



West Tytherley CE Primary School

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West Tytherley Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an exceptionally busy week at the school.



As you are probably already aware, on Tuesday, Ofsted visited us for a one day short inspection under the new framework. Our last inspection was completed in June 2011 and now they needed to satisfy themselves that West Tytherley Primary was *still* a good school and that safeguarding was effective.

Whilst the outcome of their inspection still remains confidential, I would like to thank all the parents and Governors who were able to support us during the day. The children were wonderful and a group of pupils were able to talk freely to the inspectors about their school and how proud they were.

May I also thank you for taking time to complete the *Parentview* questionnaire on the day, your views were very much taken in as evidence by the lead inspector, Abbie Wilkinson and she wanted to thank you for your comments.

The letter from Ofsted will be written over the next few days and published in approximately 12 days time on the Ofsted website. As soon as this is available, we will be providing a copy to all parents for your information.

Many thanks

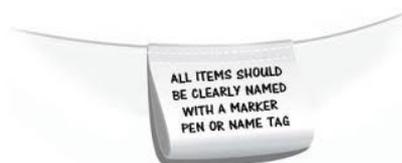
Mike Warren

SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE may we check your school uniform this weekend. We have quite a few lost items at the moment and the most likely reason is that they have accidentally been taken home by the wrong child.

We also have a lot of lost property in school, most of it un-named. Please, please can you check that your child's clothes are all named so that they can be returned to the right peg if they are mislaid at school.

Thank you!



MARTIAL ARTS GRADING

Next Tuesday,

8.00 am in the village hall.



Please note that gradings are optional. Grading fees must be paid in advance or on the day. Thank you.

UKULELE CONCERT

2.45-3.15pm

Willow Class will be holding a concert on 22nd March in the village hall and would very much like you to join them.



All welcome!



WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY

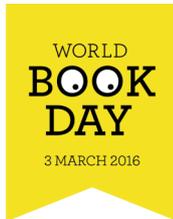
4TH MARCH

Next Thursday is World Book Day and to celebrate we will be taking part in special activities on Friday.

Children need to bring in a favourite book to share with others. They also need a prop related to their favourite book/book character.

During the day, all classes will be involved in reading activities and designing a national book token.

Thank you!



SCHOOL DINNERS - PRICE RISE

We have been notified that school dinners will go up by ten pence after the Easter holidays, starting on 11th April.

This will be the first price increase in 6 years and we're sure you will agree that school meals are still excellent value.

SWIMMING LESSONS YR 5

Our Year 5 children started their swimming lessons this week and had a great time learning this important skill.

A big thank you to the parents who are driving the children to their lesson, we really appreciate your help.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This week we have been thinking about Spring – and the wonderful planet we live on. At the start of the week some people from Church came in to tell the story of “A Special Promise” – all about Noah, the Ark and the rainbow. We said this prayer: *Dear God, thank you that the rainbow reminds us that we can all make a new start whenever we need to. Please help us with any new starts we have to make today. Amen*

Vicar James



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

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| 1st | Deadline for Sarah Rolle applications |
| 2nd | Martial Arts grading, 8.am |
| 3rd | Governors P&S committee meeting |
| 4th | World Book Day activities - bring a book
KS1 sharing assembly 2.35 pm |
| 5th | 2-3pm Stay and Play |
| 7th | Governors F&S committee |
| 11th | Family Forum
KS2 sharing assembly 2.35 pm
1.30—2.30pm Stay and Play |
| 13th | <i>Little Frankenstein</i> - puppet show |
| 17th | Yr 5 Master class, Test Valley School |
| 21st | Keyboard recital 2.45pm, village hall
Ukulele concert |
| 22nd | Full governing body meeting |
| 24th | Easter service 1.15 pm
PTA fundraiser: guess the rabbit's name |

25th March - 10th April EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL

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| 11TH | 1st day of summer term |
| 19th | Yr 5 challenge day, Test Valley School |
| 26th | Governors P&S committee meeting |

Tytherley
Twinkletoes
Parent and Toddler Stay and Play

Wednesdays at 9.30



Dear Parents,

As your child hands over a jam jar with a request to fill it up with money we thought that you might like an update on what your PTA team is up to and why.

The PTA aims to raise additional funds to support the school. Why do they need additional funds? Well, the school receives a finite amount of both Capital and Operational funding each year. The Operational funding is designed to pay for staff costs, ongoing maintenance and other running costs. The Capital budget is an allowance for equipment; which should add value to the organisation and learning provided.

The Capital budget is small, in particular for a small school. West Tytherley receives just £5000 per year. This leaves us reliant on fundraising for significant improvements.

Currently, improving the IT facilities is one of the school's priorities. This term, the school has requested funds from the PTA to purchase 20 netbooks and have them linked to the school server. The PTA has also funded three new teacher laptops.

In December the PTA funded the much enjoyed Pantomime for the whole school from the Treehouse Theatre Company. One other function of the PTA is to subsidise the transport for school trips and to that end, we have paid for the travel element of four trips so far this year.

Looking ahead, the school has highlighted a few projects for the PTA to fund. The outdoor learning space for the reception class is in much need of a makeover and a new cover to replace the existing weather beaten canopy. The school wants to buy new toys and play equipment for the main playground, to carry out some outdoor art projects and to save towards a new IT suite so we have no time to rest.

Over the coming months we are planning a few exciting events; a Jumble Sale, a Scavenger hunt, a summer BBQ and a cake sale or two. For now however, this jam jar collection is a really important event for the PTA and has, in the past, raised a lot of money for the fund.

We are always on the look out for more help with events and for new ideas. You don't have to sign up to the PTA for a whole year; you're welcome to jump in to help with just one event if that suits.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any ideas or questions and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Golden,

On behalf of the Friends of West Tytherley School PTA

