

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents,

This week has been a week of tests for some classes and it is always a relief when it is finished.

I have been very impressed with the children's hard work and positive attitudes.

We look forward to a return to a normal timetable next week.

Jubilee Celebrations

The village is holding a tea party on Friday 3rd June and I have asked for some helpers to serve cream teas. Thank you for my volunteers so far. Please return your letters as soon as possible.

Next week I shall bring the maypole over and we will start the dances that we are planning to show on Sunday 5th June. I will send a letter out shortly, with details of this event.

PTA Donations

We are very grateful for the kind donations that each class has been given from the PTA. This money is for the teachers to use to buy something for their classes. I know that already Beech have bought some plants and seeds to grow and I will make sure that you are updated about what each class has bought.

Tick Awareness

We are now starting to get into Tick season, so please do check regularly that your child hasn't picked up any from playing on the grass.

Sun cream and hats

By mentioning this, I am probably jinxing the weather, but we may be starting to get some hotter weather, so please make sure that children have cream applied before school and a hat.

We are encouraging children to take jumpers off when the weather is warm, please can you write names in jumpers in order that they bring the correct ones home.

Please do pop along to the Broughton Fete and say hello on Sunday. It starts at 12.00pm and ends at 3pm and is a guaranteed fun-filled afternoon.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards

Beech	Jack	for his outstanding progress in mathematics and reading
Chestnut	All	For showing a real enthusiasm when writing their persuasive letters. They all wanted to challenge themselves and create the best work, even if it meant re-writing certain sections. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves.
Willow	Oliver	for proactively completing work with minimal instruction and continuing to try his best in class. Well done.

Thought for the Week

This week we have been hearing about characters from the New Testament. We learned a little about Saint Peter and Saint John, after whom our churches are named. Jesus' first followers were soon called Christians because they tried to trust Jesus (Christ), and do what he taught, and live as he showed. We can do the same, and we can pray: *Dear Father, help me to be as loving to others as you are to me. Amen*

Vicar James

Let's Get Together for the Jubilee! **The West Tytherley Jubilee Tea**

- ❖ **Friday 3rd June**
- ❖ **3pm-5pm at The Village Hall**
- ❖ **£5 cash each adult, £3 each child**
- ❖ **Pay at the door**
- ❖ **1950s Theme**
- ❖ **Cakes, Scones, Tea and Coffee**
- ❖ **Children's Drawing Competition**



Let's Get Together for the Jubilee! **Part 2: Picnic on the Rec BBQ at the Pub**

- ❖ **Sunday 5th June**
 - ❖ **Picnic on the WT rec from 2pm-5pm**
 - ❖ **Bring your own picnic**
 - ❖ **Visit the famous WT plant stall and cake stall**
 - ❖ **Raffle**
 - ❖ **Take part in the traditional WT egg throwing competition!**
- Followed by a BBQ at The Black Horse, from 5pm**



News from around school

Beech

A warm welcome to our new classmate, Kiera who has fitted in perfectly. The class have enjoyed getting to know Kiera and inviting her to join them in their learning and play.

Beech Class have completed their learning journey through 'Bee and Me', creating a book as a class. Each child chose a page from the original, wordless picture book and added their own narrative. This will be collated and copies will be available to parents from Monday if they would like one. They certainly enjoyed the honey tasting on Friday with lots of the children trying something new - the comb! They were able to describe its taste, texture, look and smell.

The Year 1 children have been completing assessments this week in mathematics and reading and I have been incredibly impressed by their resilience and effort. Our enhancements outside for this week have been focusing on the children's communication and turn taking, sharing water beads, building a marble run together and passing equipment through a small hatch to make a sandcastle.

Another huge thank you to the PTA and Twinkle Toes for the selection of produce for our edible garden. The children loved planting them, trying to work out what each plant is and where they should be planted. We harvested our first strawberry on Wednesday, which was chopped into (lots of very small) pieces and shared amongst the class.



Chestnut

Last Friday, the children had the challenge of trying to decide which base would be the best to use for their pizza. They had a number of different breads to try: pitta, tortilla, flat-bread, baguette, naan and bagel. The majority of the children are choosing to use the tortilla because "it is nice and big", "it goes hard when it is baked" and "it has a plain flavor so you can taste the toppings".

In English this week, the children are concluding their work based on our book 'Pesky Plastic'. The children have explored questions in more detail this week and the features that are used in a persuasive letter; they then put these features into a letter they have written persuading people that dropping rubbish into the sea was bad. From the looks of focus on the faces of the children, it is clear that this is a topic they have really enjoyed and felt passionate about.

