

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 3rd December 2021

INSET Days 2021/2022

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

A Bundle of Joy

We are really looking forward to our nativity play this year. In order for us to be able to continue with our Christmas performance we have the following requests:

1. All adults need to wear face masks unless they are medically exempt.
2. The audience members should not attend if they are showing any symptoms.
3. Follow the instructions to enter the site, through the side gate into the back of the hall. Making sure you wash/sanitise hands at the station outside the hall.
4. Audience members should take a LFD test prior to attendance and not attend if they receive a positive result.
5. Wear warm clothes because the hall will be well ventilated.

Half-termly Cups

If you have one of the half-termly cups please return it to school.

Clubs

Next week will be the last week of clubs apart from after school care.

Have a lovely weekend

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Beech	Robyn	for using equipment safely and being a fantastic helper during 'tidy up time'!
Chestnut	Elijah	for always ensuring the safety of others around the classroom and in taking care to ensure his workspace is neat.
Willow	Seirian	for always being kind to people and attentive to her friends.
Oak	Marley	for showing great care towards friends, to make sure they feel safe and happy in school.

Thought for the Week

This week I have not been able to get to all of the School 'Assemblies' – sorry. We have been thinking about refugees and homelessness – something which has appeared in our news a lot. Soon after Jesus was born – not in his home – he was a refugee fleeing to Egypt. We can pray to God: *Loving Father, you gave us Jesus at Christmas time. Help us to know him, to love him and to serve him, every day in the year. Amen*

Vicar James

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

7th: Music performances by KS1 and KS2. Time 2.30pm

8th: KS1 Nativity - Matinee and Early Evening

16th: Christmas Lunch

17th: Christmas Celebration - Church time 10am

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.

News from around school

Beech

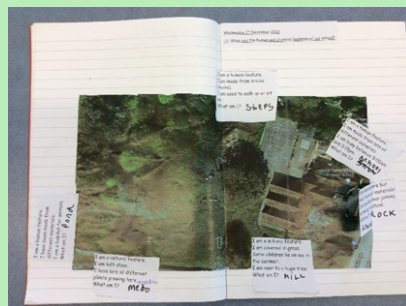
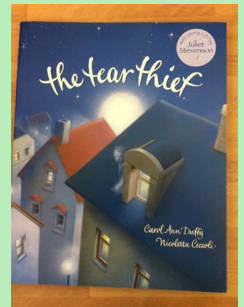
This week, Beech Class have kicked off the Christmas season by opening our new Christmas Post Office where we can start to write letters for Santa, with the hope that he may reply! We have started our new class Learning Journey, 'The Snowman', and have designed our own front cover for the book. We will begin to write an accompanying narrative for the images in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have learnt to use part-part-whole models to represent partitions of numbers up to 10 and have enjoyed moving pegs on a hanger to help us. We have been rehearsing for our nativity 'Bundle of Joy', which we can't wait to show you all next week!



Chestnut

This week in Chestnut, the children have been busy rehearsing for the nativity next week. They are remembering their lines, singing loud and clear and beginning to act as their character.

In Geography this week, the children were given an aerial map of the school and the grounds. We took a walk around the site and discussed which features were human or physical. Whilst we were out looking at the grounds, the children were told a place on the map they had to go and find; this made them think about where they were on the map and which direction the object was. The children then had clues, when back in class, to locate the items on the map. In Maths, the children are revisiting their understanding of place value through ordering and comparing numbers; they have used dienes to support their understanding of the tens and ones in a 2-digit number. We have begun a new book in Guided Reading, 'The Tear Thief'. The children have predicted what they think the book will be about, with most mentioning a ghost girl on the roof who wants to go into people's houses.

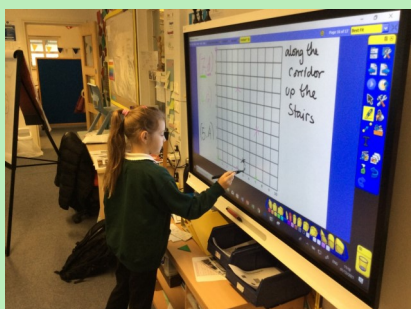


Willow

This week in Willow, we have been learning lots of interesting things. In Maths, we moved on from geometry of shape to geometry of position and we have been starting to plot coordinates on coordinate grids. Ask your child how far we have to go along, and up, when we are working out coordinates.

We have also started a new book this week in English. We are following the story of a robin, travelling home through the snow and encountering various hurdles along the way. The story is called 'Coming Home' and to start, we explored what home means and created some nice posters. Then we made some inferences about the robin's character by using information in the book and the author's word choices. The children made these beautiful 'role walls' with words filling up the picture of the robin.

Also, big news this week! Willow class have finally collected 100 cards in the superhero system. This meant that the class were able to have a little bit of time in the afternoon to watch a bit of a movie. Hopefully we can get another 100 cards by the end of term so that we can finish the movie.



Oak

This week, Oak class have worked exceptionally hard to understand written methods for division. Most children have developed confidence in solving short division and some children have strategies for long division. It has made us realise the importance of knowing times table facts and having quick recall of these, so if your child still needs practice, please encourage them at home. Apps such as 'Hit the Button' can help.

We have reached an exciting chapter in our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Children have said they are intrigued and that they have changed their minds about the main character, Ahmet. You may find this text appearing on your child's Christmas wish list!

On Thursday we enjoyed the Treehouse Theatre Group's pantomime 'Goldilocks' with Lukas and Emily starring as two of the three Little Pigs, Freya starring as a schoolchild from Billericay doing a work out with Joe Wicks, and Marley stirring a lump of magical porridge who helped defeat the Big Bad Wolf (also known as Furry Grey Fluffy Face).

