

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Isn't the weather amazing? How lucky we are to have such wonderful school grounds to enjoy the sunshine.

Please can we ask that children have named hats and water bottles in school each day.

## PTA Events Coming up.....

The **Fun Run** is all on course for **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, and there are further details later on in the newsletter about the arrangements.

Please get involved, if you can. There is an option to run or walk, and there are lots of jobs that need doing in preparation or on the day. If you can help, please let us know in the office and we will make sure that we direct you to the right people. It would be great if you can spread the word to family and friends - we can then get a good number of people there on the day.

The **Summer Barbeque** planning is underway for the event on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Again, there are more details later in the newsletter but please put on your calendars the following:

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola. This can be any bottle, and can include toiletries etc.**

## Kind donation from Twinkle Toes toddler group to all classes

In last weeks assembly, all of the classes were given a sum of money which had been collected from the toddler group to spend on projects that will directly benefit the children in their classes. We will let you know what they have spent the money on.

Thank you.

## Cluster Sports Successes

On Monday we took teams to compete in the Cluster Sports competition. The children had to take part in a number of field events and finish with track events. All schools could nominate children, from each year group, to represent their schools.

The KS1 Team were very successful and came in first place, achieving gold medals. They were able to demonstrate strong performances across all the disciplines which resulted in their overall win. This is now the third placing that our KS1 children have achieved in Cluster events, showing that the size of the school does not mean that there can't be high levels of success in competition. It is great to see this development, which supports the rationale for the additional sports provision in school and clubs.

The KS2 Team put in a very strong performance in the field events and were topping the leader board. The track events showed that there were some exceptional runners in each of the year groups from cluster schools which resulted in our overall position of fourth. The children have expressed that whilst they enjoyed the event, there was some disappointment in their overall placing. This is an important part of the learning journey of competition, winning well and learning from disappointment. We look forward to our next tournament - rounders at Test Valley.

### **Transition- Moving to new classes and meeting new teachers.**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and work with them for the morning. If you would like to meet the teacher and introduce yourself, they will be available from 8.45am. The current class teachers will be conducting a thorough hand-over, so please be reassured that all information will be passed to the new class teacher. If your child has any specific or additional needs, we will arrange that these are discussed and plans put in place to support them. If you have any concerns regarding transition, please talk to your current class teacher, who can help.

### **Uniform News and Second Hand Sale**

I have introduced the option of a kilt that you may wish to consider for your children. It is available on the website, where you can see a picture and there will be a sample for you to see at the second hand sale on Monday at 2.30pm onwards. There is absolutely no pressure to buy the kilt if you do not wish to. There are still the grey skirt and pinafore options available. It is down to your own preference.

The second hand sale will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30pm onwards. Please bring cash to make purchases.

### **Raising the flag for Armed Forces Week**

You may have noticed the wonderful flagpole that has been erected in front of the Village Hall. The school has been asked by the village hall committee to nominate a child each day to raise the flag that is celebrating Armed Forces week. We are absolutely delighted to do this and will share some photographs in the next newsletter.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## Weekly Certificates

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<b>Beech</b>	Zara	For her excellent attitude towards learning this week.
<b>Willow</b>	Edward	For a fantastic scientific drawing and labelling of a flowering plant and description of parts.
<b>Oak</b>	Hugo	For evaluating a range of playground equipment, thinking carefully about its accessibility and inclusivity.

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<b>Beech</b>	Skye	For showing resilience when making her fairy garden, in extended project time.
<b>Willow</b>	Robyn	For showing resilience and understanding when finding fractions.
<b>Oak</b>	Isla	For trying really hard when learning and performing songs for the school play.

### **Last Weeks House Points**

**Singer = 119**

**Pragnell = 182**

**Budden = 221**

The individual HP winners are:

**Skye, Lacie, Marley.**

Well done everyone!

### **This Weeks House Points**

**Singer = 155**

**Pragnell = 165**

**Budden = 123**

The individual HP winners are:

**Isabella, Rosie, Ella.**

Well done everyone!

### **Thought for the Week**

This week we have been thinking about "taking part" and joining in. Sometimes this needs persistence – being a 'Have a go Hero'. We heard about Maximus Mouse and all the work he does. This week he became jealous when he thought that someone else was getting all of the attention. We prayed: *Heavenly Father, there are times when we get very jealous over the success of others. Help us to understand that we must do what we are able to do and not complain about what we cannot do. Amen*

*Vicar James*

# Beech Class

It is wonderful to have everybody back after a beautiful half term. The sun has been shining and we have done our first harvest of broad beans and strawberries this week. Beech Class had a visitor from the Romsey District Beekeeping Society who taught the children all about bees. They were fascinated by the extracts of honeycomb, wasp nests and honey that they were allowed to hold and touch. There were also real bees, wasps and hornets in glass that the children were able to see up close.

