

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 1st December 2023

## Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about Determination. We have learned that even if we can only do a little to help others, it is good! We need to keep on caring and showing love, even when it is hard or tiring. We prayed: *Dear God, we are often tempted to give up following you, to go our own way and become lazy about the things that matter. Give us the courage and the will to work hard at becoming better followers of you. Amen*

*Vicar James*

## Interfaith week

Last week, West Tytherley School took part in 'Interfaith week'; a countrywide celebration of the different faith groups around the United Kingdom. This year, our focus for the week was 'The ritual of prayer' and we were very fortunate to have members of the local community come to speak to the children about what prayer means to them in their religion and how this ritual takes place. These talks were very interesting and allowed the children to reflect on what prayer means to them. Each class then focused on a particular religion and developed their knowledge further of the ritual of prayer within this religion. It was a fantastic week and was very informative and enjoyable for all.

A big thank you to Dr Salter, Mr Hosney, Mr Fogle, Miss Lowey and Mr Stewart for their contributions.

## Assembly Themes this week

|           | Theme of the assembly              | What we learned and how we felt   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday    | Celebration (through song)         | <i>'A Wish for Peace' is about reflecting on other people's lives - Hugo</i><br><br><i>It is nice to sing a variety of songs to remind of the meaning of Christmas - Ella</i>                 |
| Tuesday   | Ritual of prayer (Interfaith week) | <i>It was interesting how other religions pray and how there are comparisons to Christianity - Abigail</i><br><br><i>I enjoyed hearing about what other classes had been learning - Henry</i> |
| Wednesday | Compassion (Child led)             | <i>I was reminded of ways I could show compassion both in school and within my community - Murray</i>   |
| Thursday  | Determination (Vicar James)        | <i>This assembly taught us never to give up - Darcey</i>  |

## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Our school Governors play an important role in supporting the school, providing guidance on its strategic direction, monitoring school activity, and ensuring value for money.

It is a demanding role – but very fulfilling.

Even though short profiles are available on the school websites, we thought you might like to know more about the people who make up our Governing body – through a series of occasional profiles.

So, here is our first volunteer profile. Feel free to contact Shona or any of the other governors if you would like to talk to them about the school and the Federation.

### SHONA BLACKMORE



#### **About me.**

Born in Edinburgh (hence my names!), my family moved from Scotland to Romsey when I was 3 years old (hence lack of Scottish accent). I am married to Paul with a 10 year old daughter, Darcey, and our 2 dogs Inka and Hugo, and we have lived in West Tytherley for 20 years. I work as a Finance Director at Carnival Cruises based in Southampton.

#### **How long have you been a governor?**

Just over a year, starting at the beginning of the school year in September 2022.

#### **Why did you become a governor?**

I have always been a massive advocate of small village schools, strongly believing in the intensity of nurturing and ability to provide quality teaching in a small intimate setting, giving children a fabulous start in life. Becoming a Governor enables me to be part of this whole process and support both schools with continuous improvement to ultimately become better versions year after year. As my daughter attends one of these schools, I feel I hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school as well as being able to contribute with my life skills. Selfishly, I have also learnt a lot about myself since being on the Governor board with the help of formal training and guidance from an experienced Governing team.

#### **What is your role on the governing body?**

My official title is 'Co-opted Governor'. As I am a Chartered Accountant my experience was very much sought after in the finance space and that is where I aim to make a difference. At the start of this school year, I took on the role of Chair of one of the two sub-committees, Resources. This committee covers matters relating to the financial performance of the school, pay, personnel and the school premises. I remind myself ahead of all Governor meetings that my role is to provide support and challenge leadership of the school and to hold them to account.

#### **What do you like about being a governor?**

I really like being part of the background school team which enables the teaching team to do what they excel at. Knowing I'm making a difference with the direction of both schools. Having been an active member on the PTA (Parent & Teacher Association) in West Tytherley Primary School for many years before taking my Governor role, I endeavour to bridge any gap between the two committees so both can work towards the same goals. Lastly, I really enjoy working with a dedicated and supportive team of Governors.

