

Friday 24 February

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators

Resilient learners

Welcome to the first newsletter of term 4, it is so lovely to see the first signs of spring coming through at this wonderful time of year.

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you. Mr Ashworth and his partner gave birth to a little boy on Wednesday 8th February named Milo, weighing 9lb 5oz. Mum and baby are doing very well.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find some photographs of the work that has been completed over the half term break. New air-conditioning units installed in two of our Key Stage 2 classrooms, new flooring in the 6th form and also Exeter classrooms, a new bike and scooter storage unit and, most excitingly, the long-awaited multi-use astroturf area has been laid next to the running track.

I have also sent you all two separate letters this week, one with details of the next planned industrial action day on Thursday 2nd March, please ensure that you appraise yourselves of the arrangements. I know that you appreciated being told of this in advance last time as it enabled you to make plans. The second is a planned 'Critical Incident' practice next Tuesday morning. The learners will be talked through this in school but you may wish to do this also at home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the school

Due to the proposed second strike day next Thursday 2nd March, we are moving our World Book Day celebrations to Friday 24th March.

Lower School

Spring is on its way! What a lovely first week back Lower School has had. It has been filled with laughter, lots of collaborative play and the children being very inquisitive thinkers. The week has also featured a great many delicious looking pancakes – both in design and execution!

Although we are still only in term 4, it will be surprising how quickly the summer will come around. Therefore, I would like to invite parents and carers into school to come for a catch up and also an opportunity to discuss arrangements ahead of next September. Although classes are yet to be finalised, I am sure you will have lots of questions about what the next year may hold for your child; I will be happy to answer your questions as best I can.

Dates for the meetings are:

Class	Date of meeting
Wells and Bath	Friday 10 th March at 1.30 pm
Hull and Chester	Friday 17 th March at 1.30 pm
Oxbridge	Friday 24 th March at 1.30 pm

Middle School

It has been lovely welcoming back the students and hearing about all the things they got up to during the half term break. School was a busy place over half term as well, with lots of building and maintenance projects happening. Most notably for Middle School is a new floor in Exeter Classroom. We've also enjoyed hearing about some interesting choices for pancake toppings on Tuesday!

In Art we have started a new project on Landscapes. Next week some Middle school classes are going to the Uphill boatyard trail to draw landscapes from real life. Please ensure that on the day they have art they have appropriate clothing.

Upper School

For Year 10 parents / carers, although it feels like your child has only just joined us in Upper School, you may want to start thinking about your child's next education placement as this will be named during your child's EHCP review meeting between September and December this year. Typically, learners from Westhaven move on to the

following post 16 providers:

- Weston College Foundation Learning (<https://www.weston.ac.uk/what-can-i-study/courses-16-18-year-olds/courses-learners-special-educational-needs-andor>)
- Westhaven 6th Form (<https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/westhaven-6th-form/>)
- Weston College "The Bay" provision (<https://www.weston.ac.uk/why-choose-us/campuses-and-facilities/weston-bay>)

Learners from Westhaven have also gone on to study at other provisions, including:

- Bridgwater College
- City of Bristol College
- Ravenswood 6th Form

If you would like to chat through these options and the suitability of these options for your child, please contact Mrs Payne via reception.

For our Year 11 learners, the focus of their remaining time at Westhaven will be on completing their qualification courses (including exams for some learners - the exam timetable will be sent shortly by our exams officer), taking part in work experience and starting the transition to their next placement. For those learners who are planning on moving to Weston College Foundation Learning once they leave Westhaven, the college link programme will start after Easter and will take place every Friday morning (more details to follow).

Staff in the Spotlight: Miss T Chaplin

Favourite Book Quote	"If I loved you less, I might be able to talk about it more" Emma, Jane Austen
Favourite Quote about Reading	"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Gruffalo, Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	Charlotte's Web, E.B White

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Jolly Postman'.

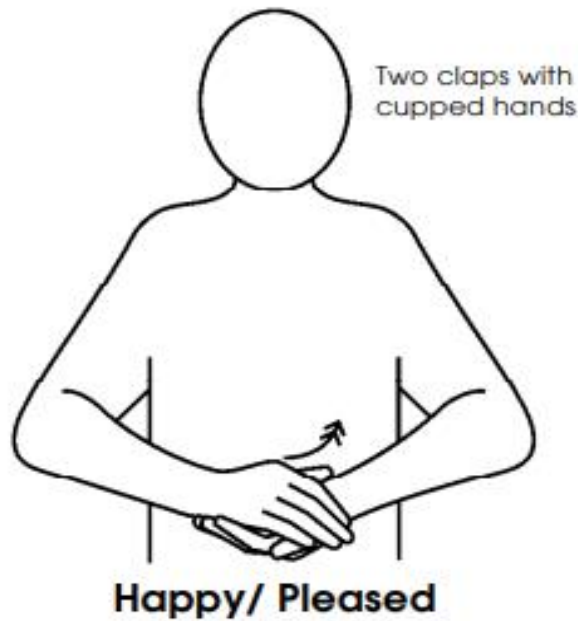


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: Courageous

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:



This week we are turning to Mickey Mouse for some Maths wisdom. He said:

"Arithmetic is being able to count up to twenty without taking off your shoes."

Sports Desk:

Our learners have come back into PE as they left off the end of last term – brilliantly! We have started new topics this term. In Lower School we've had Georgia Madsen, who is a dance teacher, lead some amazing dance lessons for our learners and they have absolutely loved it. In Middle and Upper School we've been taking a deep look into handball and our learners have loved learning about a new sport. Overall, it's been a great first week back!

The Candy Cones Company:

As part of Enterprise sessions, Liverpool class have set up their own candy cones sweet company! We will be making and selling sweet cones – order forms will be sent round to classes next week and the sweet cones will be delivered to classes at the end of Term 4, just in time for the Easter holiday! Each sweet cone will cost £2 (limit of 2 sweet cones per student and allergy information will be included in the letter home). Completed sweet order forms should be returned to reception by Friday 24th March.

Headteacher's Awards:

Congratulations this week to two York class pupils – Ashanti for her marvellous Maths work and Maddison for her wonderful model of a black hole, that she made in Science. Very well both to both of you!

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 2 March Changed to Friday 24 March	World Book Day (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester)
Tuesday 21 March	World Down Syndrome Day - With Us Not For Us Wear odd socks to school
Wednesday 22 March (9.30 am - 2.30 pm)	NSPCWT Event - Social Communication and Autism Fayre (SCAF) at the Tropicana
Friday 24 March	M&M Production of Alice in Wonderland (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester).

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 4	20 February - 31 March 2023
Term 5	17 April - 26 May 2023
Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/2023:

May Day Bank Holiday	1 May 2023
Bank holiday in honour of the coronation of HM King Charles III	8 May 2023

Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/23:

- Friday 26 May 2023
- Monday 5 June 2023

Next Academic Year

North Somerset Term Dates - 2023/2024:

Term 1	04 September 23 - 20 October 23
Term 2	30 October 23 - 20 December 23
Term 3	04 January 24 - 09 February 24
Term 4	19 February 24 - 28 March 24

Term 5	15 April 24 - 24 May 24
Term 6	03 June - 23 July 24

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2023/2024:

May Day Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2023/24:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Exciting work that has taken place over half-term

Wells Class – New Air-Con



Exeter Class – New Flooring



Bath Class – New Air-Con



New Astroturf – nearly ready to go!





W6 New Flooring



Bike and Scooter Storage

