

### Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 9th October 2023

The penultimum week at Wesley hass been wonderful and we cannot believe this half term is almost over! It does not seem two minutes since the children returned with us in September for the start of this academic year. The children have made wonderful progress and it has been fantastic to see this in action through the work they are producing and sharing with others. It has also been great to see their learning behaviours develop and show the excellence that we have at Wesley with how hard every single child works. We have one week to go until half term – keep it up Wesley!



### Worship

Over this half term we have had a range of impactful collective worships with the children. One of the most impactful assembly we do together is our Monday collective worship where we discuss our Fruits of the Holy Spirit and what our focus will be for the week. This week we have been focused on 'shining like a star with kindness'. This has been particularly impressive from the

school with adults finding it incredibly difficult to choose just one child for this week's star award as all of the children have been wonderful, particularly in showing kindness towards both the other pupils and the adults around school.

### **Expectations at Wesley**

We do have very high expectations at Wesley, in both learning attitudes and

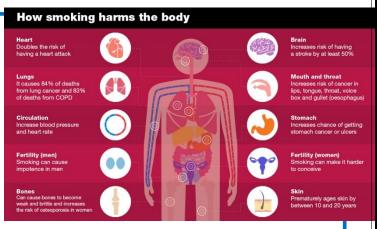
behaviour around school. It has been a real priveledge and honour in recent weeks taking prospective Reception parents for September 2024 around school visiting the different classes and talking through all that we do at Wesley. Whilst doing this, visiting classes with exceptional behaviour taking place and seeing the children work as hard as they can. We have three simple rules at Wesley: Ready, Respectful, Safe and feel these cover all of our expectations as a school, the children follow these fantastically well and are rewarded in a range of different ways: praise, sent to other classes to show work, stickers, headteacher awards, gold and star awards, messages home among many other ways we celebrate the children. Part of our expectations also come through the uniform of the children and how they act when walking around school. We do ask that the children have their t-shirts tucked in and show 'wonderful walking' when moving around school. This involves hands by our sides and walking in single file quietly down corridors. We have seen a wonderful response to this from the children and are certainly seeing great behaviour around school. We also have our school prefects that support us in this showing wonderful pupil leadership and stand at key points on corridors to support in reminding the children of the expectations. We are incredibly proud of all our children and we are really seeing them stand out as 'Wesley children' setting an incredibly high standard and being role models to one another. Well done Wesley!





### Smoking outside school

As we all know smoking is prohibited on school grounds and we have not had to deal with any occasions of this, however in recent weeks there has been more smoking just outside the school gates when waiting for the start of the school day and at the end of the school day when waiting for the gates to be opened. Please do be aware of other families, and children in particular, when smoking just



outside of the school gates and where possible move to a less crowded space. I thank you for your cooperation on this.

# Attendance matters: every day counts

Why is it important to attend school regularly?

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. Higher attendance in school leads to; giving children the best possible start in life; the ability to keep up with their work; they achieve better results; and they will develop further friendships and social skills.

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	o	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

So far this year we have seen wonderful attendance scores throughout school and we are currently above the national average for attendance. We really want this to continue and to see the children in school every day – thank you for your support on this!

This weeks attendance winners are: Reception Neville with 98.1%





### Online safety – What parents need to know about Youtu

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social inspect; influencing applies culture on a clabal scale and creating new calculations.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

### HIGH VISIBILITY

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

#### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

### **CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**

### LIMIT SPENDING

### Meet Our Expert























### Author and picture book of the week!

# This week's recommended picture book:



Dog Gone By Rob Biddulph



# This week's recommended author:



Louie Stowell







Louie Stowell writes books about magic, gods and monsters there's always an adventure for you to go on!

Her latest series - Loki - is a diary-entry style story where Loki, a god, is banished to Earth for pulling one trick too many and must now attend school. The informal writing style will have you laughing out loud and wishing for book two. Which, lucky for you, there is

### **Star Award**

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: Lincoln M-R

Reception Sissay: Ronni-Rae R-C

Year 1 Peel: Andrew

Year 1/2 Wood: Oakley S

Year 2 Rashford: Xander B

Year 3 Garvey: Lillie F

Year 3/4 Walsh: Jake C

Year 4 Lowry: Emille-Bea H-H

Year 5 Boyle: Brooke C

Year 5/6 Turing: Poppy A

Year 6 Pankhurst: Harry D-P

These children have done amazing: "shining like stars with kindness"

### **Gold Award**

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: Ivy B

Reception Sissay: Carter B

Year 1 Peel: Amelia D

Year 1/2 Wood: Amelia B

Year 2 Rashford: Alfie C-H

Year 3 Garvey: Bodhi S

Year 3/4 Walsh: Anaya A

Year 4 Lowry: Isaac W

Year 5 Boyle: Elliot R

Year 5/6 Turing: Youssef S

Year 6 Pankhurst: Harvey C

Well done to all of these children – we are

so proud of you!

