

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. We have had a great first 2 weeks, and we feel that the transitions have been very smooth.

The children have settled into classes with teachers and the work that is being produced has been excellent.

The roles and responsibilities for Year 6 have been allocated, following a consultation process, which asked the children to volunteer for the roles which interested them. These were celebrated in last week's assembly, but in case you missed it...

School Council Leads- Reuben and Mark

House Captains- Tabitha, Hugo and Barney

Charity Committee- Ella, Noah and Murray

Librarian- Jack

Digital lead- George

We know that they will relish the responsibility and develop these roles effectively.

Classroom redecoration

We were delighted that over the holidays we were able to have Beech classroom and the corridors decorated and the rooms look fresh and bright. Do pop in and take a look, if you would like to see all the hard work and what has been achieved to develop a really effective and well organised Early Years setting.

Class letters and topic webs

On Monday, you will have received your child's class letter and topic web, via e-mail. These will also be available on the class pages of the website soon.

Open Mornings- October

We are holding our open mornings shortly, and have flyers that are available in the office if you think that you know anyone who may be interested. Please call in and get one.

Second Hand Uniform- new location

We have bought a new cupboard that will be outside the front of the school for easy access. The second hand uniform will be in boxes in the cupboard and we will operate an honesty system, where parents can collect and drop uniform. Any payments can be made by putting the money in an envelope and posting it through the post box at the entrance to the school. We hope that this system will enable parents to access uniform quickly and easily.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Certificates

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Chesnut	Fraser	For being incredibly helpful to his new teacher and his friends with their lesson resources and tidying up.
Willow	Archie	For always ensuring everyone is having a fantastic day. Archie always brightens my day– Mr Harris.
Oak	Darcey	For having a fantastic attitude to all parts of school and always having a smile on her face.

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Beech	All	For settling in to our school routine so quickly and confidently.
Chestnut	Skye	For producing high quality English work which demonstrated her excellent vocabulary knowledge.
Willow	Alex	For showing huge progress in maths, tackling challenging problem solvers and not giving up!
Oak	Tobias	For showing great enthusiasm in his dance and using initiative by thinking of different poses.

Last Weeks House Points

Singer = 65

Pragnell = 117

Budden = 113

The individual HP winners were:

Fraser, Rhys, Reuben

Well done everyone!

This Weeks House Points

Singer = 117

Pragnell = 83

Budden = 112

The individual HP winners are:

Florence, Holly, Ophelia, Henry

Well done everyone!

Beech Class

Wow! What an amazing first couple of weeks the children of Beech class have had in school. They have been a delight to teach and have enjoyed exploring all areas of the classroom. The children have settled into the school routines smoothly and it is lovely to see them smiling as they come into school.

The children have been brilliant at making friends and looking after our classroom environment. They have also explored many areas of the school, including the forest school area, the dining hall, the assembly hall and the adventure play trail.

This term, our topic is 'All About Me' and we are thinking about 'What makes us special?'

So far, we have looked carefully in mirrors to draw self-portraits and have noticed how we are different or similar to our friends. We listened carefully to the book 'How to fill a bucket?' and discussed how to make other people around us happy.

This week, the children used water colour paints to make dot pictures inspired by the story 'The Dot'. They also loved making clay faces with Chestnut class during our Outdoor Learning session.

Thank you everyone in Beech class (and their parents) for joining our school family, I look forward to working with you all this year!



Chestnut Class

The children have had a fantastic time in school settling back into their school routines and learning with their friends.

They particularly enjoyed their first two Outdoor Learning sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. Last week, the children thought about themselves and their families. After exploring the Outdoor learning area, the children used natural materials to create self-portraits. The children talked about people that were important to them and made family homes using stick frames. They also experimented with which plants or berries could be used to dye material and learnt how to safely use a rubber mallet.

This week, Chestnut class was joined by Beech class. All the children loved creating 'Tree Faces' using clay and natural resources. They explored different emotions and how these could be expressed on the faces they made. They discussed 'Awe and Wonder' and thought about what in nature made them go 'Wow!' Using frames, they identified items or places in our Outdoor Learning area, which they thought were beautiful or amazing.

Well done Chestnut Class for having such a fabulous first couple of weeks!



Willow Class

Willow Class have had a flying start to the first couple of weeks in school, they have worked hard and getting used to our new routines which will ultimately benefit their work this year. They have become accustomed to the new changes, and I feel we are going to make a great team.

