

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful week it has been!

## **Hats and Sun cream**

Please remind your children to bring a hat to school and apply sun cream at the start of the day.

## **Area Athletics**

We took a team to compete in KS1 and KS2 competitions against cluster schools in the athletics competition on Wednesday. The children did a fantastic job and worked really hard in all the disciplines. In the races, the children put in some brilliant performances too. I was exceptionally proud of them all and I don't think that it will be too long now before we are starting to appear regularly in the top three positions.

## **BBQ- Friday July 1st 4pm-7pm**

We have everything crossed for a fine day, as we will be using this opportunity to showcase the Oak class production as well as saying an important farewell to Mrs Rose.

Please can I ask that you let school know if you won't be attending, so that we don't allocate a job / role to your child.

We really hope that this will be a well-attended event where the whole school can come together.

### Running Order

- 4pm- Event starts
- 6pm- Production ( Oak Class)
- 6.30pm- Mrs Rose
- 7pm- Finish

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## Weekly Awards

<b>Beech</b>	Zac	for choosing to independently develop his writing during free play
<b>Chestnut</b>	Elijah	for taking ownership of his own work and thinking about ways that he could improve pieces
<b>Willow</b>	Hugo	for taking control of his learning and exploring different avenues of being successful

## Thought for the Week

This week the 'Open the Book' Drama Team came into School to help us explore part of the story of Joseph from the Old Testament. We thought about times that we might have felt jealous and thought about something we could share with others. And we prayed: *Dear God, sometimes life seems unfair. Other people get the things we would like to have. Please help us not to be jealous like Joseph's brothers, but to be thankful for all the good things we already have. Help us to share those things with our friends. Amen*

*Vicar James*

### **INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023**

21st October 2022

30th January 2023

31st January 2023

20th February 2023

20th March 2023

## News from around school

### Beech

This week, the children have been focusing on developing their writing during their free play time, planning what they are going to do and make. They have enjoyed sharing their plans with each other and have used them to invite each other to join in with their challenges. In literacy, the children each invented a game for Noi to play at the beach so that he does not feel as lonely. They only used materials and natural resources that they would find at the beach. The class then displayed their instructions around the area so that they could all have a go at playing each other's games.

The Beech Class vegetable garden is growing at a fast rate and the class are anxious to begin harvesting soon. We have spotted little green tomatoes beginning to grow and the strawberries are beginning to ripen. Year 1 have been tracking the height of the tomato plants and our Reception girls have been making sure that the beds are watered daily.

In History, the children heard the story of Christopher Columbus and his adventures across the sea. They were amazed to hear that most people used to think that the Earth was flat (and that some people still do!). We imagined arriving in a strange land and thought about how we would feel. Each child chose facts that they thought were important in describing Christopher Columbus and have started to build a fact file to inform our debate at the end of term.

In Mathematics, we have come to the end of our topic on multiplication and division and have started to learn about 3D shapes. This will continue into next week when the children will be categorising shapes based on their features.



## Chestnut

In Maths this week, the children have been revisiting shape. They have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes and also comparing them, thinking about the similarities and differences. They have also looked at symmetry and how many lines of symmetry certain shapes have. They were posed with the question 'Do all shapes have a line of symmetry?'

On Monday, we started a new unit of work in English. This is based around the book 'The Night Gardener'. The children started the week by looking at images and artificial topiaries and generating vocabulary to describe them. The children then sequenced images from the book, thought about the main character's feelings in certain sections and wrote a description about one of the topiaries. The outcome of this unit is to write their own narrative as if William has grown up and is creating topiaries for a street over night.

We have started our new topic in History this week. The children were shown an image, through slow-reveal, of London during the Great Fire. We then went on a fly through London at the time and they were able to notice that the houses were made of wood, that they were very close together, there were lots of stalls out on the streets and people were hanging their washing between houses. The children were introduced to the enquiry question for this unit of work: Why was the Great Fire of London such a disaster and what changes have been made as a result of it?

On Wednesday afternoon, we managed to get out and hold an investigation for Science in the shade. The children had the question of 'Do things travel down a ramp in the same way?' The children had a number of items to move from the top to the bottom of a ramp, and considered the different motions that it could move in.

