



# WESTCOTT

# WEEKLY

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS.'

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## PERSEVERANCE



WOODY OUR 'FURRY FRIEND' RETURNS AND IS ENJOYING BEING READ TO BY OUR CHILDREN...

### THIS WEEK:

- WELCOME
- HEAD BOY / GIRL
- HARVEST
- HALLMARK HOMEWORK
- 'WOODY' THE DOG
- IMPORTANT MESSAGES
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...☺

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

### ☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	OAK 86%	LIME 90%	BIRCH 94%
HOUSEPOINTS	ST MARGARET	ST LUKE	ST GEORGE
	217	317	274



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



Welcome to the first edition of the Westcott Weekly. This weekly update will be the go-to place for the latest school information, messages, updates, news and, most importantly, celebrate your children, their achievements and all they do in school. You will enjoy: updates on attendance for your child's class, house point weekly totals each week, messages from our school governors, dates for your diary, links to useful information, etc. There is a 'COMMUNITY PAGE' so if you have anything you would like to share with our school community, please feel free to email in. Finally, I look forward to sharing the exciting experiences and adventures your children enjoy every day as a part of Westcott and look forward to sharing these in our Westcott Weekly.

Charlotte Dennis – Interim Head Teacher

## HALLMARK HOMEWORK

We have all been thoroughly impressed with the quality and creativity of homework that has been coming into school, since the launch of our new homework grid.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

After receiving applications and holding interviews, I am pleased to

announce our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2023-24. The qualities the children demonstrated throughout the process were phenomenal and I am confident they will represent the school proudly. Congratulations to those who have been successful and thank you to all the applicants who made the task so challenging!

HEAD GIRL			HEAD BOY		
Imogen			Charlie		
SCHOOL COUNCIL					
Ava	Benji	Olivia	Raresh	Ruby	Vihaan
HOUSE CAPTAINS					
Emily		Charlie		Reuben	



Huge congratulations, also to our house captains and school council, who were all thrilled to finally receive their badges, which I know they will wear with pride.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** The Revd Caroline Wainman came to deliver a special Harvest assembly this week, where the children learnt about harvest through the medium of the 'Jammie Dodger'. We also talked about our collection for The Bernwode Community Bus 10,000 can challenge. Many thanks to all the children who have brought a can into school already. Please keep the donations coming as I know we can make a difference.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the rest of this term.

OCTOBER			
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	School photos	All	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	'Flu Jabs	All	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Show Racism the Red Card	All	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Break for half term (3.15pm finish)	All	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – children to not attend	All	
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school	All	
NOVEMBER			
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.20-6.30pm	All	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	All	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week	All	
DECEMBER			
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	All	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Please note children return to school 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024			

## TALK ABOUT PERSEVERANCE TOGETHER

Teachers often say that **PERSEVERANCE** is something that many children find tricky...Very little that is worthwhile in life can be achieved without **PERSEVERANCE**. An athlete may train for many years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1-10 at **PERSEVERANCE?**
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **PERSEVERANCE?**
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with a little **PERSEVERANCE?**



## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<i>Attendance is something we are really keen to improve here at Westcott, but WE NEED YOUR HELP. It is vitally important that children attend school regularly, every day, unless medically unavoidable.</i>
<b>PE KITS/ FOREST SCHOOL</b>	<i>Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit and Forest School kit on a Monday morning. It will then be sent home on a Friday. This will ensure your child has the correct kit in school, should their lesson time/day change.</i>
<b>PARENT GOVERNOR</b>	<i>We are looking for a parent governor to come and join our existing governing board. No previous experience necessary, just an interest in your child's school and a passion for helping to shape the future of our school.</i>
<b>WE NEED YOUR HELP</b>	<i>We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor for 5 days a week to help ensure that our lunchtimes run smoothly. If you, or someone you know might be interested in the role, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.</i>

## COMMUNITY PAGE

*This is the space where we will pop any notifications you wish to share with the local community.*

*Please send in via the school office.*

**THE BERNWODE COMMUNITY BUS** PRESENTS... **BERNIE'S FOOD Appeal**

### The 10,000 Can Challenge!

**DONATIONS**

**GIVE A LITTLE TO HELP A LOT**  
HELPING THE FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

THIS YEAR BERNIE BUS IS AIMING TO COLLECT 10,000 CANS BY DECEMBER AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE COULD ALL RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS, CLUBS, AND BUSINESSES HELP US REACH OUR TARGET?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU ORGANISE, RUN AND PUBLICISE ANY EVENTS WHICH HELP US ACHIEVE OUR DONATION TARGET. WE WILL BE GIVING OUT OUR OWN CERTIFICATES AND... ANY EVENTS WHICH CHILDREN GET INVOLVED WITH COULD HELP THEM ACHIEVE A SILVER BLUE PETER BADGET ASK US FOR MORE DETAILS...

WANT TO KNOW MORE? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH  
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