

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the half-term.

Harvest Festival at St Peters

We hope that you enjoyed the wonderful service that we enjoyed today. It was lovely to see the children performing confidently and taking an active part in the celebration. The donations of Harvest produce are very much appreciated and we will ensure that they are delivered via Vicar James to the local foodbanks.

Open Days

We have been delighted to welcome a lot of new families to come and look around our wonderful school. They have been impressed by the smart classrooms, the organisation, the calm, purposeful environment and the friendly and welcoming staff and children. As I give the tours, and indeed when I walk around the school, I always reflect on the key question- would I be happy to send my child to this school? Since mine are now 25 and 21, there is no chance of this, but my answer is an absolutely firm "yes, I would". I think that the children at West Tytherley have a really fantastic all round education, which is packed full of opportunity and each child is a valued individual member of the whole school community- and this is absolutely what every child deserves.

A quote from a parent who emailed in after attending the open day:

'Thank you for a lovely Open Morning. My child was very unsure about going into school before we arrived, but by the time it came to leave, he didn't want to go. The reception children were all delightful'.

End of Half- Term assembly

We will be holding this at St Peters at 10.30am on Friday 20th October. We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to join us.

Smart Uniform- Thank you

We really appreciate your support with this, and it is noticeable how smart the children are looking. The neutral socks make such a difference, so thank you.

Trip to Roche Court- Oak Class

The Year 5 and 6 children had an inspirational visit to the wonderful sculpture park which we are fortunate to have right on our doorstep. They have produced some great work as a result of the trip and the adults who led it, were impressed by their insightful comments and observations. A further thank you to Chris Hammond and his Company who paid for this trip and to Eembley for the mini bus transport.

Future Plans- Outside Areas

We have recently applied for funding to start the work on our outside area plans.

Phase 1- to develop the learning garden- replace the ropes and sections of the walkway, tidy the ponds and cutback the over-grown areas.

Phase 2- Rotovate the meadow and clear some of the more "weedish" plants and sow wildflower seeds

Phase 3- Clear sections of the wooded area, and create pathways into the small glades

Phase 4- Develop a quiet, reflective area, water feature and book shed

Phase 5- Make a permanent structure at the top of the meadow as an outdoor classroom.

We are very excited about how these plans will enhance our outdoor learning environment, which is already being enjoyed by the children who do the Forest Schools. If you think that you have any skills or resources that will be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact us- we would be delighted to hear from you.

I hope that everyone has a lovely half term, when we get there

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Girls football festival

On Tuesday 10th October, a group of girls from Willow and Oak class visited Wallop School for the annual girls football festival. Students from Andover College ran training drills with the children, focusing on particular skills like defending and passing. The girls showed a fantastic 'Have a Go Hero' attitude and worked really well as a team.

My favourite part was when we played real games against other schools at the end, ready for the tournament next week (Olivia)

It was fun to try different training drills out with other schools (Ella)

Weekly Certificates from Friday 6th October 2023

Beech	Theodore	For always being polite and helpful towards others. Thank you for spreading sunshine in our school.
Chestnut	Alfie	Always encouraging his friends with their work and listening to their ideas.
Willow	Milan	For showing huge progress and initiative in Maths, challenging himself at all times with next steps and problem solving.
Oak	Reuben	For fantastic engagement and insightful observations during our visit to Roche Court Sculpture Park.

Last Weeks House Points

Singer = 144

Pragnell = 127

Budden = 204

The individual HP winners were:

Olivia M, Zara, Phillip, Abigail

Well done everyone!

This Weeks House Points

Singer = 97

Pragnell = 79

Budden = 79

The individual HP winners are:

Alex R, Fraser, Edward B, Jack B

Well done everyone!

Thought for the Week

The Theme this week has been Pets. I am always amazed at the range of different animals which we look after. We thought about what we had to do to look after our pets. Suggestions included food, drink and grooming; exercise and play, shelter, treatment at the Vet, when necessary. We can pray: *Dear God, please let us be kind and gentle to animals. Help us to look after them properly. Give us patience and understanding when they get old. Let us be thankful for all the fun we have with them, and all the love they give to us. Amen*

Vicar James

Beech Class

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

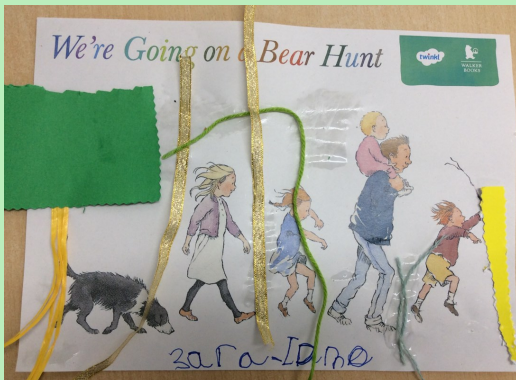
Last week the children in Beech class started learning and exploring the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. They enjoyed acting out the story and created their own story maps. Working together as a team, the whole class made a story tray using materials, drawings and junk models before retell the story with small figures to retell.