Our new topic for this half term is 'Beside the Seaside' and the children have been exploring sea creatures and their habitats. With the beautiful weather, the class have been cooling off with their feet in rock pools, keeping a close eye out for jellyfish! The sandpit has also been a firm favourite and the children have enjoyed making sandcastles, sculptures and bug hotels.

Our literacy focus book for the next two weeks is 'Leo and the Octopus', a story about Leo who feels that the world is too loud and bright, which makes him think that he is from the wrong planet. This book is a brilliant one for building empathy as it raises awareness of what life is like living with autism. The children have used this book to support them in asking and answering questions about octopuses. The Reception children have been practising questions verbally as well as drawing question marks in chalk pen on a tuff tray. The year 1 girls have been writing their own questions, using question words and question marks. The girls then used laptops to research the answers to their questions online.

In Mathematics, the children have been reading, counting and writing numbers up to 100, partitioning them into 10s and 1s. The class daily count now goes all the way up to 100 and the children have been shooting two-digit numbers with water pistols outside, writing them down on whiteboards and comparing them with their opponents. We have also taken our learning outside and used the drawings and numbers on the top playground to find the numeral that is one more or one less than a given number.



# Willow Class

We have started a new unit in English, looking at a wordless book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children have explored the images within the book, looking at the story and the feelings of the main character.

In Maths last week, we looked at measuring capacity. The children started the week with reading scales before moving on to measurement. They were tasked with creating a potion (they could choose what it was for) and had to measure out accurately different amounts before adding them together. This week in fractions, the children have been finding unit and non-unit fractions. The children have secured their understanding of bar models and should be able to explain to you how to use them in find fractions.

In Art this half term, we will be looking at money containers before designing our own and making it. Over the past couple of weeks, the children have explored existing money containers, looking at similarities and differences and then looking at different stitches.

We have continued to look at plants and are now focusing on flowering plants. In the first session, the children were able to name and label an image of a flowering plant and use that information in the second session to pull a flower apart and identify its different parts.



# Oak Class

It has been a hot couple of weeks, but we have not let this weather stop our learning!

In English, we have started exploring a new text 'The Queen's Tale', which is the story of Snow White but from the Queen's perspective. We familiarised ourselves with the text and character of the Queen by thinking about adjectives that best describe her. We also looked carefully at artist's interpretations of the Queen from Snow White to explore similes and metaphors to help describe her. This helped us write some fantastic character descriptions for 'wanted' posters. This week, we have been focusing on using dialogue to develop the action in a story. We gathered different synonyms for 'said' and then revised our use of inverted commas. We began to think about the story from the huntsman's perspective and wrote diary entries in character to develop our empathy towards him.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of fractions. We started by comparing and ordering fractions, with the Year 5 and 6 children using fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions in word problems. This week, we have used different representations to explore the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages and have begun to find fractions of amounts and a percentage of an amount.

Our Science topic this term is 'Circulation and the Circulatory system' so we started with looking at what our blood is made up of. Miss Lee used different everyday materials (red water beads for red blood cells and marshmallows for white blood cells!) to show us the four components of blood and explained to us what each did. We then drew our own scientific drawings with labels to represent this.

We have been excited about our DT, where we received a letter from the Parish council asking us to explore the accessibility of the village park. We began this journey by researching different play equipment and evaluating whether it was inclusive or accessible. We then conducted some market research and asked the children in the school for their views on the play equipment on offer. This helped us design our own playground with equipment, which we will be making models of in the coming weeks.

On top of all that exciting learning, we have also had fantastic swimming lessons and have been extremely busy practicing for our school play!

