# West Tytherley CE Primary School

## Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a lot of fun this week, with Easter egg hunting, egg rolling and also numbers day. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part and for helping with boiling eggs etc. I shall let you read all about them further down, and you can enjoy the photographs too.

#### **Bottle green polo shirts**

We are now able to offer these to Yr R children, through our uniform suppliers. These may be preferable if you are frustrated with the stains that you have to deal with on the white polo shirts. We hope that this may help in a small way. Please do not feel any obligation to buy them, if you don't wish to.

## Parking outside the School

Just a gentle reminder to everyone that when parking outside the school, please try to avoid blocking driveways or parking on the bends. I know that it can be tricky, at times, but everyone's help with this would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Head Lice**

Holidays are an excellent opportunity to check for any unwelcome visitors and treat them effectively. The break allows us to reset the cycle and hopefully stop them from spreading. Please can we ask you to check your child's hair carefully at the start of the holidays.

#### Clubs

Thank you for returning the forms. The dates that these run may vary slightly according to club. Please check communications and original letters for starting and finishing dates.

#### **Tennis Lessons**

Tennis coaching for all year groups will be commencing on a Friday morning for the duration of 5 weeks starting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a Friday for the duration of these lessons.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter break

Kind regards

Lucy

#### Thought for the Week

We have come to the end of the Spring Term and have time off for Easter. There will be plenty of things going on in our churches from now until Easter – some involving Chocolate! You may like to make a cross (from paper or cardboard and cover it in flowers to remind you of the new life that Jesus brings. You could use tissue paper or decorate and cut out flowers. Once you have decorated the cross, you may wish to pray: Risen Jesus, We rejoice that you are alive and with us. Make us messengers of Easter joy and hope for all the world. Amen

Vicar James

# **Weekly Certificates**

# Friday 24th March 2023

Beech	Isabella	For really putting in the effort to improve her handwriting.		
Willow	Isabelle	For showing resilience when using number lines in maths.		
Oak George For demonstrating perseverand denominators.		For demonstrating perseverance when adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.		

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Beech	Wilf	For 'Spreading Sunshine' in class and around school.		
Willow	Willow Munro For focusing on his handwriting and presentation.			
Oak	Isla	For always having a fantastic 'Have a Go Hero' attitude towards her learning.		

**Last Weeks House Points** 

**Singer = 169** 

Pragnell = 175

Budden = 88

The individual HP winners are:

Fraser, Milan & Leona

Well done everyone!

**This Weeks House Points** 

**Singer = 117** 

Pragnell = 107

**Budden = 106** 

The individual HP winners are:

Victoria, Rosie & Tabitha

Well done everyone!

**Total House Points for the Term** 

**Singer = 1292** 

Pragnell = 1332

Budden = 981

# **News from around school**

# **Beech Class**

As we come to the end of another term, the staff in Beech Class have been reflecting on the progress that the children have made so far this year. We are all incredibly impressed with the children's resilience and growth in their learning and attitudes in school.

In literacy, we are coming to the end of our 'Supertato' learning journey. We have learnt some new adjectives, verbs and adverbs to talk about the events in the story, up-levelling the vocabulary we used. Year R and 1 have been designing and making their own evil villains, using their least favourite foods. We have had everything from Creepy Curry to Tangy Tomato! The Year 1 children created 'Wanted' posters for these new villains to make sure they are caught before they cause any havoc...

In Maths, we have been learning how to spend and add money (sorry parents/carers), using real coins in our class shop and café. The children have been partitioning an amount and working out which coins are needed to make a purchase. We have also been exploring weight, using non-standard units to measure a variety of different model animals in our small world area. Beech Class used comparative language when measuring two different items and used their body to lean in the way that they thought the scales would fall.

In RE, we have been finding out how Christians celebrate Easter. We have been reflecting on sad moments in our lives that have then turned into happy memories. We look forward to talking about what we have learnt in the Easter service at the church on Friday.

We are incredibly sad to see Leonora leaving us this Friday, but know that she will have an amazing time in her new school. Good luck Leonora. We will miss you!

# **Willow Class**

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been exploring the book, 'The Night Box', and the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. Through these, the children have been identifying different literary features – personification, onomatopoeia, alliteration, similes and metaphors. Using the format of The Magic Box, the children created their own box and have written their own poem about what is in it. Here are some of their lines in the poems:

I will put in my box stars twinkling like angels' fluttering wings which twinkle like fire.

I will put in my box the dark shadows of beautiful, grand trees, the countdown of a nocturnal party, the leftovers of the nocturnal party.

I will put in my box the shimmering stardust with a bit of moon light.

In Maths, the children have revisited addition and subtraction, with a focus on exchanging. We have explored using dienes and number lines to help us solve calculations and how we can use the inverse to check our answers are correct.