Next we focused on the long grass and the children made collage pictures using scissors to cut different types of threads and ribbons and wavy strips of card and paper. With the help of Chestnut class, the children constructed bridges to cross the river in our outside learning area. They worked well together moving the heavy tyres and planks before trying out their structures.

This week, the children looked carefully at snowflakes from a snowstorm, before drawing and painting their own.

During our Outdoor learning session, the children investigated the feel of mud and used excellent words to describe the texture before making their own hand print pictures. They also explored the 'forest' in our school playground before creating leaf rubbings.

We will continue to explore the story next week... and may even find the bear!

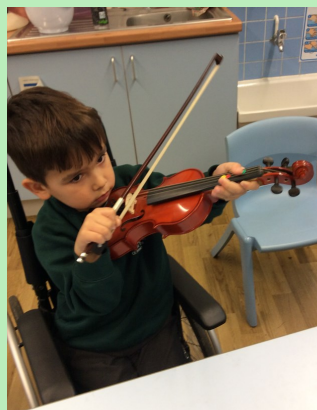
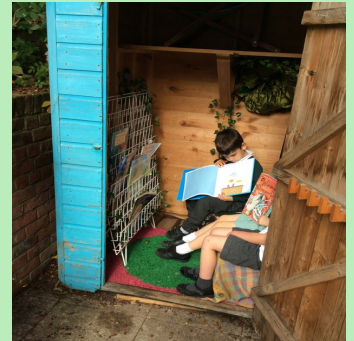


Chestnut Class

In Maths, we have broadened our learning to include money and had a wonderful time playing shops and shopkeepers in our outside area. This deepened our understanding of coins and how to use them in transactions and our understanding of coin value. The Year 1s have also been working hard to subtract and add within 20, several of whom have completed their Green Maths Challenge books and passed their tests already. The Year 2's have been subtracting and adding within 100, solidified their understanding of tens and ones, and how to subtract and add crossing 10. Everyone has been working so hard and it has been lovely to watch.

In English, we have spent the last few weeks looking at the Three Little Pigs. The children have loved acting this out and have extended this into their own playtime. We have been writing sentences as captions for images, sequencing events, studying words and new vocabulary and retelling the story.

Chestnut class are still flourishing in school and whether they are being mathematicians, writers, investigators, scientists, historians, musicians, or all of the above, they are working exceptionally hard.



Willow Class



Willow are now in full swing and working so well with the new objectives in Year 3 and 4. We are using new methods and skills to help our learning which were challenging at first but the children have shown resilience and are now showing progress in their independent work.

In English we have begun our new topic of Poetry which has been inspired by the beautiful poetry book "It Starts with a Seed". They began the topic by going on a nature walk to brainstorm ideas and see if they could think of any rhyming nature words. They are now just finishing their fact files of a sycamore leaf and seed which will be made into an Anthology. Once completed they will be designing their own poem about nature.

In Maths we are now in the last two weeks where we will look closely at Multiplication and Division. They are using new methods to help them nail those timetables and also be able to multiply/divide larger numbers. In Science we are showing how forces work in real life. In particular children learnt about air resistance through the making of parachutes where the class were able to see what happened to their creations when dropped from a certain height.

For your information, each morning we have a routine where it will be either quiet reading or carrying on with their maths challenge books. Please see the schedule below

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quiet Reading	Maths Challenge Booklets	Quiet Reading	Maths Challenge Booklets	Quiet Reading or Maths Challenge Booklets

Overall, we have settled into our routines well and are now becoming fully fledged year 3s and 4s.

Thank you for all your support of the class.

Mr Harris



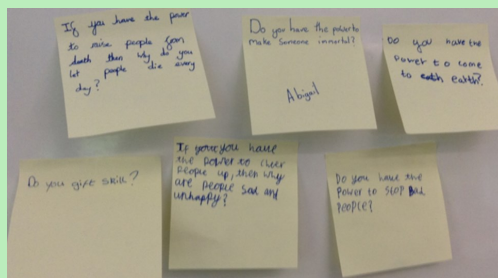
Oak Class

Oak class have become myth writers in English over the last two weeks. Using our knowledge of Greek myths and mythical creatures, we discussed and explored key themes within Greek myths. We also worked in small groups to become more familiar with particular Greek myths and retell these to our peers. This week, we have been working on planning our own Greek myth. On Monday we used the story mountain format to develop the plot for our myth and on Wednesday, we explored personality traits of a hero to create a role on the wall for our protagonist. We are really looking forward to writing our myth next week.

In our Maths lessons, we have been using our times tables to help solve problems involving factors and multiples. We have used this knowledge to find highest common factors and lowest common multiples. We then consolidated our understanding of a formal written method for multiplication, using the column method to multiply 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and beyond!

We have continued to explore the power of God in RE and this week began to evaluate what Christians believe about God's power. We used our understanding from previous lessons to develop questions we would ask God about his power. The children thought very carefully about this and asked some very insightful questions.

