

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 19th November 2021

**INSET Days 2021/2022**

Monday 29th November 2021

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

## **PTA AGM– Wednesday 1st December**

This will take place straight after school and we are able to provide child care for school age children. I would like to encourage everyone who can make it to stay and find out about the PTA and the vital role that they play in the running of the school. I can very honestly say that the existing PTA are the friendliest and most welcoming group of people and that everyone will be made to feel comfortable and given a cup of tea! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Have lovely weekend

Lucy Macey

## **Girl's Football Festival**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, a selection of our girls from years 4-6 participated in a football festival at Wallop Primary School. The afternoon started with them taking part in three sessions, each with a different focus – attacking, mid-field and defending. Throughout these sessions, the girls developed their footballing abilities, through passing, shooting and tackling, and their team work – with all the children mixed together.

The afternoon finished with a match. It was wonderful to see how our girls had developed through the course of the afternoon. Emily was putting great pressure on the opposition, Seirian was aware of her position on the pitch and making sure she was offering some defence, Ella had great control of the ball when dribbling, Mia was moving on the line when in goal rather than standing still, and Tabitha put in some great saves whilst moving and keeping low.



## **Weekly Awards**

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

<b>Beech</b>	Sienna	for looking after and supporting others
<b>Chestnut</b>	Emelia	for always thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe around school and looking out for her friends to ensure they are being safe.
<b>Willow</b>	Isla	for always caring for other people, using kind hands and words and supporting her friends
<b>Oak</b>	Sophia	For being welcoming and friendly to others in the school community

## **Thought for the Week**

This week some of us have been learning about Hinduism and how it is a way of life for millions of people. In all that we learn in life it is important to respect others, and what they think. As a Christian, I can pray: *Heavenly Father, forgive us when we shy away from people who are different from us. Help us to take the trouble to get to know them better. Amen*

*Vicar James*

# News from around school

## Beech

Beech class started the week learning about Louis Braille and how he invented a way for blind people to read. We retold the story of his life and even had a go at trying to read braille ourselves.

In Maths, we have finished learning about money and how to add coins together and have now moved on to length. The class have been given their own tubs of playdough and have used it to make different size sausages, noting the longest and shortest sausage. We have also been using the playdough to make our recently learnt sounds in phonics, working on our fine motor skills at the same time.

In Literacy, we designed and made our own inventions. We will be writing instructions for them next week. With the choice of three scenarios, the class settled on a robot that could tidy their bedrooms for them.



## Chestnut

This week in Maths, the children have been looking at division and sharing equally. They worked on calculations that involved their 2, 5 and 10 times table knowledge and put this into practice when solving problems involving division. At the beginning of Maths we now have 10 minutes of mental maths. This takes the form of children answering questions based on their learning so far this year. In Chestnut Class, the children are full of energy when completing these, with music playing in the background, and are becoming more confident with solving the calculations quickly and mentally. In Geography this week, the children have been looking at where we are located in the world. We used the globe to see where we sit on that and then where we are on a map of the world, our country and where we are in the county. We then looked at Google Earth and the children were fascinated to be able to zoom in on West Tytherley and move through the village on Street View. During PE this half term, the children have been learning about Curling. They have practised pushing the stones across the floor and are now beginning to aim at targets.

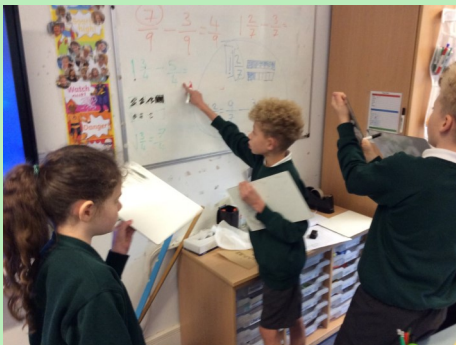


## Willow

We have been a whole range of things this week in Willow. Firstly, we have been finishing off fractions and learning to add and subtract fractions. We have been doing lots of group work on boards and using different resources such as cards and special fraction resources.

In English, we have been studying non-chronological reports and looking at the features of books and leaflets, and organising book covers so that we have a really clear idea of what a non-fiction piece of text looks like. We are going to start designing our own leaflet on a wild life animal.

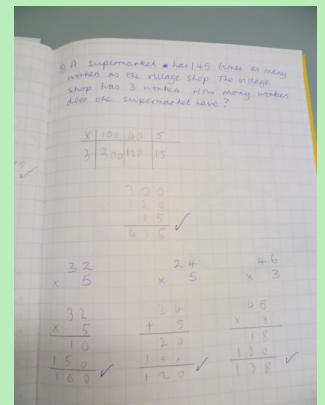
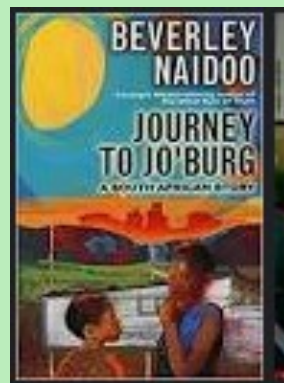
We have been playing 'Simon says' in French, learning all about different classroom instructions. Ask your children if they can remember how to say 'stand up, listen, or be quiet' in French! In science, we have also started looking at electricity. We have discussed and sorted different items found in the house into whether they use batteries, mains electricity, or both. It sparked lots of interesting discussion.



## Oak

Oak class have been working really hard this week to crack written methods for multiplication. Some children who previously found this very challenging have progressed from counting equal groups of objects, to the compact method of short multiplication.

We have started to get to know a new book, Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo, set in South Africa, during the apartheid era. We are intrigued and shocked at the treatment of Black people in the book.



### Dates to Remember

#### NOVEMBER

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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

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





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