#### **What are your aspirations for the schools?**

I would like to see both schools being recognised as the most sought after and prestigious places to send your child in Hampshire. Both schools have different qualities to bring to the table from the most fabulous outdoor areas, to the strength in teaching expertise, to the teachers unwavering positive drive that each child is entitled get the most they can from their education.

## Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

Today is December 1<sup>st</sup> and we can now officially talk about Christmas! All the preparations are underway for the Nativity plays and Carol concert and we are getting excited about all things festive. That said, work is continuing right up to the end of term, since we need to ensure that the routines remain the same and that the opportunities for learning continue to the last day.

### **Parents Evenings**

It was lovely to see everyone at parents evenings this week, and to share the work that the children have completed so far this term. At school we hope that the information that you receive in the Newsletter keeps you up to date with the activities and topics that your children are learning about, and that Parents evening gives you a chance to see how this translates into the books.

### **New Age Curling**

A huge well done to the children who represented the school at the New Age Curling event at Test Valley School. The children competed brilliantly and achieved the silver medals which were showed off proudly in celebration assembly last week. Great work.

### **Tickets for the School Production**

Please return requests for tickets as soon as possible. We have plenty of space in King Edwards hall, so please bring along family and friends.

### **Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper day**

Don't forget to let us know if your child will not be having a Christmas dinner in school. The festive jumper is optional. We know that some children prefer to wear their school uniform to school and that is absolutely fine.

### **Last week of Clubs**

Please make a note on your calendar that clubs will not run in the week beginning 4/12/21. After school care will run as usual.

The new clubs list will be coming home today so please take a look through your children's Comms folder over the weekend.

### **Half- Term Cups- Please can we ask for their return**

Please can we ask that you return the half term cups, ready for them to be given out at the end of term assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Pantomime at School on 6<sup>th</sup> December**

We are excited that the pantomime will be visiting us and we can't wait to see if Cinderella goes to the ball! There is always plenty of audience participation, and the children have a great time.

### **Carol Service- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**

We are very pleased that you will join us for our Carol Service at St Peters Church . The children will be reading and singing to celebrate the story of The Birth of Jesus, according to the Christian scriptures. This is an event that we warmly invite everyone to, including members of the community, and it is so important that the community see how the school is thriving now. This visibility is important in getting the word out about all that this wonderful school provides for the children and their families. It promises to be a very festive event that will help to make memories for everyone.

Lucy Macey

Headteacher

### Christmas Bauble Display

This year, Prego in Stockbridge very kindly gifted each child in the school a bauble to decorate for their Christmas tree. Each bauble has the child's Christmas wish on it and some lucky children may get their wish granted by Prego themselves!

The baubles will be on display over December so please go and visit to see the fantastic art work! A huge thank you to Prego for spread the festive cheer and donating the baubles to us. The children really enjoyed decorating them!



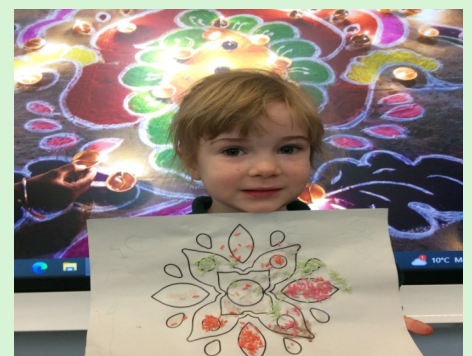
# Beech Class



Last week, Beech class continued their learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali, as part of our Interfaith week. They found out about some of the traditions and rituals people of this faith practice. They explored items that can be found in a Hindu temple and listened to the story behind the festival. The class made their own salt dough to make diyas (candle lamps).

This week, we are learning about the first Christmas. The children found out about the Nativity story and thought about why Jesus was born in a stable and who visited the special baby. The children enjoyed having a birthday party for Jesus and played games to learn about the characters.

In English, we are reading 'The Stick Man' and thinking about journey stories. The children drew maps of the story and considered different uses for a stick.



# Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have continued to strive to be better and approach all work with a fantastic attitude. They are becoming wonderful geologists with a real interest in the world around them. They have created strong links between their local school environment and the wider world.

