

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 3rd December 2021

This week in school...

This week, the children in **Willow Class** have completed their English writing inspired by the story, 'On the way home.' They have really enjoyed acting out their own ideas to extend the story and the Year One children have written their creative ideas beautifully!

The children in **Oak Class** have been working so hard to learn their lines for the Oak and Willow Christmas performance. Both classes have been learning the words to the songs. Performances will take place but the audience numbers will be restricted and masks must be worn by the audience during the performances. More details will follow shortly about how to book seats for the shows.



Lulu, Harvey, Jakop, Ellis, Maisie, Ben, Makram, Lauren, Lennie, Joshua and Kasper were brilliant this week when they attended a rugby fun session at Stafford Rugby Club. They braved the chilly night air learning new skills and finished it off with a mini game.



Half of the children in **Beech Class** enjoyed their last forest school for the year, while the other half of the class enjoyed a dancing session with Miss Milligan. The children will swap over for the last time next week.

On Tuesday, the children in **Elm Class** performed Zumba routines brilliantly! They were performed in time and with accurate dance moves. The children are learning carols which are developing and sound beautiful. You are in for a real treat at the carol concert.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have practised their dancing skills in PE. They had a great time singing and dancing to their favourite songs during the Zumba lesson. They have also practised their researching skills by finding out about an Artic animal for their presentation in English next week. Well done Sycamore.

There has been lots of dancing in school this week. The children in **Maple Class** enjoyed folk dancing which they demonstrated brilliantly on their Class Dojo story page.

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 6th December

Lunchtime Menu – Week 3 (Weeks commencing 13/09, 04/10, 25/10, 15/11, 06/12, 27/12, 17/01, 07/02, 28/02, 21/03, 11/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with dough balls Cheesy tomato pizza slices	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy Veggie sausage and mash with gravy	Fresh carrots and peas	Oatie Biscuit With Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken and Spanish Spuds Garlic seasoned chicken, served with Spanish style potatoes	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake A delicious baked cheesy, pea risotto	Sweetcorn and Fresh Broccoli	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Strawberry Ice Cream With Fruit Slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious beef meatballs in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious veggie balls in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Chocolate Sponge Cake With Fruit Slices
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Soft Taco and Chips A soft taco shell filled with a yummy veggie tomato chilli	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding
Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit					

COVID UPDATE

Operationally, this half-term has been difficult so far. 6 teaching staff have been off school because they have had covid. There have been 22 covid cases amongst the children in the past 5 weeks, 12 confirmed cases this week alone. There were 37 children off school on Friday. These are challenging times to say the least. I would like to express my thanks to the families who have shown patience and support by regularly testing their children for covid. PCR tests are, by far, the most accurate way to test whether your child has covid. To protect the vulnerable in your families, please book a PCR test if any member of your family is feeling unwell. Please don't assume it is a cough or a cold.

STAA School Discos – A change of plan!

It is with great regret, I am postponing the children's Christmas discos. When taking into account the increasing number of positive covid cases in school, STAA, Dave Dee and I think it is too risky to put on discos. Therefore, the school discos will now take place in the summer term.



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](#)

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Again, traditionally we do not give out Christmas cards at St Andrew’s. Instead, we use the money we would have spent on Christmas cards and give it to a charity. This year we would like to do something a little different. Earlier in the year, at harvest time, you supported the House of Bread charity in Stafford. You generously donated bags and bags of food. As the food was being collected, the representative from the House of Bread was pleased to see some toiletries in the bags. He remarked that they could do with more of these because some families struggle to afford toothpaste and toothbrushes.



So, instead of paying money for Christmas cards for classmates they see every day, we are asking the children to bring in a toiletry donation for the House of Bread. Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannels, bubble bath etc would all be welcome. A box will be placed outside each morning for donations. If you could support this, many families in Stafford would really appreciate your help.



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!

PRAYER SPACE

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful season when we can celebrate our Saviour and his love for us. With joy we pray, Amen.



STAA CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Just a handful of places left

Details at the end of this newsletter

Glow Sports – Monday 6th December

On Monday could every child in school wear their PE kits and trainers please. Thank you.



And finally...

The school panto will go ahead. Willow and Oak Classes will watch the show in the hall. KS2 classes will have the show streamed live to their classrooms. A compromise but the children will enjoy the humour and the story.

The last day of school is traditionally "Wear a Christmas Jumper Day." So please, dig out the brightest and most cheerful jumpers you can and wear them on the last day of school. It is a non-uniform day.

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 POSTPONED
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

BE THE ENVY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS THIS YEAR
- JOIN US FOR OUR -
**CHRISTMAS
WREATH
WORKSHOP**

...a relaxing evening away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, learn a new skill & create your own stunning traditional Christmas door wreath

Wednesday 8th December 2021
7-9.30pm
ST Andrews, Weston, School Hall
Bring your own beverages
A % of the cost going STAA

£35

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£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.