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 9th October – Oak & Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd October – Hazel & Chestnut
Wednesday 13th November – Oak & Chestnut
Wednesday 27th November – Hazel & Chestnut
Wednesday 11th December – Oak & Chestnut