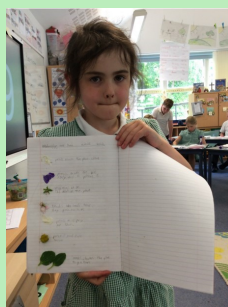
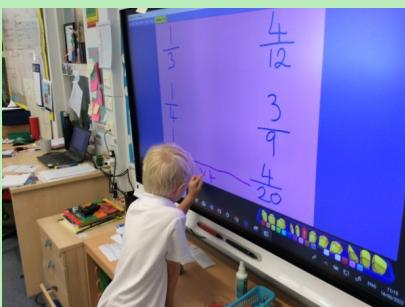
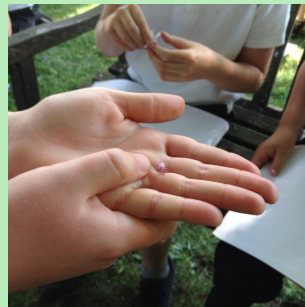


## Willow

We started some new topics this week in Willow class. We have begun to look at the Vikings and began to look at a new book; 'Viking boy: the real story.' We have started to read this book which opens with some shape-shifting and exploring of the Viking lands in the north. We have also become animals this week, and have been describing what we see as we venture through the wild lands. We have also begun to familiarise ourselves with some of the new vocabulary associated with the Vikings, such as 'scabbard', a protective covering for your blade.

In Science, we have been moving on with plants and are now looking at the reproductive cycles of plants and have started by learning some new parts of flowers; the stigma and stamen. We have been out in the sun collecting flowers to dissect to see if we can identify the stigma and stamen. We were able to find some other parts too.

In Maths this week, we have been continuing with multiplication in year 4, looking at different strategies such as formal method, distributive law and expanded methods. We have been doing lots of problem solving and reasoning questions. The year 3s have been moving onto fractions, revisiting and reinforcing content covered previously and looking at how we can create and find equivalent fractions.



## Oak

In Oak class, linked to our study of 'Rooftoppers', we have explored the features of a newspaper report with a view to writing our own next week. We became 'reporters' and 'witnesses' to the events of chapter one to gain understanding of how the passengers and crew felt, which will in turn help with writing witness statements as part of our planning for the report. In guided reading, the climatic ending of 'Beetle Boy' awaits next week and we have discussed the success of our earlier predictions of the narrative.

Maths, this week, has been focussed on percentages. The year 5s expanded their knowledge of the equivalence of fractions in relation to decimals and percentages and in year 6 much of the children's practice has been centred around problem-solving.

At the beginning of the week, we made a special biscuit called 'Hamentashan'. These are made by Jews during the festival of Purim when the story of Esther is retold and they remember how she saved the race from persecution.

Our twice weekly P.E. sessions have been augmented by specialist tennis coaching which started on Monday this week and will continue for the rest of the term. Please ensure that your child has their kit on Mondays.



Event	Date and Time	Where	Who	
Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service	17/6/2022	Winchester Cathedral	Year 6 Children	
Hampshire Games	23/6/2022		Some children have been invited to Hampshire Games and will have received a separate letter	
Dance Festival at Test Valley	24/6/2022- 9.30am- 3pm	Test Valley	Year 3 and 4	
Sports Day	29/6/2022 1.30pm	Broughton Football Grounds	All children	1pm for 1.30pm start
BBQ and Year 6 Production	1/07/2022 4pm –7pm			
Reports to Parents	1/7/2022		All children	
Class and Year 6 photos	04/07/2022			
Transition Tuesday	05/07/2022		All children to move up to their new class	
Rounders competition	7/7/2022 4pm	Test Valley	Rounders Team	Letter to be sent to those involved
Broughton and West Tytherley singing day	8/7/2022 All day Parents at 3pm	At Broughton Primary School	Both Schools	Concert at 3pm all welcome. Letter has been sent home
Tri Golf Competition	14/7/2022 4pm-5.30pm	Broughton	Year 2 children and sports leaders	
Leavers Treat day	20/07/2022	TBC	Year 6 children	
End of Term Service	21/7/2022 10.30 a.m	Church	All	Year 6 Leavers