

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents,

Here is the last newsletter of this term. I hope that each week you enjoy hearing about the events of the week, finding out what your children have been learning and keeping up with the important dates for the term.

The weekly newsletter is also available on the website.

## **What's happened this week**

### **Easter Activities**

We would like to thank the PTA for providing the eggs for the children and those to donate to Freedom Foodbank in Romsey. Mrs Dean dropped them off yesterday, and they will be used to make up some Easter food parcels for families in the locality.

The children thoroughly enjoyed finding their named egg and swapping it for something much more appealing!

Egg Rolling was great fun, all the children and staff entered into the spirit of it, and the grand winner was .....

Milan in Chestnut Class- who beat off competition to be crowned egg rolling King!

### **Netball at Broughton**

Those children who did not take part in the competition earlier in the term were given the opportunity to play some matches yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who supported, and Mrs Finlay for running the event.

### **Swimming- Oak Class**

The children all gained a great deal from their 6 week course of swimming lessons and made excellent progress. We will make sure that we book these again for next year.

### **End of Term service**

Thank you to Vicar James for hosting the school today for the Easter Service. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate together and end the term on such a positive note.

### **Ken Rickaby- Caretaker**

For the last 11 years Mr Rickaby has looked after the school site and been a wonderful asset to the school team. Since January, he has been unable to work due to an injury which has prevented him from being able to carry out his job.

He has very sadly made the decision to resign his position, and we wish him all the very best for a recovery.

What's Coming up....

Next term is very busy with plenty of events planned throughout the forthcoming months.

I will; make sure that these are sent out via e-mail during the Easter Holidays.

Have a lovely break

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

### **Termly Awards**

<b>Improvement in Handwriting Award</b>
Barney F
Victoria
Tabitha
Lukas

<b>The Continuing Achievement Award</b>
Isabella
Elijah
Hugo F
Marley

### **The Parent Questionnaire – spring 2022**

As you will know, we recently undertook a parent questionnaire to give parents and carers the opportunity to share their thoughts about the school. Thank you very much to all who responded, which was more than half of the total parent body.

Your answers and additional comments are extremely useful, enabling us to gain insight into particular aspects of what we do and how we do it, and to inform development planning for the immediate future and the next academic year.

We carried the survey out at both schools in the Federation and the responses had many strong similarities. One of the headline responses I'm delighted to tell you is that 100% of parents across both schools believe their child to be safe at school. We never underestimate the fundamental importance of this and will continue to be vigilant in making sure your children are safe.

At West Tytherley, 93% of the total responses were positive – that is, either in strong agreement or agreement with the statements made. 93% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that their child is happy at school, and the same proportion made clear that their child had not experienced bullying. 100% of those parents who had raised concerns agreed or strongly agreed that their issues have been acknowledged and acted on quickly. For those respondents whose children have SEND, 100% agreed or strongly agreed that the school provides the support they need.

There is strong agreement that the children have access to a wide range of clubs and activities – 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

While the results were very positive and highly encouraging, we are keen to address any concerns and to improve what we offer and how we communicate with you. From the results, we believe we can do more to clarify the expectations we have for your children, as one-fifth of respondents felt they did not know enough about this. We also believe we can do more to tell you about how we cater for your child's personal development, as 11% of respondents do not know what is being done. Similarly, 11% of respondents felt they did not know about the wide range of subjects available to their child at the school.

With a total of 27 responses, the areas we have identified for improvement are often based on the responses of just two or three parents. We take everyone's view seriously, and if you would like to talk to me about any concerns you have, please get in touch. Overall, however, the results are reassuring and a real testament to the dedication and ability of the staff and to the positive attitudes the children bring to their learning. 93% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend the school to another parent new to the area or with younger children. We are very pleased to hear that, but we are looking to achieve 100% next time round.

Derek Smith

## Easter Egg Hunt

On Wednesday afternoon, West Tytherley had their Easter Egg Hunt. We must give a huge thank you to West Tytherley PTA for donating the Easter Eggs for every child and to the Trussell Trust. The children were tasked with finding a laminated egg, hidden, with their name on it. This was then swapped for a real egg for them to take home. Kitty said, "I liked looking for my egg and getting my egg." Emelia said, "I enjoyed finding my egg because it was fun looking in the trees."



## Egg Rolling Competition

On Thursday morning, West Tytherley held their first ever egg rolling competition. The aim of the competition was to see who could ROLL, not throw, their egg the furthest. There were heats to begin with between the classes, with those winners progressing to the semi-finals, and then onto the finals.

The final was a close event, with Sophia in Year 6 and Olivia in Year 2 being out the furthest. Olivia managed to roll hers just that little bit further, therefore winning the first event and being crowned Egg Rolling Champion 2022. There was a lot of laughter from all the children, especially when certain eggs exploded – the only word for it – and the yolk went flying.





# News from around school

## Beech

Beech Class started the week by finishing work on place value in maths, with some children finding partitions for 5 and others practising and using their number bonds to 10. Then, Easter took over our classroom with mysterious eggs appearing in the maths area. Each of the children put an answer on a small piece of paper inside the egg to answer addition and subtraction problems to 10.