The highlight of the last two weeks for Oak class has to be on the trip to Roche Court, which was very kindly paid for by Chris Hammond. We spent the day with our tour guide Holly, who talked to us about some of the different sculptures on display around the site. For different sculptures, we also completed activities linked to their key themes or ideas. In the afternoon, we had our own sculpture workshop, where we used foil and electrical tape to make animal sculptures in the style of 'Left Handed Drummer' by Barry Flanagan. We had a fantastic time and really learned a lot. A big thank you to Paul Stewart and Andrew Harper for accompanying us on the trip.



Diary Dates: West Tytherley – Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event	Who	Details	
16/10/2023 – 19/10/2023	Beech Class (Yr.R) Bikeability	Beech Class	9a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Bikes and helmets provided
17/10/2023	Girls Football Cluster Competition	Team of 8 KS2 girls	At Wallop Primary School 1pm – 3pm	More details to follow
18/10/2023	Yr.R Parents Evening	Yr.R Parents	4pm – 6pm	Letter to be sent home
19/10/2023	Emmanuel Jal Workshop	Yr 4, 5, 6	Test Valley School 10am – 11:30 am	Letter sent home
19/10/2023	Poetry Post	All	1:15pm – 2:15pm Around the village	Letter sent home
20/10/2023	End of half-term celebration assembly	All welcome	10.30 a.m. St Peters Church	
20/10/2023	PTA Halloween Disco	All Welcome	5-6pm Key stage 1 6-7pm Key stage 2	Poster attached to the newsletter
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half-term	Whole school	School closed to pupils	
30/10/2023	INSET Day	Whole school	School closed to pupils	
31/10/2023	Start of Autumn term 2 nd half		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm	
02/11/2023	Yr 6 Height and Weight checks	Yr 6	1:30pm- 2pm	School nursing team
07/11/2023	Boys Football Cluster Competition	Team of 8 KS2 boys	At Wallop Primary School 1pm – 3pm	More details to follow
10/11/2023	Open Morning – for new year R starters September 2024		9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	
21/11/2023	KS1 News Age Kurling Competition	Team of 4 from KS1	At Test Valley School 4pm – 5.30pm	More details to follow
27/11/2023	Parents evening for Willow and Oak parents	Willow and Oak	4pm -6pm	
28/11/2023	Parents evening for Chestnut, Willow and Oak parents	Chestnut, Willow and Oak	4pm -8pm	
05/12/2023	Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination - Yr R To Yr. 6	Whole school		More details to follow
05/12/2023	KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Afternoon Performance	Beech and Chestnut	TBC 1.30pm	
06/12/2023	KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Evening Performance	Beech and Chestnut	TBC 6pm	
06/12/2023	Whole school Pantomime 'Cinderella'	Whole school	1:45- 3pm	
14/12/2023	Christmas dinner and festive jumper day	Whole school		
15/12/2023	End of term assembly	Whole School	10.30 a.m.	
18/12/2023 - 01/01/2024	Christmas Holiday		School Closed to pupils	

Local Events and Activities



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BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14th October 2-4pm
At Broughton Village Hall,
Entrance £1

All donations of jumble; clothes, bric-a-brac, toys & books gratefully received. No large items of furniture, no videos, CDs or cassettes.

Please bring donations to the back of the hall on Friday afternoon 13th October 4 - 7pm and Saturday morning 9 - 12pm




HALF TERM DRAMA CLUB 2023

Stockbridge Primary School

£24 per day

BIGFOOT ARTS EDUCATION SOUTH
Ages 5-11

Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 27th Oct
9am-3pm
Please bring a packed lunch, drink and comfy clothes

At our club children will play, explore drama skills and take part in fun activities. They will explore being storytellers and how to stage simple tales. Each day they will learn a new drama skill eg puppetry, dance and movement or music to keep things really exciting and varied.

Please book here
<https://eequ.org/experience/4670>
Call Jessica on 07746313410 with questions




CHRISTMAS DRAMA CLUB 2023

Stockbridge Primary School

£24 per day

BIGFOOT ARTS EDUCATION SOUTH
Ages 5-11

Monday 18th Dec - Friday 22nd Dec
9am-3pm
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SOCCER SCHOOL

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Year R's: Saturdays
09:00 - 10:00

Year 1's and 2's: Saturdays
10:00 - 11:00

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Golden Empire Boxing Activity Days over October Half Term

Stuck for something to do this half term? Kids driving you mad? Need to get to work? Why not book them into the Golden Empire half term activity days?

We are fully insured, fully DBS checked and very well equipped to tire your kids out in a fun, engaging and practical way!

All equipment is provided and medals to be earned! All they need is dropping off with a packed lunch.

Please note that all bookings must be complete by the 23rd and all attendees must have completed consent/ medical forms before the day

Please contact us via WhatsApp on 07510950777 or message the Golden Empire page directly for more details and to book your child's space.

Half term activity days (25th & 27th October)

8:30 am - 3:00pm

Boxing
Team building
Woodland walks
Fitness fun
Arts and crafts

£30 per day, per child with sibling discount.