In English they have created their own 'Failed Pet' using their mind mapping skills to discuss their features and attributes. They will be writing a fact file about their animal in the form of a non-chronological report. In Maths we are smashing through Number and Place Value where our year 3s and 4s are tackling maths exercises and problem solvers. In Geography we began our journey to see how the Costa Brava is different from our home with the children testing their knowledge about the continents of the world. We then looked deeper into the continent of Europe and discussed the country's locations.

On Wednesday 13th, the children began their Dancing for the term with Intergr8 which they thoroughly enjoyed. I have attached some photos for your interest.

Our homework this week will be our Maths Timetables Challenge Books, I have printed them all new ones so if you don't have one, do not worry. This will be given to the children on Friday.

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the new year, they have done very well.

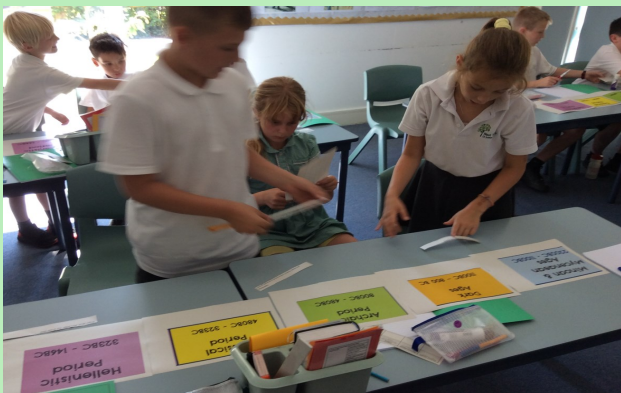
Kind regards

Mr Harris



Oak Class

Oak class have made a fantastic start to the new term and have taken the role of 'top of the school' very seriously, setting good expectations to the younger children. As a class, we thought carefully about our own personal strengths and what skills may be needed for particular roles within the school. The Year 6 children then applied for the roles they felt would best suit them. I hope they are proud of these! The class are very excited for our upcoming History lessons as we are learning all about the Ancient Greeks! We started our exploration by finding out about when the Ancient Greek period was in relation to the rest of World History, using a timeline. We then learnt how the Ancient Greece era can be partitioned into five key periods and key information about each of these. In our next lesson, we used maps to identify Greece and its different city states, such as Athens and Sparta, as well as what these city states were well known for. Linked to our History, we also started our DT project for the term, where we will be creating our own recipe using food commonly found in Ancient Greece. We used our first lesson of the term to research types of food that were eaten during Ancient Greek times, whilst trying our best to avoid the red herrings Miss Lee put out for us! In English, we were given pictures of different mystery creatures from the book 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them'. In groups, we used clues in the picture to gather information about the beasts, before writing our own paragraphs about what we think the creature



PTA News

The PTA will be holding our first committee meeting of the year on Tues 19 Sept at 20:00 on Zoom. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about our school PTA and becoming a parent member we would love you to come along. We will be discussing the calendar of events for this year and all ideas and help are always welcome to help fundraise for our school and children.

Many thanks Lu Dovey – PTA Secretary

Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about travel and looking ahead. We heard God's message to his people through Jeremiah. (Jeremiah was a prophet; a prophet is someone who takes God's message to God's people). God's message was 'Trust in me'. We also heard about a Mouse's Expedition, and we prayed: *Heavenly Father. There are times in our lives when we have to be brave. Help us to remember that Jesus is the friend who is always near us and with his help we can overcome our fear. Amen*

Vicar James

Date	Event	Who	Details	
26/09/2023	KS2 Cluster Cross Country	Yr.3 –Yr.6	At Wallop Primary School 4pm – 5.30pm	More details to follow
06/10/2023	Open Morning – for new year R starters September 2024		9.30 a.m – 11 a.m	
10/10/2023	Girls Football Festival	Team of 8 KS2 girls	At Wallop Primary School 1pm – 3pm	More details to follow
12/10/2023	Open Morning – for new year R starters September 2024		9.30 a.m – 11 a.m	
13/10/2023	Harvest Festival		10 am at St Peters Church	
16/10/2023 – 19/10/2023	Beech Class (Yr.R) Bikeability			
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
20/10/2023	End of half-term celebration assembly	All welcome	10.30 a.m	
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	
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	