

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 10th December 2021

**INSET Days 2021/2022**

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

## **A Bundle of Joy- KS1 Nativity**

I am sure that you, like me enjoyed the wonderful production of 'A Bundle of Joy.' It was aptly titled, because it was, just that- absolutely joyous. The children enjoyed performing, singing and dancing and the message was very pertinent: Lets us give thanks and be grateful for everything that we have.

Look out for the picture in the Salisbury Journal!

## **Music Performance**

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning the Bamboo Tamboo and Ukelele this term and they demonstrated their skills at the concert. Next term we have tuned percussions: Xylophone! Hang onto your hats everyone!

## **P.E. Kits**

Next week your children will only need P.E. kit on Tuesday.

Next term, please can they wear uniform every day and bring P.E. kit into school and keep it there.

## **Clubs after Christmas**

These will start from the second week back (10/1/2022). We can offer the following:

Monday- Choir (lunch)

Multi- skills (Yr R, 1 and 2)

Tuesday – Football (Year R,1 and 2) We are now running 2 clubs with 2 coaches.

Football (Year 3,4,5,6)

Wednesday - Chess (All)

Thursday – Netball (Yrs 3,4,5 and 6)

Lego and construction (Yr R,1 and 2)

Please e-mail: [l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk) to put your child's name down.

## **Visit from The Big Man Today!**

We were lucky that Father Christmas made time in his busy schedule to come and see all the children today. Thank you to the PTA for being his elves and helping to wrap the presents for the children.

The older children enjoyed helping the pre-schoolers with their Christmas crafts in Twinkle toes as well.

## **Next Week:**

**Monday 13th December:** Assembly for children about 'Be Safe, Be seen'- No parents

**Thursday 16th December:** Christmas Dinner and Jumper day. There have been 2 communications asking parents to tell me if their child does not want dinner. The deadline was Friday 10th December.

**Friday 17th December:** Church Service 10am- Parents welcome. Choir singing and celebrating children's achievements. School finishes at usual time 3.15pm

## **Return to School- Tuesday 4th January 2022**

We will return on Tuesday. The children will need to wear uniform and bring P.E. kit, which will remain in school for the rest of the week.

Breakfast club and After school club will run from Tuesday 4th January 2022. Please e-mail [l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk) to book.

### **Communicating with school in the holidays:**

If you need to communicate with school at all during the holidays please e-mail: [l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk)

I will make sure that I respond as promptly as possible.

### **Work over the Holidays**

We will not be setting any formal homework over the break, but we would encourage you to keep reading to and with your children and to do any activities that they would benefit from and enjoy. I would also recommend as much fresh air as possible and rest too.

### **Half-termly Cups**

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

### **Medical Forms**

Urgent please return the medical questionnaires sent home earlier this week.

### **Outstanding Monies**

We are coming to the end of term. As a result, please can all outstanding dinner and extended care money be paid either online via Sco-pay or handed to the school office.

### **Office Cover- January 2022**

I am delighted that we have experienced admin cover starting in January. This will be a helpful point of contact, and also someone who can ensure the smooth running of the office.

Thank you to Clare and the Governors for their work over the last months, as well as parents for their help.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

### **Thought for the Week**

Not long until the end of term! This week we have been thinking about the Moon and the Stars – and how they are part of the Christmas Story. We learned about the 'stardust' of which we are made. As Christians we can pray: *Lord God, we thank you that we are wonderfully made. We thank you for your son Jesus who came at the First Christmas and shows us what you are like. We thank you for the wonders of all creation and how the stars can give us a glimpse of eternity. Amen*

Vicar James

### **Weekly Awards**

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

<b>Beech</b>	Jack	for showing determination and resilience within all of his learning
<b>Chestnut</b>	Emelia	For always being prepared and ready to get straight on with her work.
<b>Willow</b>	Charlie	For showing great improvement in his keenness to learn and trying his hardest in all in everything
<b>Oak</b>	Bella	for using initiative, thinking independently and being ready to move on in learning

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **DECEMBER**

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](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.

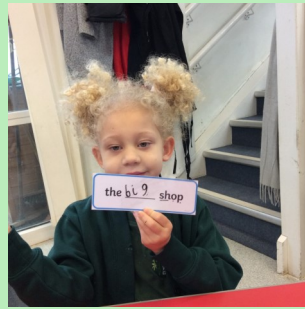
# News from around school

## Beech

What a wonderful cast of performers we have in Beech Class. We stunned our families with our sensational skills on the Bamboo Tamboo at the concert on Tuesday, alongside Chestnut Class. On Wednesday we wowed our audiences with our rendition of the Nativity, telling the story of Jesus' birth and the grumpy donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem- Poor old grumble!

There has been some superb writing produced this week, inspired by Raymond Briggs' 'The Snowman'. The children have been learning how to use adjectives to describe nouns within their narrative and have been working really hard to perfect their finger spacing and full stops!

The puppet theatre is a new addition to our provision this week and the children have been using it to retell well known fairy tales and improvise new stories of their own. The children made and sold tickets, ice cream, popcorn and drinks whilst using the language and vocabulary that they have developed over this term.

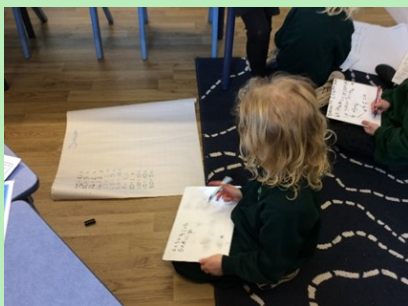


## Chestnut

This week the children have showed what incredible performers they are. On Tuesday, Chestnut class, along with Beech class, performed what they had been learning in Music on their Bamboo Tamboo. It was amazing to see how the children were able to keep different rhythms at the same time. Wednesday was the performance of our wonderful Key Stage 1 nativity, 'A Bundle of Joy'. The children, this time, were able to show their acting skills and there are definitely some keen actors in the class. All the hard work the children had put in leading up to it paid off as they remembered their lines, performed their hearts out and sung beautifully.



In class this week, the children have begun to research their own Arctic animal. They had questions that needed answering and we used the laptops to do this one; the children were very excited about using them especially as we brought them down to the class. Next week, the children will write these information texts up and create a class book all about Arctic animals. During our RE session this week, the children learnt about Hannukah. They listened to the story of how it started and then were able to recreate a menorah using paints and their hands. I wonder if your child can tell you how long the menorah in the temple burnt for with only a small amount of oil.



## Willow

This week, Willow class students have been visited by a cheeky little elf called Elvis. He has been playing tricks and hiding around the classroom. He has also been watching all the children working hard. We revisited measurements in Maths this week, looking at key facts such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a kilogram. Ask you child if they remember how many grams there are in  $\frac{1}{2}$  a kilogram.

In English, we have been following the journey of a robin travelling home for Christmas. We have been using prior knowledge to support some of the activities, such as writing the journey of the robin in the style of a fact file. We have also started exploring poetic devices and how authors and poets use them.

Finally, this week, we have been talking about belonging. This concept has been prevalent in a few different subjects. In RE, we made a willow tree, and wrote positive messages about belonging to West Tytherley and Willow class. It has been a very positive week.



## Oak

In Oak class this week, we have been thinking about which characters in the Nativity story are the most important. This created much discussion and debate, as they all seemed to have a crucial part to tell. Eventually we decided that with Jesus at the centre of the story, all others had equal importance: Mary, as she was his mother, Joseph, as he was the descendant of King David, which meant the family had to travel to Bethlehem (which fulfilled a prophecy), the Angel who brought messages to several different people, the shepherds who were the first visitors and took the Good News of the birth into the street, and the star-watchers who brought gifts to signify the birth of a king. This term's learning in RE has made us think about the story of Christmas in lots of new ways.

In science, the children have been learning about how substances can be separated, using sieving or evaporation, for example, and finding out about how new substances are created through melting, dissolving or heating.

Oak class will be visiting Twinkle-Toes on Friday morning and are really looking forward to creating some Christmas crafts with the children there.