In Computing, the children have been exploring the world of Scratch Junior. Through this programme, they have been able to learn how to use coding to make characters move. They have all been able to have a 'tinker' on it and importantly, the children have worked out how to add recorded sounds. Last week in Art, the children were given a piece of a David Hockney image. They were tasked with recreating that part of the image to then make into a collaborative piece of art.

# **Oak Class**

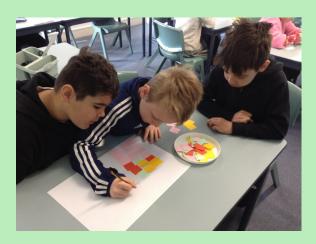
The last two weeks of Spring term have been as busy as ever! We have been linking our learning about Rio de Janeiro in Geography with our English and have spent the last two weeks familiarising ourselves with persuasive leaflets so we can write our own leaflets to try to persuade people to visit Rio. We explored features to include in our own persuasive writing, such as modal verbs and rhetorical questions, as well as practising writing sentences with subordinate clauses and brackets to include additional information for our reader. The leaflets certainly make Miss Lee want to take a trip to this fantastic city and showed how much the children knew! Our Geography lessons have centred on where people live in Rio. We compared two key locations and explored how the lives of the people living in each would be different. We then further developed our understanding of favelas, sorting information about them into 'positives' and 'negatives' before taking part in a silent debate about whether or not these should be demolished.

In our Art lessons, we continued to explore the work of Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes and used her as inspiration to design our own collages, thinking carefully about the shapes and patterns we can use to ensure our own work echoes her style. We created our own collages from these designs and hosted our own art gallery in class.

We began to investigate the idea of inheritance in our Science lessons and gathered data on what genetic traits children inherit from their parents. We enjoyed checking to see who had attached eye lobes, who could roll their tongue and who had freckles before putting the data we had collected into a range of different graphs and charts so it could be visualised.

In our PE lessons, we have been trying to develop our reaction and response times to help us improve our game of Endball. The children have tried hard to choose activities which challenge them have responded positively to the challenge of trying to improve. On Wednesday, the class had an Endball tournament, where small groups played against each other to practise the skills developed in previous weeks.

Finally, our continued work on Scratch was put to use in Computing, when were challenged with creating our own soundtrack to form part of a silent movie about aliens. In our groups, we had to choose which part of the silent movie we wanted to add music to, before using our knowledge of the Sound coding blocks on Scratch to develop our soundtrack. It was great to get our creative juices flowing and hear what everybody else had put together!





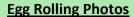
## **Netball**

On Tuesday 21st March, some of our Year 5 and 6 participated in the cluster netball tournament at Test Valley School. Over the 5 matches they played, they were able to apply the skills that they had developed over the weeks at netball club - defending, intercepting and attacking. Our children showed fantastic grit and determination, never getting disheartened at any missed shots. It was noticed by others, and relayed to our parent supporters, how polite the children of West Tytherley were and what fantastic teamwork and support they showed to each other.



## **Numbers Day**

On Thursday 30th March, we took part in Numbers Day. Children throughout the school focused on the book 'Pezzetino' – the story of a small cube wondering what he belongs to because all other living things are made up of many small pieces. He journeys to an island to discover what he is part of, and discovers, when he when he trips and falls, that he is made up of lots of smaller pieces. He is a whole piece! Beech class were tasked with creating their own Pezzetinos, Willow class had to use their knowledge of fractions to design a different Pezzetino, thinking about how much of it is a particular colour, while Oak class had to create a Pezzetino and then work out the area or perimeter of the shape.







**Easter Egg Hunt** 





# **Dates for your diary**

Date	What	Who	Where
	End of Term	All	VVIICIC
03/03– 14/03 2023	Easter Holiday	All	
17/03/2023	Beginning of Summer Term 1	All	
24th April	Trip to living rainforest	Beech Class	
27th April	Tri Golf Competition	Year 2 Letters sent	Broughton School
28th April	Tag Rugby Tournament	Oak Class letter's sent home	Wallop School
2nd May	Meeting about the 'Living & Growing' Unit	Yr 5 & 6 parents	After School 5 pm– 6 pm
8th May	Bank Holiday	All	
9th May-12th May	KS2 SATS	KS2	School
20th May	West Tytherley Village Fete	All	Times TBC
24th May	Combined school's Sports Day	All	1pm Broughton Football Ground
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	Oak class Letter to be sent nearer the time.	The Farleigh School
12th June	Athletics	Letter will be sent out for the applicable year groups.	Kings Somborne 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
11th July	KS2 Summer Production	All	Evening time TBC
14th July	PTA Summer BBQ	All	After School
21st July	YR 6 Leavers Service	All	10:30am in village church

# **External Holiday Activities**





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