# **Westhaven Weekly Newsletter**





### **Our vision**

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

### **Our values**

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens
Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

I've had a few learners ask me about their new school house for September. You will know that we will be having four school houses next year (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) and that I sent a form out to ask if you would be happy for your child to be placed in the new 'blue' house or if you would prefer to remain in their existing colour.

All learners will remain in their existing colour unless you gave permission to change and those parents have been contacted separately to say that their child will be in Water.

Therefore, if your child is currently in Barrington (green), they will remain in the green colour house which is Earth. Montacute (red) will be in Fire, and Tyntesfield (yellow) will be in Air.

We have just said goodbye (farewell) to our Year 11 and 13 leavers, always an emotional occasion and this year was no different. We wish them all every success for the future.

Finally, I hope that the weather is kind and that we see as many of you as possible at our summer fayre tomorrow.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock Headteacher

#### **Around the School:**

#### **Lower School:**

It has been a lovely week in Lower School and many enjoyed the non-uniform day on Thursday in preparation for the Summer Fayre tomorrow.

Move up day is on Tuesday 11th July. Learners will go to their current class to register and order lunches before going onto the playground to line up in their new classes. They will then be in their new class for the day. Any Oxbridge learners not due to move will just remain in class.

Please note: For the children who currently go, there will be no swimming session on Tuesday 11th July due to the whole school transition day.

#### **Middle School:**

Middle school learners have really enjoyed seeing the year 11s driving on the playground this week - they are looking forward to when it's their turn now!

Move up day is on Tuesday 11th July. Learners will go to their current class to register and order lunches before going onto the playground to line up in their new classes. They will then be in their new class for the day. Their move up day includes a PE activity with Mr M so we are happy for them to wear PE kit on this day. They have been given a visual timetable today.

### **Upper School:**

In their final week at Westhaven, our Year 11 and Year 13 learners have had plenty to smile about! They have taken part in sports day, had driving lessons on the school playground, have had trips to an escape room in Bristol and Crealy and, last but not least, got dressed up and attended the Leavers' Prom!

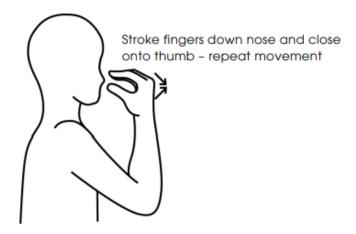
Although this time of year is always tinged with sadness, we know that our leavers are well-prepared for the next stage of their education and we wish them all the very best for the future!

#### **Staff in the Spotlight:** Mrs K Parsons

Favourite Book Quote	"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting" - The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho	
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Favourite Quote about	"Books are a uniquely portable magic"-Stephen King	
Reading		
Favourite Book to Read	The Snail and the Whale - Julia Donaldson	
to Children		
Favourite Childhood	The Magic Faraway Tree - Enid Blyton	
Book		

Word of this Week: Courteous

**Sign of this Week:** Strawberry



### **Maths Matters: Money!**



If you have any coins at home keep them in a jar and include them in your toy collection - if it is appropriate and safe to do so. Getting used to handling and sorting coins is a brilliant maths activity, particularly on a rainy day!

### **Sports Desk:**

Firstly I would like to thank you all for braving the miserable weather and making my first Sports Day a fantastic one. We and all the learners appreciate all of your support. There are too many different people to thank who made the event run smoothly and gave up their time to help,, but a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way. Seeing all the learners with huge smiles enjoying all the races and different sporting events makes all the work put in more than worth it.

Now that Sports Day is done, the learners will have two weeks of Athletics before enjoying their reward lessons on the final week of term. Last week's trophy winners were Lower school - Wells, Middle and Upper School - York and Leeds.

#### **Headteacher Awards:**

- Rhianna from Bath class for amazing portraits of the staff team!
- A double for Freyja from Cardiff class for her handwriting with a pen and also for her awesome art work!

## Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow:



### **End of Term Assembly**



## Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 8th July	Westhaven Summer Fayre, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Tuesday 11th July	Whole school move up day, including 'Meet the Team' after school  There will be no swimming session on this day.
Friday 14th July	Class assembly for Wells and Hull parents. Please arrive by 8.45am.
Friday 21st July	End of this academic year.

Summer holidays	Ready, Set, Ready Records from the street of the summer reading challenge is coming soon!  https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/
Thursday 24th August	Exam Results Day Your results will be ready for collection from Westhaven School between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. If for any reason you are not able to come and collect your results or you haven't collected them by 11:00 am they will be posted to you via Royal Mail 1st class post service.

## North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023
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## **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 24 - 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