



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Wednesday 20th March, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 20.03.24

This week my message is taken entirely from an email I received from Ed Gregory, Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells, who has articulated perfectly what I need to say to our students, staff and families:

"During a recent online meeting I noticed a picture in a background which said:

'There are some people who want it to happen, some wish it would happen and others who make it happen.' (Basketball pro, Michael Jordan)

You are so good at making things happen – good things for the benefit of others, through the education, care and support of children, young people and each another. Thank you.

Sometimes we have 'agency' to make things happen, sometimes we don't. We always have the 'agency' to create or contribute to positive culture. Ingredients for positive culture include letting people know they are valued and that they can make a difference – not in everything, yet always in something.

The Biblical story of Easter reminds us that we may not have agency in everything, yet God does. Easter is a time of contrasts: sadness, endings, beginnings, joy. In life we experience all of these, sometimes we have agency and at other times it is reassuring to know that, through faith, we may trust in one who does.

The Biblical story of Easter is at the heart of the Christian faith and shows that through limitless love, despite all the harm that humans can do to themselves, to one another and to our planet, God does have miraculous agency, way beyond our comprehension, over all things and all time. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' The Bible, John 3:16.

You may or may not have a faith, believe in the Easter story or in miracles. We all, in different ways, reflect small aspects of the Easter story every day. We have agency, we choose to make a positive difference through our love and service, sometimes at great personal cost."

Thank you for all the good that you make happen.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Another positive week with ALL Houses now breaking through the 80,000 points mark!
Well done to everyone mentioned below, you should be rightly proud of your achievements. Well done!

Week Commencing 11.03.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Darcy G	Auden R	Nathan F	Frances E	Amelia S Ellie-May T Jack W
2	Anna M	Presley V	Benny S	Jaxon B Michael P Samuel S-S	Skye B Sophia M
3	Lewis W	Oliver N	Owen J	Riley A Elliott T John W	Chloe B Jayden K

Poppy Hawker - International Sporting Superstar!



From the 7th – 19th February Poppy Hawker (10PAE) represented Somerset County Cricket U15 girls' squad at a tournament in Sri Lanka.

No stranger to the game, Poppy's career has blossomed since she started at age 5, going on to play for Crewkerne Cricket Club, and more recently, Ilminster Cricket Club.

Poppy was selected to represent Somerset 4 years ago and has been reselected every year since.

She currently plays in teams for Ilminster Youth, Bridgwater Women and Somerset U15s.

One of only 14 girls selected by Somerset County Cricket Club for the tour, this image shows Poppy as the winning Captain on day 2 of the tournament alongside her counterpart from the hosting team.

Well done, Poppy, on this fantastic achievement – we're looking forward to where your skill and love of cricket will take you next!

Year 8 Trip to Legoland!

Hot off the press! There were plenty of tired faces in lessons this morning following an exciting day out at Legoland Windsor yesterday. The rain held off (for the most part) making for an enjoyable time around the theme park – one student told me they had racked up 30,000 steps!

Whether you are a fan of the roller coaster, the water rides or the pirate ship, there was something for everyone.

A massive thank you to Mr Allington for organising, along with the team of staff volunteers that helped make the day happen.



End of Term Awards Assemblies – Thursday 28th March

Rewards Assemblies for each Year Group will take place next week during the last day of term – Thursday 28th March.

Led by the Head of Year, students will come to the hall during a specific lesson to reflect and recognise on progress made this term, their personal success as well as that of their peers, and rightly celebrate these fantastic achievements.

We're looking forward to welcoming students to their Rewards Assemblies at the following times:

Lesson	Rewards Assembly
1	Year 9
2	Year 7
3	Year 8
4	Year 11
5	Year 10

*Mr Isack is arranging a bespoke 6th Form Rewards Assembly to take place on this day.

Uniform Update – THANK YOU!

“Black sock Monday” went smoothly with a number of students able to correct their uniform when prompted by staff and others changing in to new, black socks provided.

Today we noticed a marked and significant increase in the number of students wearing their uniform correctly – thank you, students and parents for meeting this expectation.

Richard Burgas 20.03.24