

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Dear Parents,

Friday 8th July 2022

Singing Day

We had a wonderful day singing and playing together and we hope that you enjoyed it too. We are very proud of what the children achieved and our new federated school song. We have really enjoyed working with Mrs Alderman, who is an expert in the field of music teaching and an exceptional ambassador for quality music tuition and the benefits that it has for children.

Clubs

Next week will be the last week of after school clubs. After school care will continue until Wednesday 20th July.

Music Concert

The children will all be performing at the concert on Tuesday 19th July at 2.30pm. Please come to the Village Hall.

End of Term celebration assembly - Thursday 21st July 10.30a.m

This is being held at them church, we look forward to seeing everybody there.

Rounders

On Thursday 7th July, our children participated in a cluster rounders tournament. The children played five matches across the tournament and played fantastically. They bonded as a team and supported each other through the matches. It was wonderful to see the team spirit throughout the event and how the communication between them improved.

Hampshire Library's Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Your child will bring home details of the Hampshire Library's Summer Reading Challenge for 2022. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to share stories and encourage reading throughout the summer holidays - a time when children's reading skills can sometimes dip. The theme of the challenge this year is Gadgeteers. Join Eddie, Leo, Ajay, Maggie, Aisha and James and discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you!

You can sign up at your local, Hampshire library, or online, from Saturday 16th July and read or listen to any six books to earn a certificate and medal. You can read story books, fact books, eBooks, audiobooks and even comics! Once you have read/listened to your first few books, pop into your library to receive your Gadgeteers collector card and first stickers. Every time you finish reading/listening to a book, visit the library and see a member of our team to talk about the books you have read and collect your next stickers.

When you finish the challenge, come to the library to collect your final stickers, finisher's certificate and medal! Everyone who finishes the challenge has a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet too!

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine

Kind regards

Lucy Macey



Reading is Magic Festival

General booking for Europe's largest dedicated children's literature festival opened last Friday 1st July. A vibrant array of talks and activities for children will return from Friday 23rd September – Sunday 2nd October 2022. Families can access this virtually from home for a small fee or, of course, venture to Bath to take part in the vast number of talks and workshops in person. This year's line-up features sessions with authors such as David Baddiel, Michael Rosen and Christopher Edge as well as workshops where children can take part in a range of exciting activities such as making their own Gromit with Aardman Animations!



Thought for the Week

This week the Open the Book Drama Team gave us a new look at Psalm 23 ('The Lord is my Shepherd...') – with a good shepherd, a bad wolf and some sheep. We ended with a prayer: Dear God, thank you for green pastures, the places of safety and rest. Thank you for calm waters and times to reflect. Thank you that we can trust you when we face challenges or difficulties. Amen. If you feel that you have missed out on a Maximus Mouse story then get to the 9.30am 'Short but Sweet' Service at East Tytherley Church on Sunday 10th July.

Vicar James

INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023

21st October 2022

30th January 2023

31st January 2023

20th February 2023

20th March 2023

News from around school

Beech

On Monday, the children arrived to a mysterious treasure chest in the classroom. Inside the chest they found a treasure map and a note:

“This is a magical chest full of secrets. New things will appear and disappear. Check me everyday to see what is in store, but don’t open it too early or the pirates will escape!”

The children found pirates around the classroom and then made maps to hide and find their own treasures. Our pirate theme will continue to the end of the term.

In History, we have continued learning about Christopher Columbus and his discovery of the ‘New World’. We heard about all of the wonderful things that he discovered when he arrived there and brought back to Spain, but the children have begun to question whether he was as good as often portrayed, by accessing the books that we have available in the topic area.

In Maths, we have started to consolidate our learning from this year to ensure that we can smoothly transition into our new year group’s curriculum.



Chestnut

In History this week, the children looked at the events of Sunday 2nd September 1666. They looked at four different parts of the day and presented them in different ways – acting out, orally retelling, drawing, and writing a short diary entry. After looking at these four events, the children then wrote a diary from the point of view of a child, Tom Porter.

In Science this week, the children have started work on an investigation. They were given a marble run and explored it. The children were then asked, “How can we slow a marble down?” Through discussions, the children came up with the fact that different materials could be used. Over the next week, the children will carry out this investigation, recording their results.

On Monday, Chestnut class were challenged with writing riddles. They had to write about an object without explicitly saying what it is. Here are a couple of examples they came up with, to test you:

‘It has a long tail. It likes to sit on your lap. It likes to climb. What is it?’

‘It is a sport. There are lots of positions. Willow is very important. What is it?’



Willow

We have had a very exciting week in Willow as we approach the last couple of weeks of term. Firstly, on Monday we had a special morning, learning about life in Uganda. We learnt about how people live, the chores the children do, and what school looks like, and how Ugandans recycle everything. It was very interesting. And on Tuesday, Willow class had the opportunity to meet their new teacher, Miss Lee. It was really fun to get to know her and I know the children are already looking forward to next year.

Wednesday started with English, starting to look at my new favourite book 'The Barnabus Project' which is a deeply moving book that touches on a range of themes including self-belief, team work, self-acceptance, determination, facing fears, and perfection. We have had lots of discussion about the text and even created some of our own 'failed projects' toy designs that aren't quite perfect but remain special in their own way.

In the afternoon of Wednesday, the year threes and I went to the Commonwealth games, which was great fun. We had problem solving games, inflatable gymnastics, taekwondo, basketball, and multi-sport games. It was EPIC.



Oak

Monday morning saw KS2 transported to Uganda for a morning of interesting activities provided by Mr Lloyd of 'Education Uganda'. The children were introduced to a normal day in the life of a child attending school, including all the tasks that they do at home to help. At home, they walk to fetch water, feed the goats and we were shown how their school uniform was cared for. Then at school, they took part in a maths lesson with chinks and slates and learned how to count to three in Lugosa. The use of natural and recycled materials in all aspects of rural Ugandan life was a key theme during the morning that was greatly enjoyed by the children.

This global learning was followed up the next day with a session on 'wants' and 'needs' when the 'new' Oak class considered what the basic needs for children are to allow them to grow up to reach their full potential.

Transition Tuesday then began with Miss Lee.

Wednesday brought a return to normal lessons despite many being out at their secondary school taster days. In guided reading, the much-enjoyed 'Beetle Boy' by M.G. Leonard had come to an end in the previous week and it was reviewed in class, considering the mood and atmosphere of the novel. In addition, the children compared it to other stories they have read. We also began a study of the local area which will develop into a study of Andover next week.



Event	Date and Time	Where	Who	
Tri Golf Competition	14/7/2022 4pm-5.30pm	Broughton	Year 2 children and sports leaders	
KS1 and KS2 music concert (Xylophones and brass)	19/07/2022 2.30pm			All welcome
Leavers Treat day	20/07/2022	TBC	Year 6 children	
End of Term Service	21/7/2022 10.30 a.m	Church	All	Year 6 Leavers