Chestnut children have identified some key physical landmarks in West Tytherley village and related these to the physical landmarks and features of Winchester. They could recognise different landmarks in Winchester and were able to explain why they might be notable places. The children could recall the things they had learned and share their newfound knowledge with adults around school.

In Maths, the children loved learning how to use fractions in their work. They identified a  $\frac{1}{2}$  very well and used this on their newly learned 2D shapes. Chestnuts also used this outside with their outdoor learning. The Year 1s have continued with addition and subtraction and using number lines to represent different calculations. The Year 2s have developed their knowledge of ordering and comparing numbers, as well as representing them in multiple different ways.

In English, we have begun work on the wordless book 'Flashlight'. We will be using this to guide and invent our own stories and sentences. The children's imaginations have already been extremely creative with what they want to use in their stories. We have role-played in the classroom to explore the different nocturnal animals and used 'torches' to explore the world around us.

Chestnut class have been practising so hard for the Nativity. They have diligently learned their lines, as well as the lines of the songs in the play. I am so proud of their commitment and excitement, and I personally cannot wait for you all to see how hard they have worked.

Thank you all for attending the first parents evening this academic year. It was a pleasure to see you all and I am really impressed with how well the children are doing.

## Outdoor Learning

In Forest School last week, the children learned about different trails. They went on a picture trail around the school grounds. At the end of the trail, they searched for and found their own treasure (special natural items). They used this treasure to make imprints in clay to create special Forest School Christmas Decorations to take home to put on their tree.

This week, the children finished their Christmas decorations and had a go at lighting a fire before enjoying a warming hot chocolate around their fire.

# Willow Class

In Willow Class we have been very busy in the last couple weeks. The children have completed their assessments, completed their big write for English and been on our first trip - to Hillier Gardens.

In Maths this term, the main focusses have been on Geometry and Measurements. We have sustained knowledge of 2D shapes and their properties. We are now looking at 3D shapes and their properties but also how they differ from 2D shapes. Once we have completed this, we will move on to using different units of measurement.

In English, we will now be looking at a book about Boudica which will align to our History topic of the Roman's invasion of Britain. We will learn about her rebellion against the Roman army and the key facts about this period in history.

Can I please remind children to bring their PE kits on PE days (Tuesday and Wednesday)? Can we also make sure they have the appropriate kit for PE and clubs (e.g. tracksuit bottoms), as it is getting colder and muddier outside.

Spellings will continue as homework, given and due every Friday. You should all have the homework information sheet which will simply set out if your child completes any homework, maths challenge or reading. They can earn themselves house points. If you could write the smiley face or your initials for the child.

For your information, I have decided to change our routines for the morning (8:45 – 9:10) before we start the day. This is simply the areas I would like to work on with Willow class and it is a good time to fill within our busy schedule.

| Monday        | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                 | Friday        |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Quiet Reading | Spellings | Handwriting | Maths Challenge Booklets | Choice of any |

We had interfaith week last week where Willow class studied the religion of Judaism. The children learned about Jewish culture, and how and why Jewish people pray. We had an amazing Jewish speaker who came in to inspire the children with their knowledge and insight into the religion.

Now, moving on to our amazing trip to Hillier Gardens for a Roman themed activity day. We had a wonderful day out and thankfully the weather was on our side. The children got stuck in the mud with an archaeological dig, searching for Roman artefacts and cooking hot honey apple treats.

We are keeping up the good progress. Let's keep it up in time for Christmas.

Thank you for all your support of the class.

