

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 26th November 2021

This week in school...

This week **Willow Class** has begun to get very Christmassy! The children have enjoyed learning the songs and using their performing skills needed to prepare for our nativity production. In Design Technology lessons, they have learnt how to make a lovely Christmas card with a moving part!

Mrs Beardmore and Mrs Collins wanted to particularly recognise this week how hard the children in **Oak Class** have been working at home as well as in school. They are practising their Star Maths and spelling targets regularly and also doing lots of reading - all of this is helping them to really succeed. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for your support, and congratulations children for your hard work - it is really paying off! We are proud of you!

In geography this week, children in **Beech Class** have been finding out about the locations of some of the UK's biggest cities - there were some very interesting ideas at the start of the lesson!! Atlases were then used to find where they really were and mark them on a map. For many children in Beech Class, this was the first time they had used an atlas. Also this week, Group 2 made some wonderful clay animals at our (very chilly) Forest School.



Over the last few weeks, **Elm Class** has been busy planning and writing fables. This week, the children showed fellowship with Beech Class when some of the children from Elm Class read their fables to the Year 3 children in the hall. Beech Class had the chance to ask questions. The children were particularly interested in how Elm Class had thought up the characters and chose morals for the fables. Thank you to Miss Barnacle and Beech Class for being a great audience.



This week, the children in **Sycamore Class** have practised their balancing skills in PE. They have worked really hard to hold the correct position for a period of time. They have also learnt about trust when working in pairs to help balance each other. The children have also

used the laptops to write a persuasive letter to the Victorian Government, persuading them to ban workhouses forever. Well done Sycamore.

The children in **Maple Class** have been busy continuing to read their novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' which they are finding very intriguing! There has been a lot of speaking and listening and collaborative investigation going on. The Deadly Detectives guided reading group gave their animal presentations to their group on Friday which went down very well. Who knew a snow leopard doesn't roar and a giant octopus has 3 hearts and 9 brains! In Friday's celebration assembly, Jack, George R, Bill and Sebastian were awarded three dojos for showing our school value of Thankfulness - Congratulations boys!

COVID UPDATE

You may have noticed that we are starting to mix a little more in school. Key Stage 2 children visited St Andrew's Church on Tuesday and enjoyed a lovely Eucharist service led by Reverend Viv. We enjoyed a joyful KS2 singing assembly on Wednesday. Tentatively, we are trying bring groups together if the spaces are well ventilated and the children are spread out. Bubbles will continue until Christmas in terms of classes, playtimes and lunchtimes.

Children In Need – Friday 19th November 2021 – £314

I just wanted to say thank you. Between you all, you raised an impressive £314 for Children In Need. The children who benefit from your generosity won't be able to thank you but on their behalf – Thank You.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 15th December

The children are warmly invited to enjoy a school Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 15th December. This is a popular event and so ingredients need to be ordered in advance of the day to ensure no one is missed out. On this day there is no other option and so children not eating a school dinner will need to bring a packed lunch from home. If you would like your child to enjoy a school Christmas dinner please click on the link below. It would help us, and save you a phone call, if you could complete the form if your child is not having a dinner. There is the option for you to say your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home and so doesn't want a meal. Please complete the form by **Thursday 2nd December** because the kitchen needs to place the food order as soon as possible. Thank you.



[CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER](#)



CHRISTMAS PICNIC PARTY INVITATION

Reverend Viv and the team would like to warmly invite you to a Christmas Picnic Party in St Andrew's Church - Weston.

Bring and share food

Sunday 12th December from 12.30pm until 2.30pm

There will be Christmas crafts, carols, story-telling and lots of fun!

