

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please keep an eagle eye on the newsletters and website calendar for the details of all that is coming up at school in the next few weeks.

Sickness bug - Yuck

We have had some children absent with sickness this week. I hope that we may now be over the worst of it. Thank you to everyone observing the 48-hour rule, which helps to prevent further cases.

Osmington Bay Trip- Years 5 and 6

Please return the slip before the end of term. If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Tickets for the school productions

Please make sure that you have returned your requests for tickets for the Beech and Willow nativity play. We are all very excited to see it.

Secondary Schools Information Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the information evening on Tuesday. I hope that it was useful to hear about the different options to consider and also provided some useful hints on what to look for during an Open Day/ School visit.

Jack and The Beanstalk- by the Tree House Theatre Company- Wednesday 7th November 1pm

The children will be watching a pantomime performed by the travelling theatre company, and we are looking forward to this year's performance. We would like to thank the PTA who pay for this for all the children.

Christmas Dinner/ Festive Jumper Day at School

You will have received an e-mail this week that asks that you e-mail the office if your child **does not** want a cooked Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December. Please let us know by Wednesday 7th December. Of course, your child can still wear a Christmas jumper, if they are having sandwiches.

Service at the Church - 10am Friday 16th December

This will be our end of term service and we will be performing a short play with children from Years 4,5 and 6 - An Almost Correct Christmas.

We will celebrate the end of term together and we warmly invite as many people as possible to join us.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Beech	Fraser	For continuing to impress the class with his speedy learning.
Willow	Alex	For showing resilience when converting Grams to Kilograms and vice versa.
Oak	Barney	For using his understanding of dissolving to explain his findings during our Skittles Investigation.

Thought for the Week

We have been thinking about possessions – things we own. We talked about fairness and justice and prayed: *Loving Father, sometimes we see things that don't belong to us and we want them. Help us to be honest in all things and remember that what doesn't belong to us does belong to someone else. Amen*

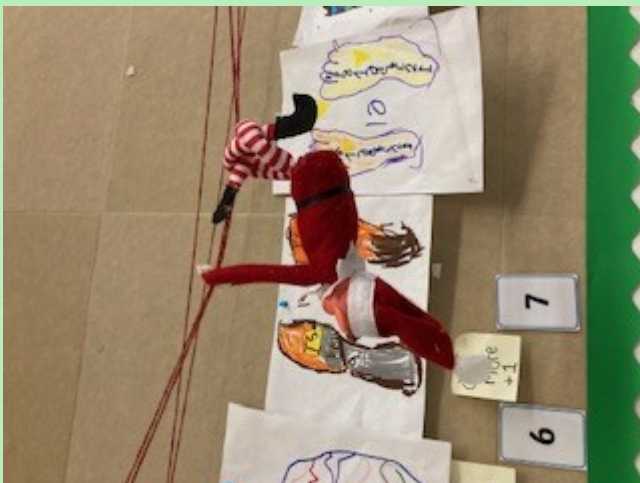
Vicar James

Beech

Christmas preparations are well and truly in swing in Beech Class with the arrival of a new book and the return of our cheeky elf. We have named him Sir Peter Tiddles of Beech Class and he is already up to mischief. Each morning the children start by writing where they have found him and where they think he will be tomorrow. Our New Book is 'The Little Red Elf' which is a Christmas adaptation of the traditional tale, 'The Little Red Hen'. So far in this learning journey, the children have been writing letters to Father Christmas and the elves and using their imagination to verbally adapt the story.

In Year 1, the children have been learning to recognise teen numbers, using the language of 10 and some more, using dienes and numicon to represent this. With this they have now been using a more abstract method to add two numbers together - numberlines. Our Reception children have been learning how to add two amounts together and read addition number sentences. The children chose to use cubes to support their counting.

Beech Class are also very excited to be joining Willow Class in this year's nativity play, 'Christmas with the Aliens'. We hope to see you all there!



Willow

Last week in English, Willow Class finished their poems about their dragons, based on 'Tell Me a Dragon'. The children all used fantastic similes and expanded noun phrases, and these poems have been compiled into a class book. In English this week, we have begun our last unit of work based on dragons. The children will be creating a double-page spread about a dragon, based on an egg. We have looked at the book, 'The Big Book of the Blue', and identified that it is non-fiction. The children were able to work in partners to retrieve information about a number of different animals.

In Maths, the Year 3s have been looking at length and mass, and how to convert between different lengths, using multiplication and division. Throughout these sessions, the children began to recognise the patterns and methods used. Year 2 looked at addition and subtraction during these two weeks. They were able to use their number bonds to 10 to support them and represent these calculations on a number-line. This week, the Year 2s were learning how to add three one-digit numbers, using number bonds to make links and make it easier.

In Geography, the children have been able to explain and identify what tectonic plates are and where they can be found. The children were then able to use this in the explanation of volcanoes and where the majority of volcanoes are located. We also looked at the structure of a volcano and labelled the parts. Following this, the class discussed why volcanoes are deadly, although most of the class believe that earthquakes are deadlier; there were different reasons that came from this discussion. Ask your child about any reasons they can remember.



Oak

After writing a fantastic set of persuasive letters to the South American government about their endangered animals, Oak class started their new learning journey this week, which focusses on the book 'A Night at the Frost Fair' by Emma Carroll. We began the week by looking at a key illustration from the book to make inferences about the story. We then learnt about what Frost Fairs are and began reading the story. We thought about what it would be like to be at a frost fair and used role play to develop our ideas around the senses.

In our Maths last week, we recalled how to plot coordinates before learning about translations. We used the snakes and ladders square outside to practice using the correct positional language to help children move from one number to another. This helped us when we were back in the classroom and were trying to translate points on a quadrant. This week, our Maths has focused on measurement. We had a go at estimating different units of measure on Monday, with Miss Lee giving us a set measure to use to compare. Some children were extremely accurate with their estimates! We then moved on to converting different units of measures using our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

We have dived into the exciting world of rivers in Geography over the last two weeks. We used our knowledge of South American countries and atlases to help create our own maps which show some of the major rivers in South America. Then, we learned about a river's journey from source to mouth and explored the key features of each stage. Miss Lee was very impressed with some of our clear and informative diagrams.

Oak's stop motion animation project is also in full swing. We have been assigned our groups and have been given our theme (Christmas!) to begin to storyboard our ideas. We have also begun to design our set and characters. Next week, we will collect the photos needed, ready to gather in the 'editing suite' to put our movie together!

Mad Science Club for Spring 1

Hopefully, your children came home on Thursday afternoon very excited after an amazing assembly from Super Sian the scientist. This was to introduce children to Mad Science as we are fortunate enough to have a Mad Science Club starting next term for children in Oak class (In Spring 2, the club will run again for Years 1 to 3). During this club, children will delve into the world of Science, learning about everything from robots to the science of food. The link to sign up for the club is below:

<https://madsciencewessex.class4kids.co.uk/> - Please look for West Tytherley School Spring 1.

For the club to run, Mad Science require a minimum of 12 children. The maximum number is 20 children so please sign up quickly to avoid disappointment!



Date	What	Who	Where	
6/12/2022	Dress Rehearsal	KS1	West T	
7/12/2022	Performance	KS1	West T	10am
7/12/2022	Performance	KS1	West T	6pm
15/12/2022	Christmas Dinner & Festive Jumper Day	All	West T	
16/12/2022	Church Service	All	West T	10am
16/12/2022	Break up	All	WT	3.15pm

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Hansards for donating a beautiful Christmas tree!



INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023

- 30th January 2023
- 31st January 2023
- 20th February 2023
- 20th March 2023