Year 1 were challenged this week with their first "big write" after planning their own versions of Supertato. The quantity of writing was much more than they have experienced before and I was incredibly impressed by their resilience and attitude. Our Reception children made their own stories well and performed them for the class and on video to show their parents. These will be uploaded onto Tapestry.

We have been very crafty over the past couple of days, making Easter bonnets, baskets, cards and cakes ready for the upcoming holiday. The class also thoroughly enjoyed decorating and rolling their own eggs, with our very own Leonora making it to the semi-finals. Well done, Leonora!

Thank you to all of the children for their hard work this term. I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all in two weeks.



## Chestnut

This week has been a very busy week for Chestnut class, finishing off their English and writing about their trip last week. In English, they have been writing their story about the lion and the mouse, making sure they describe the setting and the characters. They have also written an account of their trip to Beaulieu National Motor Museum, last Friday. It was a fantastic day and enjoyed by all. The children had a tour around the motor museum by Ruth, looked at cars that had been used in films (they were very excited by the flying car from Harry Potter and Mr. Bean's car) and saw a number of different cars that the 'Top Gear' guys had made and destroyed. In Maths, this week, the children looked at capacity and got very wet – fortunately with aprons on – mixing watered paint to make amounts.

The children also had an Easter Egg hunt on Wednesday afternoon and participated in the first ever egg rolling competition at West Tytherley. We were very excited that the first ever winner was in our class, Olivia!



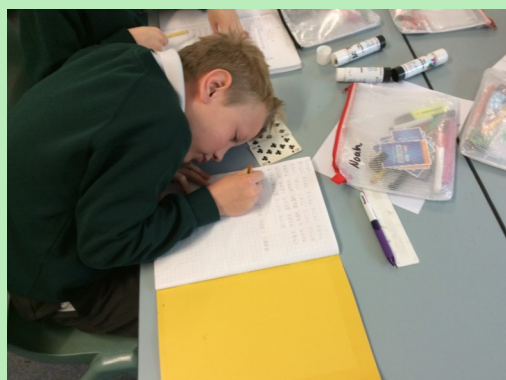
## Willow

This week in Willow, we have been finishing off most of the learning for this term. In English, we have been a legionary in the Roman army and have been writing letters home to our wives (or husbands) telling them all about our new Century and how much we miss home. We started by looking at an example letter, analysing it and discussing what makes it successful. We then answered some questions to help us create the content of our own letters and finally we have written the letters. There are some beautiful examples of writing that the children will tell you about, I am sure.

In Maths, we started the week looking at number bonds to 100, 1,000, and 10,000 and using card games to make it more interesting. We then moved onto statistics and collected some data after our Easter egg hunt on Wednesday. We used the data to create some lovely graphs and pictograms, highlighting the different choices the children of West Tytherley made. We have also been looking at different representations of data and how to analyse and interpret them.

In Science, we did our scientific investigation of how length and width effect bone strength. Unfortunately, we can't take the bones out of our bodies or go around breaking our legs so we used sticks instead. It was still a very fun experiment and we did a lot of work on creating a specific hypothesis.

We have also been doing lots of Easter related activities, like egg rolling and an egg hunt, but Willow have a special treat for gaining 140 Disney cards over the last term, which are rewarded for good behaviour, effort in work, and generally being a role model in class. The treat is a pyjama party with a film and a few little treats. What a way to end a brilliant term!



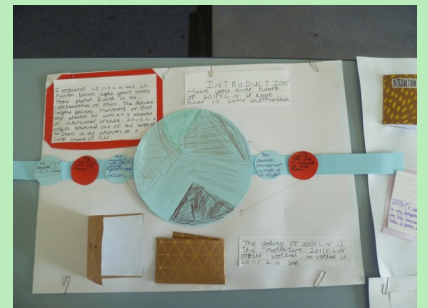


## Oak

This week, Oak class have produced double-page spread information texts about Space. Using all their knowledge from Science, from Guided Reading and from their writing Learning Journey, they have written about an invented planet, using appropriate scientific and technical vocabulary. In addition, they have used design technology skills to make their pages visually appealing by creating mini-books, flaps and moving parts to present WOW facts. They were inspired by the series of 'ology' books - Egyptology, Spyology, Wizardology and Monsterology.



To complete their learning about the Shang Dynasty, the children have made salt dough to create Oracle Bones - sometimes known as Dragon Bones. These are significant, as they helped to prove the existence of the Shang Dynasty (the earliest known Ancient Chinese civilisation) which had previously been thought to be a myth.



## Thought for the Week

This week is the last of the term and I really hope that you enjoy the break before the Summer Term! Easter Day is not for another week and so this week we have been thinking about Palm Sunday (10th April). We heard about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. The procession looked like a triumph but Jesus was soon to be betrayed by his friends and killed on the cross. However, we know that he came alive three days later – and that is what we celebrate at Easter! In our churches we will be celebrating Easter Day from 6am at East Tytherley (with a huge bonfire and food) to the end of the day. There will be an Easter Trail in each of the churchyards if you want to get out exploring. We can pray: Heavenly Father, Thank you that Easter Day follows Good Friday – that Jesus came back to life again. Help us to live as those who love a living saviour – Jesus Christ. Amen

*Vicar James*



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