

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 12th November 2021

INSET Days 2021/2022

Monday 29th November 2021

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

Another week has whizzed by and it is getting dark really early now!

We still managed to fit in a brilliant netball tournament with Broughton on Thursday after school, but I will let Mrs Finlay fill you in about that!

Letters Home

I am ensuring that letters home to everyone are sent with an accompanying teachers to parents e-mail. Any that are for sports teams etc. are being documented on the board outside school as well. Please help us to encourage your children's independence by asking them to take responsibility for the things that they need to bring back from school. We do tell them if they have letters that need delivering home. I always find it curious that letters about sports fixtures are delivered to parents promptly, and ones regarding admin, stuffed into the bottom of book bags!

In Willow class the children should bring their spellings home on a Monday. They should also bring their reading book and reading record book, back and forth each day. When they need to change, they should put it in the box in the classroom, where it can then be changed by an adult. Please do let us know if these processes are not happening with your child and we can make sure that the message is passed on.

Mrs Furness News

As I am sure that you are aware, Mrs Furness is not currently working in school and we are not anticipating that she will return before the end of term. I am sure that you will join with the school in wishing her well and we will of course keep you posted about any news.

School Jumpers

We are very short of second hand jumpers, in size 28 and 30, If you have any at home that are no longer in use, please do feel free to pass them on to school.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Beech	Zara	For having a fantastic attitude to both independent and group learning
Chestnut	Barney	For always being ready to learn by considering the resources he is going to need for that session
Willow	Ella	For always being ready and eager to learn throughout the school day
Oak	Chloe	For being organised and showing initiative to start her learning straight away

Thought for the Week

This week has included thinking about Remembering and Peace – definitely suitable for Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday. On Sunday, we will be observing the occasion with a short Act of Remembrance at West Tytherley at 10.45am and Lockerley Memorial Hall at 2.30pm. We heard the story of Abigail the Peacemaker (in the Bible in 1 Samuel Chapter 25) and we prayed: *Dear God, help us always to seek peace, like Abigail did, Amen.*

Vicar James

News from around school

Beech

Beech class started the week with an exciting new topic in History - Inventors! We shared ideas about what inventors do and what it takes to be a great inventor. We thought about all of the different gifts and talents that we have in our class and how we could use them to invent and create new things ourselves. This sparked Beech class' interest, which led to the unveiling of the new "Design Den" in our outdoor area. In Maths, we have started to learn about money and have been working with coins up to 10p. The class have been using money to buy items in our new pop-up shop, ensuring they have the right coins.



We have continued to explore the class book 'The Most Magnificent Thing', creating story maps and beginning to use vocabulary such as 'beginning', 'middle' and 'end'. Beech class were also very excited to learn a new word class - verbs! They enjoyed acting out and naming different things that we do each day. We have continued to develop our learning through play in both the indoor and outdoor provisions with new inventions and designs

Chestnut

In our Maths lessons this week, Chestnut class began the week by making arrays of 2, 5 and 10. They were able to draw the arrays to help them understand what the multiplication calculation and repeated addition calculations would be. On Thursday, the children took their knowledge of arrays outside and around the school to see if they could spot any arrays being used in everyday objects. Some of the objects were: windows (3x4), painted lines on the playground (2x4), the chess board (8x8) and the phonics sounds cards in class (10x3). The children then recorded these and made a display for others to see. We began our new Geography unit of work on Monday: Wonderful West Tytherley. The children had to record everything that they could think of to do with the village; some of their findings were thatched cottages, pub, park, school and the fact that it was a village. Within Art, the children will be exploring Angels. They were given the question of "What is an Angel?" and it was wonderful to see the variety of answers; some mentioning that Angels could be males, have a sword and fight.

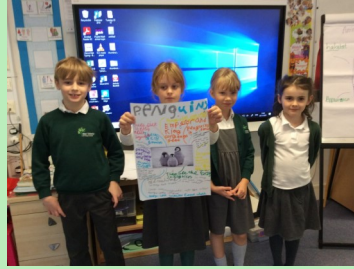


Willow

This week in Willow, we have been investigating the key features of a leaflet, looking at things like layout, sub-headings, questions, and grammar. We have been working in groups to discuss and present our findings to the class. This is to support us for when we start writing our own leaflets about nature and wildlife.

In Guided reading, we have been looking at word choices and how they make the author feel. We got to do lots of wall walks - where the information is shown on the wall and we have to walk around to find what we are writing about before we write it down.

Finally, in maths this week, we have been learning about fractions and decimals. This is great, as we get to use lots of resources which we can hold and pick up and move around, and it all helps us visualise what



Oak

This week in Oak class we have started lots of new learning and are at the beginning of learning about some different topics. In geography we will be travelling to Cote D'Ivoire to find out about what they trade in this country and discovering where our foods come from. In R.E., we are exploring different interpretations of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and discovering whether the Bible story matches our understanding. As scientists, we will be investigating how new materials are created and if a material can be returned to its original state. We had great fun investigating granola and trying to find out the different ingredients it is made from.



Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

12th: School Photographs

29th: INSET Day

DECEMBER

2nd: Christmas Panto - Goldilocks

7th: Music performances by KS1 and KS2. Time tbc

8th: KS1 Nativity - Matinee and Early Evening

16th: Christmas Lunch

17th: Christmas Celebration - Church time tbc

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is aged 4, or will turn 4 before 1st September 2022, they can start school in September 2022.

For more information go to: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2020. The closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

Netball Match

On Thursday after school, West Tytherley hosted the first set of matches against Broughton; our Years 4, 5 and 6 played their Year 5 and 6 in our first ever competitive netball matches. It was a fantastic opportunity for both schools to participate and practise their skills. The matches began with West Tytherley playing against Broughton, before the teams were mixed in together. Both teams won a match as separate teams and then were able to help their mixed team to win matches. The children were able to apply the skills that they have learnt over the past weeks at netball club – there were some fantastic interceptions, dodging, passing and great use of spreading out across the court. Our children played incredibly well as a whole team, even encouraging from the side when not playing, and our Year 3s were brilliant cheerleaders. Thank you to all who were able to attend; I look forward to many more matches between our two schools.



Test Valley School PTA
invite you to our

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 27th November, 11am - 2pm

Do some Christmas shopping!

Buy your Christmas tree and wreath!

Christmas giftware to buy!

Festive Cafe and Christmas crafts!

For further information email testvalleypta@gmail.com
Enquiries from stallholders are welcome.