## Dates for your diary – new dates added!

Date	What	Who	Where
6th June	Osmington Bay Residential Trip Parents Meeting	Yr 5 & 6 parents	3:30pm at School
7th June – Every Wednesday for 5 weeks	Swimming Lessons for Oak class	Oak Class	The Farleigh School
12th June	Athletics	Letter will be sent out for the applicable year groups.	Kings Somborne School
12th June	New Yr R taster sessions	New Yr R children	1:30– 2:30pm at school
12th June	New Yr R parents evening		5– 6pm at school
13th June	Phonics screening check	Yr 1/2	
13th June	Times table check	Yr 4	
19th June	New Yr R taster session	New Yr R children	1:30– 2:30pm at school
22nd June	Cluster rounders competition	Yr 4, 5 & 6	Test Valley School 4– 5:30pm
25th June	PTA family fun run	All	Norman Court
26th June	New Year R taster sessions	New Yr R children	1:30– 3pm at school
30th June – 3rd July	Osmington Bay Residential Trip	Yr 5 & 6	
4th July	Optional authorised day of rest after residential trip	Yr 5 & 6	
7th July	Dance Festival	Yr 3 & 4 Letter to be sent nearer the time.	Test Valley School
10th July	KS2 Summer Production	All	Afternoon time TBC
10th July	Transition morning , children meeting their new class teachers	All	Morning
11th July	KS2 Summer Production	All	Evening time TBC
14th July	Non school uniform day Please bring a bottle for the tombola	All	
14th July	PTA Summer BBQ	All	After School
17th July	Yr 6 Leavers Treat Day	Yr 6	It's a Secret!
21st July	YR 6 Leavers Service	All	10:30am in village church

# Athletics Competition

## Athletics Competition

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, some of our KS1 and KS2 children participated in the cluster athletics competition. The competition was held at King Somborne with other schools in the cluster attending. The event comprised of a number of events; there were field events (throwing and jumping) as well as racing events. It was a hot day and despite the heat, our children showed true resilience and determination. It was identified by the coaches that West Tytherley was incredibly strong in the field events. Our Key





# PTA NEWS

## West Tytherley School Family Fun Run – Sunday 25 June, at Norman Court

Please come along and join us for this great fun family event to help us to raise money for a school minibus:

10.30 start time for 5km

11.30 start time for 2km

Medals for all finishers!

Coffee van on site

Free on-site parking from 9am-2pm



A WEST TYTHERLEY & BROUGHTON PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EVENT – ALL WELCOME

Event organised by the West Tytherley PTA.

Family  
**FUN  
RUN** 2023  
**SUN 25 JUNE**

**NORMAN COURT**  
WEST TYTHERLEY, SP5 1NH

There is NO ADMISSION FEE to enter the grounds, spectators are more than welcome to cheer on the competitors.  
Dogs must be kept on a lead and are not permitted on the race course  
**FREE ON-SITE PARKING FROM 9am. Site Close: 2pm**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

All proceeds raised will be used to further support the children of West Tytherley Primary School.

<b>DISTANCE:</b> <b>5K</b>	<b>START TIME:</b> <b>10.30am</b> Medals for all finishers	<b>DISTANCE:</b> <b>2K</b>	<b>START TIME:</b> <b>11.30am</b> Medals for all finishers	
<b>SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION &amp; FEES</b>				

Entrance can be purchased using the QR code on the poster or at <https://buytickets.at/friendsofwesttytherleyprimaryschool>. Early waivers can then be completed at <https://forms.gle/v6pW4gPDRZjrcKWs9> Please make sure you have paid the required entrance fee before completing the waivers for each individual participant. Completion in advance will make Raceday registration a much faster process.

Of course, if you would prefer not to run but would like to show your support, we are looking for marshals to man the course and cheer everyone on.

## School Summer BBQ – Friday 14 July 5-7pm

This year we are holding our annual summer event and are looking forward to a fantastic fun-filled evening. We have an array of stalls we would like to hold but to make this the best event possible for our children we are asking for help!

The stalls planned are as follows. Those we need parent volunteers to help us man are highlighted in red! If you can help, please let any member of the PTA know!

**Cake stall, Hook the duck, Guess the number of sweets in the jar, Guess the name of the bear, Sweet bag tombola, Bottle tombola, Bric-a-brac stall, Obstacle course, Netball shooting, Wang-a-welly, Hoop game, Crazy catch rebound, Splat the rat, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale.**

Facepainting, Hair chalk, Crafting session, Best chalk drawing on Asphalt, Soak the Teacher, Pigeons Football Club 'Beat the Goalie', Golden Empire Boxing Academy 'Sparring Sessions'

We are also asking for donations, which can be left at the school office, for the following:

Bottle tombola – donations of alcoholic, non-alcoholic, toiletries in exchange for non-uniform day on 14 July.

Sweet bag tombola - donations of sweets / stickers / party bag fillers or similar.

Cakes (please label with ingredients / allergens).

Donations to the bric-a-brac. If you able to and are having a clear out we would really appreciate if your child could donate any or all of the following items in good condition:

One toy

One book

One game

One soft toy

Second-hand uniform (all years)

**Thank you for all your help and support from the PTA**