Mr Harris



# Oak Class

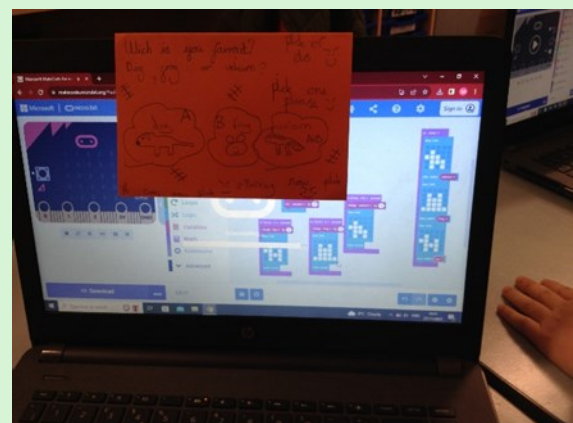
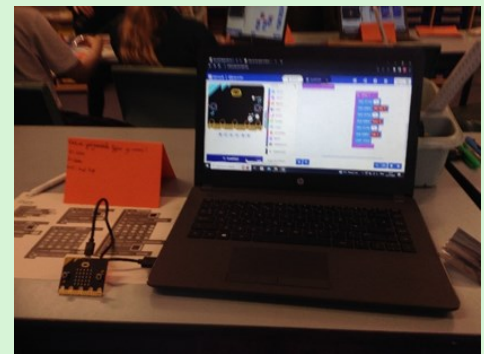
It has been another great couple of weeks in Oak class and we are showing great engagement in our learning across all subjects.

In English, we have finished our writing journey on 'Street Child', writing discussions about workhouses and their advantages and disadvantages. This linked really well with our History learning, where we used a range of sources to gather information about workhouses, which we then used in our writing.

In Maths, we used the information given to us by Miss Lee to create our own timetables for Andover cinema. This week, we have been focusing on reading and converting units of mass. We began the week by estimating and comparing the mass of different objects, using scales with different intervals. We then completed a series of problem-solving activities where we had to convert between grams and kilograms.

We have continued to develop our investigation in Science, writing predictions for our investigation question and creating risk assessments to ensure our investigation is safe.

In Computing, we have continued to use Micro:Bit software and most recently explored how we can use variables to create our own polling program. The children had lots of fun thinking of their own questions and adapting the code to fit their questions. We then had time for the class to test the code by inputting their own data. Finally, last week the children showed a great level of determination completing a series of assessments, which they faced admirably. Miss Lee was very proud of how hard the children worked during these and for their positive attitudes





# Photos from around school



## Weekly Certificates from Friday 24th November 2023

|          |               |  |
|----------|---------------|--|
| Beech    | <b>Olivia</b> | For having a go at using your sounds to write unknown words. Well done!  |
| Chestnut | <b>Alfie</b>  | For having a go at all his work and listening to adults when he needs some help.   |
| Willow   | <b>Rosie</b>  | For showing huge progress in her English with beautiful handwriting and using special techniques such as adjectives and adverbs. |
| Oak      | <b>George</b> | For showing perseverance when working with coordinates across four quadrants.  |

## Weekly Certificates from Friday 1st December 2023

|          |               |  |
|----------|---------------|--|
| Beech    | <b>Kaspar</b> | For your creativity and original ideas during writing challenges this week.  |
| Chestnut | <b>Tima</b>   | For showing independence and creativity at forest school and in class.   |
| Willow   | <b>Teagan</b> | For settling beautifully in to Willow class and becoming a great asset to the class, by making new friends and working hard in her learning. |
| Oak      | <b>Alica</b>  | For recognising which emotions link to different coloured zones and working collaboratively to share our learning in the form of a poster.   |

### Last Weeks House Points

**Singer = 82**

**Pragnell = 106**

**Budden = 83**

The individual HP winners were:

**Edward, Fraser, Munro, Henry.**

Well done everyone!

### This Weeks House Points

**Singer = 90**

**Pragnell = 106**

**Budden = 83**

The individual HP winners are:

**Sara– Jane, Skye, Barney,**

**Reuben.**

Well done everyone!

## Diary Dates: Autumn Term 2023

|                                |  |                    |   |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| <b>05/12/2023</b>              | Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination - Yr R To Yr. 6                                     | Whole school       | Please refer to letter.                         |
| <b>05/12/2023</b>              | KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Afternoon Performance | Beech and Chestnut | 1.30pm please refer to letter for more details. |
| <b>06/12/2023</b>              | KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Evening Performance   | Beech and Chestnut | 6pm please refer to letter for more details.    |
| <b>06/12/2023</b>              | Whole school Pantomime 'Cinderella'  | Whole school       | 1:45- 3pm                                       |
| <b>14/12/2023</b>              | Christmas dinner and festive jumper day  | Whole school       | 12pm Please refer to poster that was sent home. |
| <b>15/12/2023</b>              | End of term assembly   | Whole School       | 10.30 a.m.                                      |
| <b>18/12/2023 - 01/01/2024</b> | Christmas Holiday  |                    | School Closed to pupils.                        |

