

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to another newsletter, with lots of information about what has happened in school and what is to come!

Harvest Festival- Friday 13th October 10am at St Peters Church

We look forward to our annual celebration, where we hope that you can join us. There will be contributions from the classes, songs and prayers. The list of suggested donations is further on in the newsletter.

Halloween Disco- Friday 20th October

This year the Halloween Party will be in two parts, in order that we can have a quieter, less hectic session for younger children and those who prefer more order and calm (with games and a disco), followed by a disco, for those who like a little more noise and flashing lights. There will be more information about how to purchase tickets for this spooktacular event, shortly. But save the date.....

The Uniform Cupboard

It would be hard not to notice the wonderful new outdoor cupboard that we have outside the school for second hand uniform. Please use this to drop off and collect uniform.

Looking smart- why it is important

Can I also make a request that all jumpers etc are named, so that we can make sure that they are returned to the correct children.

Please can we ask that children wear plain socks that are black, grey, white or dark green. We are encouraging the children to look smart at school, whilst being mindful that in the next phase of their education uniform restrictions may be stricter and we need to prepare the children for this. The children may bring trainers to wear at playtimes but they should also have school shoes that they change into for other times.

Thank you for your support with this.

Cross Country- Significant Achievements

Miss Hayter has written a report of the event, which I hope that you will enjoy reading. I wanted to say how exceptionally proud I am of the children who competed in this challenging event. We fielded a complete team and were able to go and compete with 5 of the 7 Cluster schools invited to this event. There were strong performances, with all finishing and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. The sportsmanship was fantastic and there were also many occasions where children supported each other. There was also evidence of developing resilience, with children who had struggled in previous years, competing again and gaining medals. This demonstrates to the children that persevering can bring dividends, and that progress is entirely possible from our starting points.

I have told all the team how proud I am of them, and we look forward to next year.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Certificates

Friday 22nd September 2023

Beech	Sara-Jane	For giving everything a go and trying your best.
Chestnut	Zara	For her amazing writing, sentence structure and retelling of the story Rapunzel.
Willow	Eden	For showing huge progress in English, finishing her first big write in Year 3 with beautiful handwriting and impressive adjectives.
Oak	Hugo	For taking on the challenge of identifying action or character musical theatre songs and explaining his choices.

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Beech	Alex	For your perseverance and determination to construct a working marble run with our new blocks.
Chestnut	Tima	For having a go at his maths work by himself and using counting objects to help him add.
Willow	Ophelia	For showing huge kindness towards a friend, running back in a competition to encourage and ensure they finish the race as a team.
Oak	Charlie	For using his knowledge of Greek ingredient's to design a unique Greek inspired recipe.

Last Weeks House Points

Singer = 97

Pragnell = 81

Budden = 98

The individual HP winners were:

Noah, Skye, Archie, Hugo

Well done everyone!

This Weeks House Points

Singer = 148

Pragnell = 152

Budden = 121

The individual HP winners are:

Theo, Alfie, Ophelia, Tabitha

Well done everyone!

Beech Class

Beech class have had a very creative couple of weeks while continuing to build their knowledge about themselves. Last week, they listened to the book 'Elmer' and discussed what made them special and unique before making Elmer models and drawings. They also learned about the artist 'Piet Mondrian' and his use of primary colours. The children created their own artwork in his style, which involved using a ruler to draw perpendicular lines. This week, they experimented with mixing primary colours to see what secondary colours they could make.

Tasty vegetables! The children have started a project about healthy eating and last week they challenged themselves to try different vegetables. Some were liked more than others... However, I was so proud of them all for trying everything!

The children have been thinking about the changing seasons. They went on a walk around the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn. They noticed the leaves beginning to turn different colours. We will keep looking for changes over the next few weeks.

Outdoor Learning

The children braved the elements during their outdoor lesson session last Wednesday to collect different coloured natural resources before bringing them back into the classroom to make into a colour wheel and to create their own 'Andy Goldsworthy' inspired sculptures. This week they made natural paint to create their own artwork celebrating the harvest nature provides.

