

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

This term is another busy one, with lots going on, so please read the newsletters and check the website for dates. If possible, please avoid e-mailing the office to ask questions that could be answered by looking in these places first.

Thanks to the Halloween Disco organisers

A huge thank you to this group of dedicated parents, and volunteers who planned, organised and ran the disco, for the enjoyment of so many children. It was obvious that they had an amazing time whilst raising money at the same time.

Thank you.

Staff working at West Tytherley Primary School- from November 2022

Mrs Cantelo has made a move from Broughton to work at West Tytherley in Year R and 1. She is taking advantage of the opportunity to develop and utilise her skill set in a different setting. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cantelo, who is a dedicated and experienced LSA.

Please note that **all** staff working with our children are subject to rigorous safeguarding checks.

Attendance

You may have noticed that we have added a page to the school website emphasizing the importance of regular attendance at school. High rates of school attendance are a priority for the school, the county and nationwide. Regular and punctual attendance in school is a cornerstone of every child's success. We are keen to do whatever we can to help - so that all our children can learn and develop and make every minute count - 100% of the time.

I also wish to make it clear that we do not suggest that children should come to school when they are unwell, and that there should be no pressure put on either children or parents to attend when this is the case. We are seeking to reduce absence that is related to additional holidays, taken in school time or days off for 'treats' etc. We are now coming out of the time when we can accept COVID cancellations as a reason for authorising absence, as I am sure you understand. Guidance and clarity regarding the Hampshire Policy on attendance is on the website.

RSE Consultation

Just a reminder that following our e-mail earlier this week, we will be holding an information session on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 4pm.

This is also an opportunity to meet Mrs Lowey, who is leading the session.

Please come straight to the classroom. We will provide childcare for all school age children.

We would ask that you read the information that was sent, in advance of the meeting.

Inter-Faith Week- 21/11/2022

As part of our R.E. Curriculum work, we are having a week where each class will study a different religion, finding out information that they have expressed a desire to know, as a result of pupil consultation. They will present this information to other classes, in a series of get togethers during the week. All the work will be shared in the newsletter that corresponds with this week.

Phew- I think that is all!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards Friday

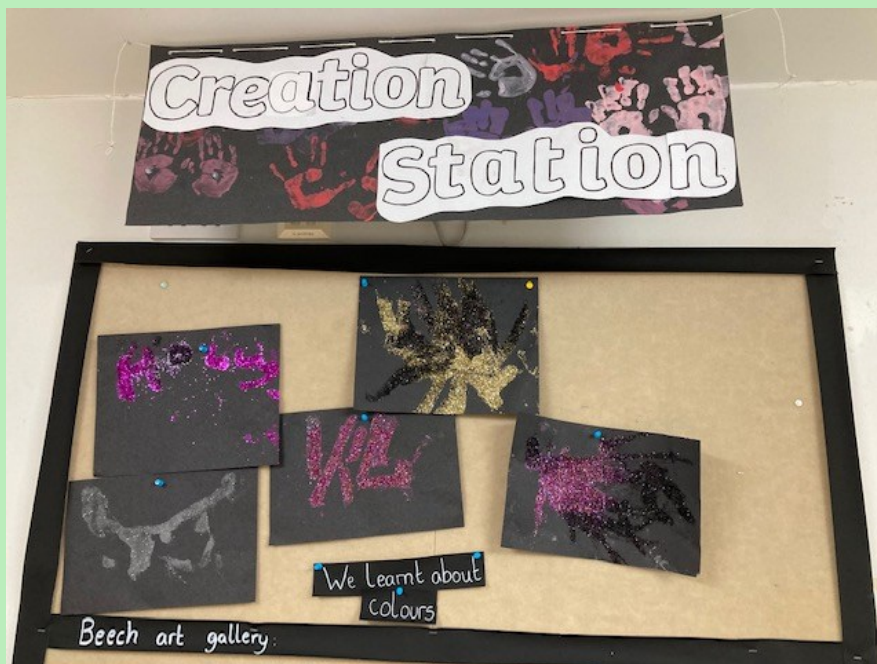
This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

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| Beech | Tymofii | For putting a smile on other's faces with his kindness and humour. |
| Willow | Fillip | For his continued positive attitude towards reading and using his phonic skills when sounding out. |
| Oak | Hugo | For a positive attitude to learning when converting mixed numbers and improper fractions |

Thought for the Week

With Fireworks displays around us, this week we have been thinking about 'Safety'. We have also thought about the Lord's Prayer – which we say every week. We can also pray: *Heavenly Father, thank you for the fun we have exploring exciting places and making new friends. Thank you for all the people who look after us at home and at school. Keep us safe and close to you at all times. Amen*

Vicar James



News from around school

Beech

It is wonderful to have all of the children back this week in Beech Class and they have all enjoyed sharing what they did in the holidays, starting by drawing a picture of what they got up to. We are delighted to have Mrs Cantelo joining our class in the mornings as a learning support assistant, who is already adored by the children (and Miss B!).

