

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 12th January 2024

Thought for the Week

The theme for this week has been Truth and Honesty. We were reminded that we need to make sure we are informed and careful about what and who we put our trust in. We prayed: *Heavenly Father, it is easy to say wrong things about people. Help us to know what the truth is and to be ready to speak it at all times. Amen*

Vicar James

Themes from our Worships this week and what they have meant to us

	Theme of the assembly	What we learned and how we felt
Monday	Celebration (through song)	<i>We have been learning 'The Climb', which is a really good song as it describes people persevering - Tabitha</i>
Tuesday	Courage – Class worship	<i>We all shared our experiences of courage and how we can show courage in and out of school - Hugo</i>
Wednesday	Courage (Teacher led)	<i>In collective worship, we heard the story of Moses and the burning bush and how God gave him courage to stand up for his people - Darcey</i>
Thursday	Hope (Vicar James)	<i>Open the book came to teach us about hope. We learnt the song 'Sing Hosanna' – Reuben</i>

Dear Parents.

The newsletter will look a little different from now on. As I am sure that you can appreciate, the newsletter is an important method of communication between school and parents and we have found that it has become very long. Just before Christmas we were sending 16 pages of information out. The newsletter needs to be a manageable size for staff and parents and in order to facilitate this we are making the following change:

Each fortnight we will provide a bulletin which includes the following information: diary dates, notices to parents, sign-posting to events that are taking place and news of any particular school successes. It will be written by me, and I will also endeavour that each one will cover a topic that will support parents in knowing how we manage certain areas in school, for example how our reward system works, or what we are fund-raising for at present. This will be helpful to parents in their understanding of how things work in an operational sense at school.

Twice a term, in the week before half-term and at the end of term, we will send out a class page that includes details and photographs of everything that your child has been doing over the half-term. We hope that you will look at and discuss these with your child.

We hope these changes will improve the accessibility of the newsletter and support the effective dissemination of important information.

Road Safety outside school- in the dark evenings.

It can be dark outside the front of school, so please take particular care when crossing the road. If you are walking anywhere please do make sure that you are wearing something bright or reflective which can be seen by all road users.

Two weeks of focussed work- a great start.

As we near the end of week 2, it is great to see all the classes working hard and immersed in their learning. It is good to see that there has been a smooth transition from holidays into school and that the learning times are being used effectively.

Outdoor Project- an update

We are currently talking to a number of contractors about the project and asking them to quote for the work. We are looking forward to moving forward with this as soon as we can and being able to start to use our improved outdoor spaces in the spring.

Advice for parents in Years 3,4 and 5 about secondary school choices meeting- Tuesday 23rd January 6pm

Please join us for a meeting about the process of applying for secondary places, options that you might like to consider and things to look for when visiting the schools. This is open to parents with children in Years 3,4 and 5. I hope this will be useful in answering any questions that you may have about the process.

I think that is all for now.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Certificates from Friday 12th January 2024

Beech	Florence	Working hard and having a go at using our new phonic sounds, even though you missed the lessons!
Chestnut	Tima	Reading every day and sounding out his words, even when he is using new sounds.
Willow	Barney	Showing huge progress in English, expressing his knowledge of extended noun phrases and high-level vocabulary. Also, to mention his beautiful handwriting.
Oak	Tabitha	Showing courage in all aspects of school life and being a role model to the rest of the school.

Last Weeks House Points

Singer = 93

Pragnell = 135

Budden = 90

The individual HP winners were:

Florence, Holly, Teagan, Abigail

Well done everyone!

This Weeks House Points

Singer = 51

Pragnell = 91

Budden = 91

The individual HP winners are:

Noah, Tima, Munro, Murray

Well done everyone!

Diary Dates: Spring Term 2023 Updated

Date	Event	Who	Details	
02/01/2024	Start of Spring Term	All	8.45a.m. – 3.15pm	
09/01/2024	Swimming lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
16/01/2024	Swimming lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
18/01/2024	Height & Weight Checks	Year R & 6 (those that missed it last term)	9:30am	
19/01/2024	Bikeability	Oak Class	All Day	
22/01/2024	KS1 Gym Festival	8 children from Chestnut Class	10am – 12pm at Test Valley School	
22/01/2024	KS2 Gym Festival	8 Children from Willow Class	1pm – 3pm at Test Valley School	
23/01/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
23/01/2024	Secondary School Information Evening	Year 3, 4, 5 Parents	6pm in School	
30/01/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
02/02/2024	Candlemas	Whole School	2pm at St Peter's Church	
02/02/2024	PTA Movie Night	Whole School	TBC	
06/02/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
09/02/2024	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
12/02/2024 – 16/02/2024	Half-term holiday	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
19/02/2024	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
21/02/2024	Outdoor Learning Festival	8 children from Yr. 3	9.30am – 11.30am at West Tytherley School	
04/03/2024	Tag Rugby Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	10am – 12pm at Wallop Primary School	
07/03/2024	World Book Day	Whole School	All Day	
05/03/2024	Year R Parents Evening	Yr.R Parents	4pm – 6pm	Letter to be sent home
19/03/2024	Cluster Netball Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	4pm – 5.30pm at Test Valley School	
25/03/2024	KS1 and KS2 Reports out to parents	Chestnut, Willow, Oak Class		
	End of term celebration assembly	Whole school	10.30 a.m	
29/03/2024 – 12/04/2024	Easter holidays		School closed to pupils	