



Newsletter 4



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 17th September 2021

This week in school...

Willow Class have had a great week. The children have been studying Vincent Van Gogh and they have taken inspiration from his work to paint their very own sunflowers!

This week, **Oak Class** have really enjoyed creating their own 'avatars' in their Computing lesson. In DT, the children took their clipboards on a hunt around the school to see if they could find and draw items that are made from a range of different materials.

The children in **Elm Class** had a surprise on Friday because Mr Hayward taught the children about the human digestive system. The children supported each other's learning about the functions of the duodenum, gall bladder, stomach, small and large intestines.

This week, the children in **Beech Class** started to learn about the Stone Age in history. The children enjoyed looking at images of artefacts from that time such as; fish hooks; a chariot wheel; snail necklaces and stone tools.

The children in **Sycamore Class** have been studying a new book called 'Street Child'. They have enjoyed using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to create a wonderful setting description of the horrifying Victorian workhouses. The class have also been learning all about the battle of Edington in 878AD where the Anglo Saxons defeated the Vikings. They created amazing posters using all their new facts.

The children in **Maple Class** have spent time, this week, planning their Mr Men and Little Miss characters for their own books. They have been getting to grips with negative numbers and have spotted Henry VIII in a police line up!



Lunchtime Menu For The Week Commencing Monday 20th September

Please note that roast chicken will be offered on Wednesday instead of turkey as advertised on the school website and Quorn will be the meat alternative.

Lunchtime Menu – Week 1 (Weeks commencing: 30/8, 20/09, 11/10, 01/11, 22/11, 13/12, 03/01, 24/01, 14/02, 07/03, 28/03, 18/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Burrito A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced vegetables and rice	Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls Cheesy tomato pizza slice with sweetcorn and peppers	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato A delicious light filo pastry topped chicken pie	Veggie Korma with Bombay Potatoes A veggie version of the classic mild Korma, with yummy lentils and chickpeas	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Secret Brownie
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast Turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A chunky sweet potato and chickpea roast	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Shortbread Biscuit with fruit slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Favourite Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge A classic Italian beef lasagne in a yummy tomato sauce	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice A delicious butternut squash and tomato bake served with rice	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters with Chips Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	Meat-free Dippers and Chips Crispy Quorn dippers with their favourite sauce - ketchup	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Orange Sultana & Carrot Slice
Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit					

Covid, PCR tests, unwell children and the potential disruption to education.

It has come to my attention that schools in the Stafford locality have had outbreaks of covid. The current government stance is that all children should be in school unless they, personally, have covid. So far, as a school, St Andrew's has been very fortunate. That is largely because of the support from parents and carers following government guidelines. I would like to ask parents and carers a favour. From this point forward, if your child is unwell, could you please arrange for them to have a PCR test. The symptoms of covid are so varied, they include:

- Headaches
- Sore throats
- High temperatures
- Runny noses
- Achy bones
- Stomach pains

Basically, any cold-like ailment. The symptoms can be so mild that parents and carers may be tempted to brush it off as a sniffle. If covid takes hold in a class it could lead to closing the class. This has happened in other schools. I would like to avoid this as much as possible. I feel, it is better to be sure by having a PCR test. Yes it is a bit of an inconvenience to arrange a test, to attend a test centre and wait for the results but it will be a bigger inconvenience if I have to close a class for 10 days because covid has taken hold. So what I am asking is, if your child is at all unwell you book a PCR test for them and keep them off school until they get the negative PCR test result. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Children's Photographs

If your child was in school on Friday, they had their photograph taken. Your child will have received an order form from their class teacher. This form provides the instructions to order your child's photograph. All orders and payments are now placed online.

Additional CHILL Staff Needed

We are looking to recruit at least two new staff to join the CHILL team. We need staff to cover the morning sessions. The sessions are as follows:

Monday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Tuesday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Tuesday 7.45am until 9.00am - 1.25 hours

Friday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Friday 7.45am until 9.00am - 1.25 hours

The positions will be advertised soon. The advert will include the job description, annual salary and how to apply. I just wanted to make you aware that this lovely opportunity to look after our children in the morning has become available.

CHILL

To book places at CHILL, please click on the link below. This will take you to the CHILL page on the school website. Please make your booking no later than 6.00pm on a Friday to secure your place for the following week. Thank you

[CLICK HERE to access CHILL booking forms](#)

A New School Governor

I am delighted to say that I have received five expressions of interest for the position of school governor. Shortly, I will contact each candidate to invite them to write a pen portrait of themselves, explaining a little about who they are and why they feel they would be suited to the position. I will publish these on Class Dojo, set up a ballot and invite parents to vote for the person they feel is most suited for the position.

Prayer Space – A New School Prayer

This term, the children and adults in school are focussing on Fellowship.

Lord, at the beginning of this school year,
We ask that you guide us to grow stronger as a church school community.
Help us to value fellowship,
to understand the importance of
good relationships
with each other and with You.
Amen

And finally...

There will be a vacancy soon for a new lunchtime supervisor. The position is Monday to Friday; one and a quarter hours a week. I will be advertising the position shortly, so please do look out for that.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Monday 1 November	INSET Day – school closed to children
Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Day Service 10.45am
Wednesday 24 November	Flu immunisations for the children
Friday 17 December	Last day of the Autumn term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4 January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 5 January	School opens

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring term
----------------	-----------------------------

Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

Summer Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022