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 29th November

Lunchtime Menu – Week 2 (Weeks commencing: 06/09, 27/09, 18/10, 08/11, 29/11, 20/12, 10/01, 31/01, 21/02, 14/03, 14,04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Veggie Bolognese Yummy veggie Bolognese with pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls Cheese and tomato pizza with dough balls	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Flapjack with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles Delicious noodles with veggies	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Peach Shortbread Pudding With Custard
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cottage Pie Home cooked minced beef with a crispy potato topping	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry A tasty mild chickpea and potato curry	Fresh Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Fruity Chocolate Brownie
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips A scrummy tomato veggie burger in a soft bap	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices

Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit

CHILL

To book places for CHILL, please click on the link below. Bookings should be made by no later than 1.00pm on the Friday before the bookings are required.

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

For other Chill enquiries, changes to bookings made in advance, please use the Chill email address below. If you need to contact us at short notice during Chill hours there is an emergency phone number – 07814 630634 otherwise contact the school office during the school day on 01889 228769.

CHILL email address: chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Prayer Space

God of hope, we cling to you, for you to renew the face of the earth.

Through the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus, we follow you on the path of dawn.

Enlightened by your love and wisdom, help us to lead each other back to your open arms.

Amen.



STAA CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Just a handful of places left

Details at the end of this newsletter

Glow Sports – Monday 6th December

We have booked Progressive Sports to come into school on Monday 6th December. Each class will enjoy a session of glow sports in the school hall. There will be Christmas music, fake snow, Christmas costumes, inflatable Santa's and Snowmen and everything else needed to create a magical Glow Christmas Dodgeball Party for the children. We would like all the children to wear their PE kits on Monday 6th December please. There will be another reminder in next week's newsletter.

STAA School Discos

On Tuesday 7th December, STAA has kindly booked two school discos. The first disco is for children in Willow and Oak Classes. This will take place during the school day in the afternoon. The second disco is for children in Key Stage 2 (Beech, Elm, Sycamore and Maple), from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. There is no charge for the discos. The children are invited to come to school in party clothes but please be aware they will be playing outside during break and at lunchtime. The weather is particularly chilly outside. During the discos, all doors and windows will be open and so again, please make sure your children are well wrapped up.

And finally...

It has been a long time since the school has been contacted by our neighbours. Could I ask that parents and guardians picking the children up after school park with consideration. Parking with wheels on paths or on the corners of road junctions makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk on pavements and cross roads safely. It is important the children have safe places to cross the roads. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Monday 6 December	Glow Sports – all classes to wear PE kits
Monday 6 December	Local Academy Committee – Governors – 6.00pm
Tuesday 7 December	School Discos- non uniform – warm party clothes
Wednesday 8 December	STAA Christmas Wreath Making 7.00pm
Friday 10 December	School panto
Tuesday 14 December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 15 December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 December	Christmas Jumper Day and talent show
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

Thursday 6 January City 7s Assembly 10.30am

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April Parents' evening – Face to face

Tuesday 5 April Parents' evening – Face to face

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

A poster for a Christmas Wreath Workshop. The background is a rustic wooden surface with pine needles and red berries. The text is centered on a light-colored rectangular area. At the top, it says 'BE THE ENVY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS THIS YEAR' and '- JOIN US FOR OUR -'. The main title is 'CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP' in large, bold, dark red letters. Below the title, it says '...a relaxing evening away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, learn a new skill & create your own stunning traditional Christmas door wreath'. There is a red circular badge with '£35' and 'per person' inside. To the right of the badge is a brown rectangular box containing the date 'Wednesday 8th December 2021', time '7-9.30pm', location 'ST Andrews, Weston, School Hall', and instructions 'Bring your own beverages' and 'A % of the cost going STAA'. To the right of this box is a logo for 'ST ANDREW'S WESTON PTA'. Below the brown box is a dark red banner with white text: 'Book your place with Floral Art by Charlotte'. Below the banner, it says 'Contact me for more information and to book:' followed by '07817 228 461 or email c.crittendenshotmail.co.uk' and 'Follow us: @floralartbycharlotte'. At the bottom, it says '£10 deposit required to secure your place. Numbers will be limited on each evening to ensure the best experience. All materials (and nibbles) will be provided.'