Westhaven Weekly Newsletter



Friday 31st March

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be: Safely independent - Respectful citizens Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators Resilient learners

My goodness, I can't quite believe we are celebrating another completed term already, so much has gone on during term 4. I hope you enjoy reading about and seeing all the lovely things that your children have been learning.

I will be in school myself over the break, as there is quite a lot of work planned on site. The biggest news is that the school reception will be relocating to the green building at the front of school, swapping places with the SALT team, who will be coming into the main building. We will also be having some new flooring laid and rather excitingly, another new sensory room on the top floor in Key Stage 2.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break, filled with chocolate and happiness! I look forward to seeing everyone again when we return to school for term 5, with hopefully some warmer weather to enjoy.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock Headteacher

Around the School

Remember to keep reading lots of the Easter break. Here is a list of some Easter themed books that you might like to look out for: <u>https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/e/easter/</u> Also, here is a link to a short story for you to enjoy listening to: <u>Supertato - The Great Eggscape - Evil Pea takeover</u>

Lower School

Phew - we made it!

We have had a few tricky days in Lower School with staff absence and the children adjusting to the clock change, but we have finally made it to the end of term.

We hope you all have a wonderful 2 weeks of rest to hopefully a chance to recover from all the germs that seem to be circulating.

Have a lovely Easter time. 🌷

Middle School

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter Holidays, hopefully the sunshine we had on Monday will return. If not, here are a few ideas for some indoor Easter fun:

Try some Easter yoga with a story from Cosmic Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEp9euhuu2E

Make some Easter nests:

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/shredded-wheat-nests

Try some Easter craft; making an Easter bunny plate, or painting hard boiled eggs: https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/paper-plate-easter-bunny-craft/

Talk about the story and reason of Easter and make an Easter 'Garden' either like this or be imaginative and make one out of something else, such as Lego. <u>https://www.mybaba.com/nanny-anitas-easter-garden/</u> <u>https://frugalfun4boys.com/build-lego-resurrection-garden/</u>

Upper School

Term 4 is always a busy term in Upper School and this year has been no different! Our Year 11 learners have been working hard to complete their coursework before the deadline in May and our Year 10 learners have been making good progress towards their qualifications.

After Easter, we will start talking more about exams and post 16 placements with our Year 11 learners, which may lead to some anxiety. Please let your child's tutor know if they are showing signs of anxiety at home so that we can support them with this in school.

Mrs Payne

Staff in the Spotlight: Ms H Farrant

Favourite Book Quote	"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship" Little Women. Louisa Alcott
Favourite Quote about Reading	"Once you learn to read you will be forever free." Frederick Douglas
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Jack and the FlumFlum Tree by Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	Teddy Bear Coleman by Phoebe and Selby Worthington. The Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Jolly Postman'

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Can you guess this week's?

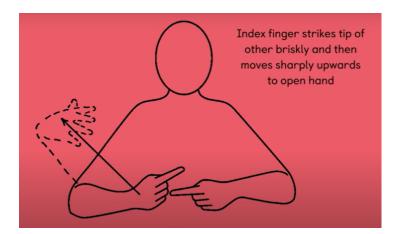


Headteacher's Awards:

This week I have been shown English recount writing from Jacob C and Jacob W from Cardiff class.

Word of this Week: Magnificent

Sign of this Week: Fast



Maths Matters:

Warning - don't try this at home but here is an Easter themed maths fact! The most eggs stacked is 4 and was achieved by Mohammed Abelhameed Mohammed Muqbel (Yemen), in Istanbul, Turkey, on 25 December 2021.





Sports Desk:

Crazy that another term has flown by already! And yet again I am really pleased to say it's been yet another fantastic term. From Oxbridge all the way through to W6 our learners' consistent effort and great attitude makes me proud every day. I think hockey and handball have been enjoyed by all this term and lots of new skills have been developed. This week we have enjoyed our reward lessons where the learners get a choice in their activities and it's been lovely to see them all having fun and playing their favourite sports/games. Hope you all have a relaxing couple of weeks off and don't eat too much chocolate! Lastly a huge well done to our Sport Superstars of the Term- Olivia in Lower School, Sammy in Middle School and Millie G in Upper School.

Other News:



The Year 10 Hair and Beauty students enjoyed a trip to a local hairdressers – Uphill Hair Salon. The trip was linked into their unit on Maintaining Healthy Hair. Students were so enthusiastic and helpful at the salon, asking lots of valuable questions and taking an interest in the clients' haircuts and colouring. Students

also had the opportunity to wash Miss Rapson's hair. Fabulous shampooing and conditioning techniques were shown by all and Miss Rapson was delighted with her hair, especially the scent of cranberries from the shampoo which had been massaged into her hair so well.

We received this lovely message from Jen, at Uphill Hair:

"It was a great pleasure to welcome the students from Westhaven to our salon to experience working in the community environment. As a salon in the village we pride ourselves on being an integral part of village life. We hope they enjoyed their time with us, as they interacted well and showed confidence in taking part with shampooing and hair drying. They are welcome back anytime".

Dates for your Diary:

1st – 16th April	The Sovereign Centre Easter Egg Trail
28th April	Oxbridge parents and carers transition meeting

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:

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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