Our overarching theme for this half term is 'Celebrations' and we have kicked off this half term by learning about bonfire night. The children have been learning about the story of Guy Fawkes, with the Year 1 children learning about the Gunpowder plot. They have made their own 'Guys' and walked them around the school, calling for a 'penny for the guy'. On Thursday, the class coated and decorated their own chocolate apples on skewers with marshmallows. Bonfire night has given the class the opportunity to learn about fire safely, including stop, drop and roll and how to stay safe near a bonfire. Each of the children had a go at being a fire-fighter, putting out a pretend fire using water to wash it away. In the art area, the children have been using Pritt sticks and glitter to create a firework display that is now covering the ceiling of our classroom, so that we can have our own firework night.

Our new key text for the next three weeks is 'Flashlight' by Lizi Boyd, a wordless storybook with illustrations of a boy on a night time adventure with a torch. On Monday, images of nocturnal animals appeared in the classroom, with the challenge of finding them in our darkened classroom with a torch. The children drew the animals that they found and plotted where each animal was on a map. The Reception children have been starting to form CVC words using the sounds that they have learned so far and have enjoyed mixing sounds to make their own alien words.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction. The Reception children were introduced to numicon which they placed together to create larger numbers. They have also learnt the addition and equals symbols (+ and =) with Mrs Cantelo, who taught them poses to remember them by. Year 1 have been working on how to answer word problems, focusing on number bonds to seven. They have been using different ways to show their workings, such as number sentences, cherry models and drawings.



Willow

The week began with a very exciting delivery in the class. A number of special eggs appeared! As a class, we concluded that these eggs are dragon eggs. In these first two weeks of this half term, we are focusing on the book 'The Dragon Machine' in English. Using this text, the children will create a set of instructions as to how to build a dragon. So far this week, we have looked at the importance of giving exact instructions through providing exact instructions as to how I brush my teeth (it very nearly ended up with me spitting my toothpaste on the floor) before working in small groups to clean dirty toys, as well as the features of instructions.

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring shapes. They have been identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, with the year 3s classifying and sorting shapes using Carroll diagrams. The children have been able to name the shapes and describe them, beginning to compare them. Some of the children also looked at lines of symmetry this week. They were able to say what it meant and how we can use a mirror to help us find a line of symmetry.

The children completed their information leaflets about the Stone Age this week. They had to look at all areas covered throughout the unit and provide information on all of them. In Art this week, the children have created their Christmas cards which will be printed into cards for you to enjoy.



Oak

We have jumped straight back into our learning this week after some busy half terms. Monday was all about mysteries and predicting.

In our English lesson, we read a piece of text all about an animal. However, Miss Lee blanked out the name of the animal and we had to use information from what we had read to gather facts about our mystery animal.

We were then given pictures of different animals that the text could be explaining and had to deduce which animal we thought it could be. Miss Lee tried to throw us off by putting some very similar animals into the mix but in the end most of us predicted correctly that the animal was a tiger.

On Tuesday, we talked about a dilemma faced in a small Indonesian village, where a rogue tiger had been eating the local livestock. We took into consideration the views of different people in the village and summarised these, deciding whether they wanted the tiger to live or not. We then wrote our own balanced argument about what we think should happen to the tiger based on these opinions.

In the afternoon, we also had to solve the mystery of what our new Geography topic this term would be. Miss Lee stuck geographical clues about the place, as well as some pictures and we had to see if we could guess where we would be studying this term. We are all very much looking forward to learning all about South America and its culture!

In Maths, we have been learning about decimals and fractions. The Year 5 and 6 children have been working particularly hard with converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and then using this understanding to order and compare fractions with different denominators.

The Year 4s have been developing their understanding of decimal numbers, looking at the correlation between tenths as fractions and decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number on a number line.

We got into the Christmas spirit on Wednesday by designing our Christmas cards and look forward to our parents seeing the final product. Thank you again to the PTA for organising this. We really enjoyed our first PE session of the term with Harry and look forward to continuing to practise our tag rugby skills.

Year 5 and 6 are also very much looking forward to bikeability next week!



| Date | What | Who | Where | |
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| 7/11/2022 8/11/2022 9/11/2022 10/11/2022 11/11/2022 | Bikeability | Year 5 and 6 | West Tytherley | 9-11am 9-12pm 9-12pm 9-12pm 9-12pm |
| 8/11/2022 | RSE Consultation | All | Oak Classroom | 4-5pm |
| 14/11/2022 | Flu Vaccine | All | West Tytherley | |
| 15/11/2022 | Cluster Football Competition | Teams Selected & letters sent | Wallop | 1-3pm |
| 18/11/2022 | Children in Need | | | |
| 21/11/2022 | Height & Weight Check | Year R & 6 | West Tytherley | 9:15am |
| 6/12/2022 | Dress Rehearsal | KS1 | West Tytherley | |
| 7/12/2022 | Performance | KS1 | West Tytherley | 10am |
| 7/12/2022 | Jack & Beanstalk | All children | Village Hall | 1:45-3pm |
| 7/12/2022 | Performance | KS1 | West Tytherley | 6pm |
| 12/12/2022 | Choir Carol concert at Winchester Christmas market | | | |
| 15/12/2022 | Christmas Lunch | All | West Tytherley | 12pm |
| 16/12/2022 | Church Service including drama group (Yr 4,5,6) | All | West Tytherley | 10am |
| 16/12/2022 | Break up | All | West Tytherley | 3.15pm |

INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023

30th January 2023

31st January 2023

20th February 2023

20th March 2023