During History this week, the children were asked to make comparisons between RMS Titanic and the modern day equivalent, the Symphony of the Seas. This began with the children reconstructing the images of the two ships, before sorting the relevant information.



Willow

This week in Willow class we have been revisiting geometry in maths. Year 3 have been sorting and describing 2D and 3D shapes using a range of precise vocabulary. For example, a cone has 2 faces, 1 vertex, and 1 edge. Ask your children if they can describe any other 3D shapes. Year 4 have moved onto writing coordinates for the first quadrant. They have been trying to draw shapes by only using coordinates and then checking their work by plotting their coordinates in a grid and seeing if it is the shape they were trying to create. We have had some very interesting shapes being created.

In English, we have been planning and starting to write our own story - a lovely narrative set in the early hundreds, just after the Romans left Britain. Our stories feature Kings, Queens, dogs, and even a dragon. Very exciting! The children have been working hard to plan their narratives whilst using lots of discussion to help talk through ideas and create an interesting story.

In Science, we have been writing up and discussing our long-term experiment. We have had a look at our plants two weeks after planting them and leaving them in different areas of the room with different amounts of light. We have discovered that some of the plants aren't growing like the others, and having less light prevents the plants from looking healthy. However, they still grow quite tall.

In History, we started looking at where the Saxons came from, learning that they came from what is modern-day Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands along with the Jutes and Angles. We have been creating maps and information packs, person profiles and even a little bit of crafts, beginning to think about the brooches they would have worn.



Oak

This week we have had SATS and I was most impressed by the children's attitudes.

They have worked really hard this week and been positive and sensible about the process. All this will help them when they have tests as they go through school, so it is a useful exercise.

We finished the week with a sausage and bacon breakfast, which all the class enjoyed, as well as a few of the teachers!

Then we set off to Bentley Woods....

As you know our English Learning Journey and our Art this term is based on the text *The Lost Words*, and it seemed absolutely appropriate that we should actually go to our local woods and see the subjects of the poems in their natural state.

We looked at the flora and fauna and took photographs, which will be useful for our art work. We took in the sights and sounds of the woods and appreciated all the bluebells that are carpeting the wood at the moment.

The children lay on their yoga mats and experienced some forest bathing. They lay in silence and immersed themselves in the sounds of the wood. It was really quite magical and the children said afterwards that it was a relaxing and affirming experience.

We finished the trip with a more energetic game of 40 / 40 in, before returning to school.

In Geography....

We have made large 3D maps to explore both physical and human geographical features of the United Kingdom. Once they were finished, they class presented them and made links between the different maps.

We have continued to read our guided reading book- *Beetle Boy*, and we are now delving deeper into the mysterious disappearance of Dr Bartholomew Cuttle.

We have managed a good balance this week with tests and learning and next week- normal service resumes!



May Half Term

MON 30TH MAY – 1ST JUNE



We have a fantastic week planned for May half term at Norman Court, West Tytherley.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

We accept all **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS**

Please bring a lunch box and snacks

Morning session	8am-1pm	£25
Afternoon session	1pm-6pm	£25
All day	8am-6pm	£40

Please visit our website to book online via [ClassForKids](http://ClassForKids.com) or contact us on: enquire@ecomontessori.co.uk

Payment is required in advance of sessions.

Message from Miss Debbie



"Hello, my name is Miss Debbie. I am the Manager of Eco Montessori at Norman Court. I have worked in Early years for over 13 years and am a qualified Forest School Practitioner. My favourite environment is one without walls. One where children can lead and extend their own learning and play with only natural resources around them."

Typical Structure of the Day

(For children aged 4-11)

8.00-9.30am	Arrival, Breakfast and free play
9.30-10.30am	Activity One
10.30-11.00am	Snack Time
11.00-12.30pm	Activity Two
12.30-2.00pm	Lunch time and Adventure play
2.00-4.00pm	Activity Three
4.00-5.00pm	Free Play and snack
5.00-6.00pm	Free play and Home time

For a full programme of activities, please see overleaf



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PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES



Forest School MONDAY 30TH MAY

- Activity 1 Nature Walk / Scavenger Hunt
- Activity 2 Hapa Zome (Hammers / Rocks)
- Activity 3 Team games in the woodland – Stick towers

Tool Work TUESDAY 31ST MAY

- Activity 1 Making log or rock pets
- Activity 2 Clay faces
- Activity 3 Tree climbing

Save The Bees! WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE

- Activity 1 Nature walk and solitary Bee home hunt
- Activity 2 Make our own Bee homes
- Activity 3 Planting a bee friendly garden

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

HOLIDAY CLUB WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON THURSDAY 2ND JUNE AND FRIDAY 3RD JUNE



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