

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 15th December 2023

Thought for the Week

So, we have now got to the end of the Autumn Term and can look forward to 2024. Thanks to the generosity of a local Education Trust and your churches, every child should have a copy of 'Festive Fred Finds The Greatest Gift'. It tells the story of Christmas, as seen through the eyes and ears of Fred. May you experience the wonder of the First Christmas this year. We can pray: *Lord God, to deliver us from the power of darkness you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty. Amen*

Vicar James

A note from the Governors

We too have been lucky enough to come along to many of the Christmas events taking place at school – and what an impressive range of celebrations we have seen and experienced.

Thank you to all the staff, and to all you parents, for enabling us and other members of the community to share in the joys of Christmas.

On behalf of all the governing body, we wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas and new year.

Derek Smith
Chair of Governors.

Dear Parents and carers,

In this last newsletter of the year, you can read all about some of the wonderful festive activities that we have been enjoying in school. I think as we all get a little bit older, it is those traditions of singing carols, hearing stories about the first Christmas, making decorations, taking part in the nativity plays and enjoying special treats such as the pantomime which we remember so fondly, from our own childhood. At school we aim to maintain these traditions and help to make the memories for years to come and whilst we can't all distinctly recall every detail from childhood, there is always that 'feeling' and 'thrill' that as adults we recognise as being "Christmas" in all its magic.

This term, we have achieved so much and it has been packed full of learning and playing. As we finish this year, we are looking forward excitedly to the next one. We are hoping to move forward with our plans to develop the outside area, ready for the spring. We also have a term of sporting activities and competitions to look forward to. Learning takes centre place, with new topics to explore and trips will be planned. Next term will be as action-packed as this one.

So, I hope that the Christmas Holidays will bring you all a chance to spend time with family and friends and also to recharge your batteries, shake off the colds and coughs and return ready for the new term.

I would like to thank all the staff, helpers, the village community and Governors at West Tytherley School for making this a great term. It is wonderful to work with such a positive and hardworking team.

With kindest regards

Lucy Macey



The most beautiful Christmas tree in the world! Kindly donated by Hansards.

Gymnastics Extravaganza

Harry's Gymnastic extravaganza

Oak and Willow class were extremely fortunate to have an extra special PE lesson on Tuesday, showing off all their impressive gym skills they have been practicing throughout the term. Harry (our amazing sports coach) was kind enough to bring in the AirTrack and had set up a special obstacle course for the children to complete, with the AirTrack being the main attraction. The children were able to practice front flips and cartwheels safely, as well as have some fun with front and back drops. Everybody had a fun time (including the teachers!) and it was an excellent end to the term. Thank you so much to Harry (and PBED) for bringing in the equipment for us to have a go on!



Carol Service

Carol Service at St Peter's Church

On Wednesday evening, the church was filled with joyful voices at our Christmas Carol Service. The children led a congregation filled with parents, friends and members of the community through the story of the first Christmas using readings, poems and songs.

All our pupils did themselves proud. The youngest members of the school clapped out a message of celebration while singing one of their Nativity songs. The school choir raised their voices with a beautiful version of 'Mary did you know?' The Musical Theatre Club made everyone feel wintery with a magical rendition on 'A Winter Carol'. A special mention goes to all those brave children who took on solos for 'Once in Royal David's City' and sang them so purely and confidently. Thank you also to everyone who attended and joined us in singing some traditional carols.

The whole school performed a lovely variety of Christmas songs, sharing a powerful Christmas message of hope and peace, which left the congregation singing their praises!

As Mrs Macey said at the end of the service, 'We may only be a small school, but each and every one of our children is brimming full of talent.'



Nativity

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Chestnut and Beech class put on a marvelous Nativity for not only their parents and carers, but the whole school as well. We were so impressed to see how hard they practised and how fast they learnt the songs and words. Their beautiful voices filled the halls and they looked 'oh so angelic' when they stood on stage.

Thank you to the children for their excellent portrayals of the angels, the wise men, the shepherds and Mary and Joseph. Watching the Nativity definitely made it feel like the festive season had begun. Everyone negotiated the fast costume changes, multiple songs, use of the two-levelled stage and the pressure of performing - brilliantly.

