

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### This week in school...

The children in **Willow Class** have worked so hard this week. The Year One children have completed their maths and English assessments and the whole class have been rehearsing for our fantastic Nativity. They are almost ready and can't wait to perform it next week!

The children in **Oak Class** have been working really hard preparing for the Christmas show. The Year 2 children will take the lead parts, supported by children in Year 1 and Reception.

**Beech Class** had a very exciting end to the week. As well as the pantomime, children finished their autumn term DT project and made rock cakes. Each child made two and decided whether to have them plain, with fruit or with chocolate chips. There were some delicious smells wafting along the corridors all morning!



This week, the children in **Elm Class** have written some amazing versions of the Ancient Greek, 'Legend of Hercules'. To begin with, they acted out scenes from the legend to help them understand the labours Hercules successfully carried out. After they had written their legends, the children practiced reading the dialogue between characters with brilliant intonation and expression.



This week, the children in **Sycamore Class** have been Scientists. They conducted different experiments including separating different mixtures using different apparatus, dissolving different substances and testing different metals in circuits to see which conduct electricity the best.

**Maple Class** has had a busy and interesting two weeks! They have looked after various members of staff and have completed some very important work. Today's pantomime was another new experience - panto online! But the children joined in with all the booing, dancing, cheering and the 'oh no he didn't' bits as well as munching their way through lots of popcorn - thank you very much STAA!



## Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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	<b>Burrito</b> A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced vegetables and rice	<b>Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls</b> 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	<b>Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato</b> A delicious light filo pastry topped chicken pie	<b>Veggie Korma with Bombay Potatoes</b> A veggie version of the classic mild Korma, with yummy lentils and chickpeas	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Secret Brownie
Wednesday	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b> <b>Could children not having a school Christmas dinner, please bring a packed lunch from home.</b> <b>Thank you.</b>				
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Favourite Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge</b> A classic Italian beef lasagne in a yummy tomato sauce	<b>Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice</b> 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	<b>Southern Fried Chicken Tasters with Chips</b> Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	<b>Meat-free Dippers and Chips</b> 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					

### Key Stage 2 Carols

We are planning to hold an outdoor KS2 Carol Concert on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, weather permitting. The school gates will be opened at 2.45pm and parents and carers will be invited to join us on the school playground to enjoy some festive songs. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the reserve date if it is raining on Thursday.



### 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](#)

### House Of Bread Christmas Collection

Just a polite reminder that we are collecting toiletries for the House of Bread Charity in Stafford. Donations have been received so far, for which we are really grateful. Let's see how much we can help those less fortunate than us this Christmas.

### Thank You STAA

We would like to say a great big thank you to STAA, our dedicated and hard-working PTFA. They worked hard to organise a school disco, which sadly didn't take place. STAA arranged the wreath making night. The wreaths were stunning. STAA arranged and paid for this year's Pantomime. Every child was given a box of popcorn, which had been carefully proportioned out so no-one missed out. STAA have also organised one more surprise for the children but we will have to wait and see about that!

## Music Tuition Fees

This week we will be collecting payments for musical instrument lessons for the Spring term. Mrs Palmer will set up a payment option on Parent Pay this week. Lessons cost £50 for the term. Thank you.

### 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.

### And finally...

Remember, 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

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
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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