

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

It was very nice to see everyone at parents evening this week and I hope that you enjoyed looking at the work and talking to teachers. Please don't hesitate to contact the school at any time if you wish to discuss your child's progress or ask about any aspect of their schooling.

Reading Books and Reading at Home

I thought it would be useful to clarify what the systems are that we operate around the teaching of reading.

Year R- The children learn their sounds through a synthetic phonics programme, Read Write Inc. They will bring home a book on a **Friday** with words and sounds to practice. Once they have finished set 1 they will also bring home a linked story book. Please sign the reading record book when they read. We also encourage the children to read any of their home books and enjoy being read to by an adult.

Year 1- The children continue to use the phonic programme Read Write inc and bring linked words and stories to practice. These will change on a Friday and it would be helpful if you can sign the diary.

They will also enjoy books at home and from the library

Year 2- There will be some children on the phonics scheme and others who are on coloured banded books. These will come home for the children to read to you, These can be changed during the week. They will also bring a library book home.

Year 3 and 4- some children will be on banded books or the phonics scheme and others free readers from the library. Please continue to hear your child read and write in the diary,

Year 5 and 6 -some children will be on banded books or the phonics scheme and others free readers from the library. Please continue to hear your child read and write in the diary,

If you find that this is not the system for your child and they do not have books or reading record, please e-mail the school at l.macey@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk and I will respond to the query.

We will have a reading meeting after half-term for Year R and 1 parents to talk about supporting phonics at home.

Please put this date in your diary: **Thursday 11th November 3.30pm in Beech Class**

Mrs Rose- A news update.

At the end of this academic year Mrs Rose is intending to join her husband in early retirement. After nearly 34 at West Tytherley she is looking forward to a well earned rest and some time to pursue her own interests. I will make sure that we communicate to all parents about how we plan to fill her very large shoes (not literally- Mrs Rose actually has small feet!)

Spooky Plans and End of half-term celebrations.....

Next Week....

Wednesday 20th October- Halloween Disco at the Village Hall

Wednesday 20th October (in the afternoon in school time) – Decorating Pumpkins for the school Pumpkin Show on Friday.

Friday 21st October :

9.30am Twinkle Toes Toddlers and Oak Class decorating Pumpkins.

2.30pm: End of half Term assembly- **All parents invited** – in the Village Hall.

There will also be a chance to look at all the Pumpkins.

3.15pm: Through the Stone Ceremony! This is the West Tytherley tradition where all children starting or leaving school go through the stone to celebrate this stage on their education journey. We welcome everyone to attend.

Other Important dates:

Monday 1st November: INSET day

Thursday 4th November: Open day at School. 9.30am-3.00pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Lucy Macey

INSET Days 2021/2022

Friday 1st November 2021

Monday 29th November 2021

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children:

Beech	George	For showing patience, kindness and love in both his work and with his peers
Chestnut	Olivia	For showing kindness to everyone through the way in which she acts towards them
Willow	Oscar	being kind, caring and thoughtful towards his friends
Oak	Sophia	For her unending kindness towards others. She is always patient in the classroom, willing to help other children

News from around school

Beech

What a wonderful week in Beech class with two new students joining us. A big warm welcome to Kitty and Sienna! We have been rehearsing a play, writing lines and have finished our number work to 10 for this half term. We are now coming to the end of our learning journey 'Into the Forest' and have discussed what we like and dislike about the book, with some of the children noting that they enjoyed finding secret messages in the pictures. On Thursday, we learnt a new nursery rhyme and enjoyed singing and dancing together on the field.

Chestnut

Chestnut class have continued to be busy this week learning how to describe a character. They have ended the week by continuing a character description of a character that they have grown to know well.

In Maths, the children have explored what happens when you subtract away from a multiple of ten. They have had to exchange a 10 for ten 1s and then they are able to subtract the amount.



Willow

This week in Willow class we have been practising our subtraction with concrete resources, using base ten, numicon, and counters to show how we subtract in different ways. This helps us to understand formal method as it provides a more visual representation of what is happening with the numbers.



Oak

This week, Oak class have been using addition to solve word problems in maths, including using decimals and some very large numbers! The concrete resources we use really help us understand ideas like regrouping and exchanging, so that when we use formal written methods we understand what is happening. This week's 'Mathematician of the Week' is Marley, who has grasped this idea, put it into practice and shown some great mental maths skills. Well done, Marley.



Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

19th Flu vaccinations

NOVEMBER

1st INSET Day

4th Open Day 9.30a.m—3pm

10th Screening vision test YR only

10th Height and weight Yr. R & Yr. 6 only

22nd School Photographer for individual/siblings

29th INSET Day

DECEMBER

2nd Christmas Panto - Goldilocks

8th KS1 Nativity - Matinee & Evening

16th Christmas Lunch in Village Hall

17th Christmas Celebration Assembly - Church

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is 4, or will turn 4 before 1st September 2022, they can start school in September 2022.

For more information go to:- www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2020

Closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022. Don't miss out!

Is your child in Year 6 NOW?

If so, please be aware that applications for secondary school places opened on Monday 13th September 2021 and close at midnight on Sunday 31st October 2021 - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

Thought for the Week

This week I have changed the theme for our assemblies to Numbers – I am away next week. I really enjoy working with numbers but know that some people don't. However, we all need to use maths and number skills in much of our life – we need to learn them! Remembering that we are all different, with a variety of gifts, skills and talents, we can pray: *God, our father and creator, you have given us so much – the world in which we live, our families and food, our homes and schools. In return, show us how to make best use of our talents to help other people. Amen*

Vicar James