The shows proved to be extremely popular and we thank you all for your fantastic support. Moreover, it was lovely to see how many of you joined in with the beautiful rendition of 'Whoop-a-Daisy Angel' at the end.

Pupil voice:

Alfie – I liked the sitting down and the song 'wake up'.

Tima – being both a snowflake and a wise man.

Florence – my favourite part was being an angel because first my Mummy watched, then my Nanny and then my Grandad.

Kaspar – being Joseph was my favourite because I was important.



Delivering Christmas Cards to the Village

Our Christmas Card Post Walk

On 1st December, the school went on a walk around the village delivering the most beautiful Christmas cards containing messages of joy and happiness to the people of West Tytherley. Oak and Chestnut class covered one half of the village and then Willow and Beech class walked to the other side. We had lots of lovely encounters with local residents who were extremely appreciative of our gesture.

A few words from the children who participated on the Christmas Card Post walk:

Eden – “I liked the walk because it started to snow and we posted Christmas cards around the village to people’s homes”

Olivia – “I loved the Christmas Card post walk because I liked how grateful people were when they received the cards we made”

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who helped us deliver our Christmas post. We look forward to continuing this new tradition at West Tytherley School.



Christmas Dinner & Father Christmas



Pantomime Cinderella



Weekly Certificates from Friday 8th December 2023

Beech & Chestnut	All	For your fabulous performances in our Nativity 'Whoops – A – Daisy Angel'
Willow	Elijah	For showing amazing knowledge about the Romans and also displaying these facts in his writing about the rebellion of Boudica.
Oak	Mark	For helping his peers and using his initiative in our art lesson while practising printing.

The Bentley and Thorngate Awards Autumn Term 2

The Bentley Award for Kindness Compassion	The Thorngate Award for continuing achievement
Noah in Beech class	Theodore in Beech class
Holly in Chestnut class	Zara in Chestnut class
Archie in Willow class	Olivia in Willow class
Reuben in Oak class	Abigail in Oak class

Last Weeks House Points

Singer = 97

Pragnell = 110

Budden = 100

The individual HP winners were:

Theo, Holly, Robyn, Ella

Well done everyone!

This Weeks House Points

Singer = 54

Pragnell = 109

Budden = 88

The individual HP winners are:

Kaspar, Zara, Jack K, Reuben

Well done everyone!

Diary Dates: Autumn Term 2023

05/12/2023	Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination - Yr R To Yr. 6	Whole school	Please refer to letter.
05/12/2023	KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Afternoon Performance	Beech and Chestnut	1.30pm please refer to letter for more details.
06/12/2023	KS1 (Beech And Chestnut) Christmas Production To Parents - Evening Performance	Beech and Chestnut	6pm please refer to letter for more details.
06/12/2023	Whole school Pantomime 'Cinderella'	Whole school	1:45- 3pm
14/12/2023	Christmas dinner and festive jumper day	Whole school	12pm Please refer to poster that was sent home.
15/12/2023	End of term assembly	Whole School	10.30 a.m.
18/12/2023 - 01/01/2024	Christmas Holiday		School Closed to pupils.

Diary Dates: Spring Term 2023

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	
22/01/2024	KS1 Gym Festival	8 children from Chesnut 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	
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	
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	
05/03/2024	Yr.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			
	End of term celebration assembly	Whole school	10.30 a.m	
29/03/2024 - 12/04/2024	Easter holidays		School closed to pupils	

Local Events and Activities

elf PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP AGES 5-11
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

MONDAY
18TH DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

£120 for the week
or
£30 per child per day

FREE SPACES FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS
BREAKFAST & LATE CLUBS AVAILABLE (Extra £6 per session)

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UNIT 12, WINNALL, SO23 0LD

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STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

TUESDAY
19TH DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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Nativity! PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP AGES 5-11
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WEDNESDAY
20TH DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

FRIDAY
22ND DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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THE POLAR EXPRESS PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP AGES 5-11
STREET & THEATRE DANCE + ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

THURSDAY
21ST DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

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CHRISTMAS TEEN WEEK AGES 12-16
DANCE, CRAFTS & GAMES

TUESDAY
19TH DECEMBER
10-4PM @ UNIT 12

£30 per child per day

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