## Diary Dates: Spring Term 2023

| Date                           | Event                              | Who                           | Details                                   |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>02/01/2024</b>              | Start of Spring Term               | All                           | 8.45a.m. – 3.15pm                         |                        |
| <b>09/01/2024</b>              | Swimming lessons                   | Oak Class                     | 9:45 am- 11:45 am                         |                        |
| <b>16/01/2024</b>              | Swimming lessons                   | Oak Class                     | 9:45 am- 11:45 am                         |                        |
| <b>22/01/2024</b>              | KS1 Gym Festival                   | 8 children from Chesnut Class | 10am – 12pm at Test Valley School         |                        |
| <b>22/01/2024</b>              | KS2 Gym Festival                   | 8 Children from Willow Class  | 1pm – 3pm at Test Valley School           |                        |
| <b>23/01/2024</b>              | Swimming Lessons                   | Oak Class                     | 9:45 am- 11:45 am                         |                        |
| <b>30/01/2024</b>              | Swimming Lessons                   | Oak Class                     | 9:45 am- 11:45 am                         |                        |
| <b>02/02/2024</b>              | Candlemas                          | Whole School                  | 2pm at St Peter's Church                  |                        |
| <b>06/02/2024</b>              | Swimming Lessons                   | Oak Class                     | 9:45 am- 11:45 am                         |                        |
| <b>09/02/2024</b>              | INSET Day                          | Whole School                  | School Closed to pupils                   |                        |
| <b>12/02/2024 - 16/02/2024</b> | Half-term holiday                  | Whole School                  | School Closed to pupils                   |                        |
| <b>19/02/2024</b>              | INSET Day                          | Whole School                  | School Closed to pupils                   |                        |
| <b>21/02/2024</b>              | Outdoor Learning Festival          | 8 children from Yr. 3         | 9.30am – 11.30am at West Tytherley School |                        |
| <b>04/03/2024</b>              | Tag Rugby Competition              | 12 children from Yr.5/6       | 10am – 12pm at Wallop Primary School      |                        |
| <b>05/03/2024</b>              | Yr.R Parents Evening               | Yr.R Parents                  | 4pm – 6pm                                 | Letter to be sent home |
| <b>19/03/2024</b>              | Cluster Netball Competition        | 12 children from Yr.5/6       | 4pm – 5.30pm at Test Valley School        |                        |
| <b>25/03/2024</b>              | KS1 and KS2 Reports out to parents |                               |   |                        |
|                                | End of term celebration assembly   | Whole school                  | 10.30 a.m                                 |                        |
| <b>29/03/2024 - 12/04/2024</b> | Easter holidays                    |                               | School closed to pupils                   |                        |

# Local Events and Activities

West Tytherley School and St Peter's Church

## Christmas Carols



**Wednesday 13th December, 6pm**  
at **St Peter's Church**

Please come and join us to sing some traditional carols and to listen to the retelling of the Nativity story through readings, poems and songs led by the school children.

**All welcome**

Stay and enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink after the service  
(Donations to the PTA)

## elf PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

AGES 5-11  
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

**MONDAY**  
18TH DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

**£120** for the week  
or  
**£30** per child per day

FREE SPACES FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
BREAKFAST & LATE CLUBS AVAILABLE (Extra £6 per session)

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## Nativity! PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

AGES 5-11  
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

**WEDNESDAY**  
20TH DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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## THE POLAR EXPRESS PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

AGES 5-11  
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

**THURSDAY**  
21ST DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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or  
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## HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

AGES 5-11  
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

**TUESDAY**  
19TH DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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## JINGLE JANGLE PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

AGES 5-11  
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

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22ND DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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## CHRISTMAS TEEN WEEK

AGES 12-16  
DANCE, CRAFTS & GAMES

**TUESDAY**  
19TH DECEMBER  
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

**£30** per child per day

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