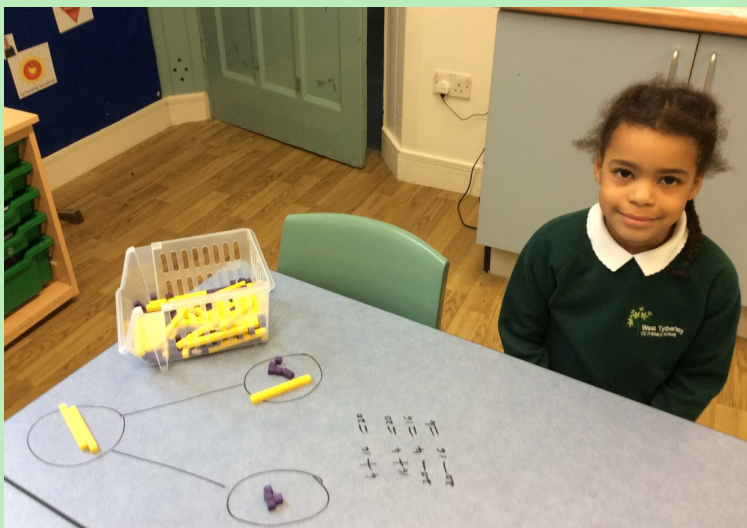
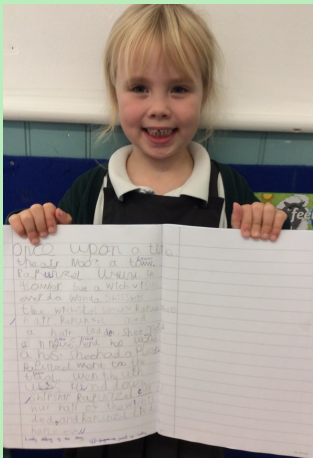


Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have continued to display positive learning attitudes and happy smiles. As a class, we have really enjoyed expanding our knowledge of the Great Fire of London and developing our understanding of what the fire was, how it started, who was involved and what caused it to spread as far as it did. Though Pudding Lane was where the fire began, we have spent time looking at what caused it to spread so far. Conclusions ranged from the wind causing the fire to blow onto the other houses, the small and impractical fire equipment, and the fact that the houses were all made of wood.

We have had fun in Maths expanding our skillset to include addition and subtraction. Everyone has begun to show brilliant resilience by working more independently and accepting when we have to try something again.

In English, we have spent the first half of this half-term looking at an alternative version of Rapunzel. We worked diligently to increase our ability to retell a story and then rewrote the story of Rapunzel. We are now moving on to the Three Little Pigs, focusing on key phrases and words used in the story.



Willow Class

Willow have become a new class in the past couple of weeks and are showing huge progress in their work. We have established our routines and are now taking great pride in our work. I am so pleased with their progress so far.

In Maths this week, we have working with money, building our own shops and giving change to our colleagues. Below are some photos of the children playing the roles of shopkeeper, customer and accountant.

Wednesday afternoons are in full swing with Intergr8 with the children learning different elements of dancing including street and break dancing.

In English, we have finished with 'The Barnabus Project' and have made a Pet Shop book of all their failed pets and fact files. We are now beginning our journey in poetry through nature, starting with a poetry book called 'It Starts with a Seed' where we will be investigating rhyming through a series of nature poems.

Finally, with our topic work we have been establishing the similarities and differences between the area of West Tytherley and the Spanish coast of Costa Brava.

Let's keep up the great work.



Oak Class

At the end of last week, Oak class finished their long writes about the 'Fantastic Greek Beasts' that they had created and published these to create our own class book. This week in English, we read a newspaper report to find out the devastating news that Zeus was planning to banish all our creatures and lock them up as there had been a range of 'beast-related incidents' in Greece. We all agreed that this would be completely unfair and began to explore the reasons why. We then decided to write a letter to Zeus and reminded ourselves of the persuasive features, such as rhetorical questions and repetition, we could include in our writing. At the end of the week, we responded to Zeus with our own persuasive letter.

