

Dear Parents,

It has been a chilly week to date, but we have continued to play and learn, both inside and out!

It is wonderful to be able to share the celebration assembly with parents once more and I look forward to seeing some of you later.

## COVID Updates

As you may be aware, there are now fewer restrictions in place and the Government is relaxing many of the rules that have been in place.

In school we continue to ask parents to be vigilant and use lateral flow tests if their children are unwell.

We will continue to inform you if cases rise in school, in order that you remain apprised of the current situation.

## Belated Thanks for Safety Measures, now in place.

During a Health and Safety walk round, one of our Federation Governors, Mr Paul Stewart, identified that we were missing a school sign on the road, and that our warning markings had become very faded. After some communication with the council, the sign has been reinstated and the markings repainted.

Thank you to Paul for this important work in helping to keep our children safe.

## Choir

This will start on Monday 24th January and is open to all children from and including Year R. We have plans to sing again for all the parents at the end of term, and perhaps in some wider events, such as at local Care homes.

## Library Book reminders

Your child may bring home a reminder for a library book which they have had at home for some time now. Please can you encourage your children to look for these books and return them to the library. Please be assured that there is no shame attached to this- I feel that I have paid enough library fines over time to have built a new wing on Salisbury library!

Please don't forget to have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

<b>Beech</b>	Ophelia	For showing kindness and compassion towards her peers
<b>Chestnut</b>	Alex	For being a great role model to others as to how to move safely around the school
<b>Willow</b>	Tobias	For his conscientious attitude, punctual attendance and readiness to learn
<b>Oak</b>	Bella	For always looking out for her friends and peers, making them feel safe, secure and happy in school

## Thought for the Week

This week I haven't been able to get into School but our theme has been 'Working Hard' (which I have been doing!). Last week we thought about what we were good at – and how we need to work at practising our talents. This week we could pray: God the Creator of all things, help us to work hard at doing our best. Stop us when we are tempted to make fun of someone else's efforts but help us how to appreciate them. Amen

*Vicar James*

# News from around school

## Beech

Miss Billinghamurst has really missed the children this week, but has loved seeing all of the hard work that the children have been doing. Today the children revisited "tricky teens", making them with numicon and dienes to represent them as  $10 +$  (an amount of ones). In literacy, the children have been planning and making missing posters to help us in our search for Dogger. He has been missing all week! We finished the day with free play, bikes and trikes and our favourite- show and tell!



## Chestnut

Last Friday, the children started to experiment with attaching wheels and axels to a cardboard box in order to create a moving vehicle. There was a lot of discussion between them all about the best position for the elastic bands – whether they were better on the inside of the wheels to allow the wheels to move easily or on the outside to hold the wheels in place. This Friday we are going to begin the planning phase of creating our own vehicle to make in the coming weeks.

In Maths this week, the children have begun to look at standard units of weight. On Thursday, Chestnut class began with identifying the weights of different food items from their packaging; this then led into them weighing different fruits and vegetables to look at how to read a set of scales. It was interesting to watch them try and work out which fruit and vegetables they could put together to make the same weight as the melon! Today, the children have been baking, putting their reading of scales into practise. I hope you enjoy the yummy treats that they have made! (Photos to follow next week)

On Monday, in History, the children were exploring the lives of two pioneers in the field of aviation. We looked at the lives of the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart and why they are so important. See if your child can tell a bit about either of them.



## Willow

This week, Willow have been exploring geometry. Looking at the properties of shapes, we played some games where we had to guess the shape in the bag by using targeted language. We have been also looking at lines of symmetry, folding shapes, and using mirrors to find out if shapes can be sliced in half accurately.

Also, we have finished our book in guided reading and wrote a postcard from the middle of the earth. The children have learnt lots of facts about what's 'beneath our feet.' In English, we also have come to the end our journey looking at voices in the park, and have spent the week writing our own diary entry. We had the chance to write on the computers and gain a little bit more computer literacy.



## Oak

Oak class carried out a science investigation this week, to discover whether salinity affects water resistance. They loaded up boats with pennies to find out whether the boats had more buoyancy in the salty water. Using their existing knowledge and experience of swimming in the sea, they predicted that the more salt in the water, the greater the water resistance. Most results confirmed this but there was one anomaly, which warrants further discussion. This week we have also been fact finding about the Shang Dynasty. We were astounded to learn about the way slaves were treated - why don't you ask us about some of the gruesome details!

