

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the newsletter is mostly from me! There is no round up from the classes, but there were a few things that happened before half-term that I thought were worthy of high-lighting.

The normal newsletters will be published on November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

As we go into the next half of the term, **please note the dates for the events** . Many of these have been on the school calendar since the start of the school year, to allow for planning and organisation. The dates are published on the website and in newsletters. We also send out e-mail reminders, where possible. It is very helpful to us if you take note of the communications from school. Thank you

## **Emmanuel Jal- Motivational speaker and advocate for positive mental health.**

We were so fortunate to be able to take our children from years 4, 5 and 6 to hear this amazing man. He embodies the values that we all seek to promote to our young people and engages both their hearts and minds.

Here are some thoughts and feedback from the children who heard him:

*"I liked listening to Emmanuel Jal and he told us to use our imagination to think about our future and be positive" - Charlie*

*"He was very inspirational and made us feel like we could do anything" - Darcey*

*"I got his signature because he is a child of war but has made something of his life" - Mark*

*"He made me change my perspective from being a small part of a big world to a big part of a small world" - Reuben*

It was noted by a number of the adults who attended the event, how well behaved and engaged the children from West Tytherley

School were and how thoughtfully they answered the questions. We were proud to hear this. We were very grateful to Laura Broadhurst for facilitating this opportunity and to Test Valley for hosting us. A huge thank you too for the parents who provided transport for the trip.

## **Pumpkins Galore- Thank you**

We would like to thank The Gilbert family for donating the pumpkins that the children had so much fun decorating. We loved taking them up to the church for the end of half term assembly and were very glad that the rain held off for long enough!

## **Poetry Post- Spreading Sunshine in West Tytherley Village**

We have been overwhelmed by positive feedback from the village about our poems, that were posted through letterboxes just before half-term. The Facebook and Whatsapp groups said how lovely it was to receive them and we have also received a beautiful watercolour postcard in return from someone. This

positive engagement with our lovely village is so important and one that we are keen to develop even further. Thank you teachers for organising this.

### **Disco Fever- Spooky Style**

The new format of the disco was really successful and the children had a wonderful time. It worked well having a slightly quieter session for the younger children, followed by the disco and snow machine extravaganza!

Thank you to all the PTA and the teachers for organising and attending this. I did see a wonderful clip of Miss Hayter and Miss Lee having a lovely dance.

### **Christmas Activities**

It is best for all the children that the routines remain the same up until the end of term. We will ensure that any changes are communicated to the children well in advance, for example if there is a different activity planned, such as a nativity rehearsal. We will aim to do these with minimum disruption, in order that learning and routines are not changed for all. We will use the visual timetables in the classes and there will not be an overload of Christmas activities which can prove unsettling. The activities are listed below for your information.

Please can we ask that if children wish to give Christmas cards to their friends they do this separately, either before or preferably after school.

I hope the following is helpful

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Who</b>
Christmas cards and carol service invites to village	1/12/23- afternoon	All children
Tree up in Classroom	1/12/23	All classes
Decorate a bauble for Stockbridge Christmas Tree	TBC by class teachers	All children
Advent books/ calendars	1 book unwrapped each day and read to class	All children at end of day
KS1 Nativity Play	5/12/23 2pm 6/12/23 6pm	KS1 children. The children will learn the songs first in class. They may be given parts to learn at home. Costumes will be provided but you may be asked to find simple props or plain coloured t-shirts.
Pantomime ( in school)	6/12/23	1.45-3.15pm in village hall
Carol Service at Church	13/12/23 6pm	All children
End of term assembly	15/12/23	10.30am Half term cups Choir performance

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## Half-termly Cups

<b>The Bentley Award for Kindness Compassion</b>	<b>The Thorngate Award for continuing achievement</b>
Florence	Alex
Fraser	Skye
Sienna	Eden
Barnaby E	Ella

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<b>Beech</b>	Noah	For your excellent focus and effort with reading. Keep up the good work!
<b>Chestnut</b>	Holly	For always having a smile on her face and trying her best with all of her work.
<b>Willow</b>	Isabelle	Writing two beautiful poems about sycamore trees using different poetic techniques such as similes and imagery. Also showing huge kindness to other children and staff.
<b>Oak</b>	Abigail	For using her knowledge of improper fractions and mixed numbers to add fractions Accurately.

### 20.10.2023 House Points

**Singer = 105**

**Pragnell = 123**

**Budden = 132**

The individual HP winners were:

**Florence, Tima, Robyn, Noah G**

Well done everyone!

### This Weeks House Points

**Singer = 92**

**Pragnell = 76**

**Budden = 111**

The individual HP winners are:

**Sara-Jane, Holly, Hugo F**

Well done everyone!