In our Maths lessons, we have been consolidating our knowledge of perimeter and area. We started by investigating shapes called 'pentominoes' and seeing what different composite shapes we could make by putting two pentominoes together. This led nicely to working out the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and finding the length of sides, using our knowledge of rectangles. This week, we have moved onto working out the area of different quadrilaterals. We also ended the week by reminding ourselves what prime numbers are and completing different investigations using them.

We have continued learning about Ancient Greece by looking at how the different city-states within Ancient Greece were governed. We also explored the difference between primary and secondary sources and used different sources to gather information about different aspects of Ancient Greek life. As part of our DT project, we had the opportunity to taste a range of Greek ingredients, such as olives, houmous, feta and pitta breads. We then chose our favourite ingredients and drew a labelled diagram of our chosen Greek recipe which we are going to recreate in the coming weeks.

Finally, this week we had the opportunity to be a part of a webinar about child-led worship. Miss Lee talked to us beforehand about taking notes and gave us some top tips. It was interesting for us to hear from other schools about how they conduct class worship. We managed to gather some great ideas for how we can improve our child-led assemblies in the future. We can't wait to try some of these ideas out for ourselves!



Cross Country Event

Children across KS2 participated in the cluster cross country event at Wallop Primary School and represented their school fantastically. Everyone behaved brilliantly, all children finished their course, and each child showed good sportsmanship to their friends and cheered everyone on.

Pupil voices:

Tabitha – I really enjoyed cross country because it gives me a great opportunity to challenge myself and go out of my comfort zone.

Henry – My favourite part was being able to increase my speed from last year's cross country.

Noah – I liked that I got to contribute to the school.

Zac – I enjoyed it because it was my first one and I really liked it.

Sienna – I do like the challenge of cross country and I really wanted to go.



Congratulations to everyone that finished and those that managed to get their hands on the sought-after medals. Well done!

Special recognition for brilliant sportsmanship has to go to Ophelia for being an excellent friend and helping when someone else was struggling to complete their lap.

Thought for the Week

This week has been the first full week of Autumn (starting on 21st September). The leaves are changing colour and the Harvest of good things that grow is nearly over. We are now settling into a new school routine, and we prayed: *Dear God, thank you that through all the changes in our lives some things stay the same and are always there to help us. Help us to have faith in those things and not to give up hope when everything around us seems new and different and difficult. Amens*

Vicar James

Diary Dates: West Tytherley – Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event	Who	Details	
26/09/2023	KS2 Cluster Cross Country	Yr.3 –Yr.6	At Wallop Primary School 4pm – 5.30pm	More details to follow
06/10/2023	Open Morning – for new year R starters September 2024		9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	
10/10/2023	Girls Football Festival	Team of 8 KS2 girls	At Wallop Primary School 1pm – 3pm	More details to follow
12/10/2023	Open Morning – for new year R starters September 2024		9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	
12/10/2023	Phonics Workshop	Beech Class Parents	3:30pm for 45 minutes	Children can attend
13/10/2023	Harvest Festival		10 a.m. at St Peters Church	
16/10/2023 – 19/10/2023	Beech Class (Yr.R) Bikeability	Beech Class	9a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Bikes and helmets provided
17/10/2023	Girls Football Cluster Competition	Team of 8 KS2 girls	At Wallop Primary School 1pm – 3pm	More details to follow
18/10/2023	Yr.R Parents Evening	Yr.R Parents	4pm – 6pm	Letter to be sent home
20/10/2023	End of half-term celebration assembly	All welcome	10.30 a.m.	
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half-term	Whole school	School closed to pupils	
30/10/2023	INSET Day	Whole school	School closed to pupils	
31/10/2023	Start of Autumn term 2 nd half		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm	