

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 11th February 2022

In school this week...



What a busy week **Willow Class** has had! The children loved creating their 'Worry Monsters,' 'Love Bugs' and 'Wishing Wands' and it was lovely to hear their thoughtful ideas about how and when they might use them to improve their mental health. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a relaxing yoga session, they learnt how to create their own clay sculptures and even planted their own beanstalks, after reading the story Jack and the Beanstalk!



The children in **Oak Class** have enjoyed a lovely week: love bugs, puppet shows, yoga, country dancing and so much more. The children also enjoyed being themselves on Thankful Thursday, wearing clothes that expressed their unique personalities.

Beech Class has really enjoyed focussing on Children's Mental Health Week this week. A particular highlight was taking some quality time out to play board games with each other on 'Chooseday Tuesday'. On Wednesday, children were thinking about their wishes for the future. They created a message-in-a-bottle display and wrote their hope(s) for the future of the world. Well done everyone – this was a lovely discussion and the children came up with some very poignant thoughts surrounding issues such as climate change, extinction and Covid19.



The children in **Elm Class** all enjoyed the activities organised for Mental Health Week.

They voted for their favourite activities, which were:

1. The Skittle Game. This involved learning about different emotions. The colours of skittles represented the emotions. The children were also able to eat the skittles as part of the game.
2. Making clay hand bowls on Thankful Thursday. We are looking forward to painting the hands next week.
3. Getting creative making love bugs, which showed the children's personalities.
4. Drawing emotions wheels.

The children shared their learning in a special assembly and demonstrated their excellent public speaking skills.

The children in **Sycamore Class** particularly enjoyed the country dancing on Friday. This ended a busy week which included an assembly with the Open the Book team, modelling figures in the style of Giacometti, yoga and thinking about the things in life that make you smile.



Mental Health Week has been very successful in Maple. The children had a go at a variety of different ways of promoting positive mental health including some unusual types of yoga for example 'Positive Affirmation' and 'Laughing' yoga, as you can see in the picture below. The yoga session on Wednesday built on the skills and moves the children learnt last time our visiting yoga expert came in, and we also learnt some new breathing techniques so if the children start pretending to chop wood please don't worry, it's all about managing their emotions! We have been creative every day this week - from sculpting, in the style of Clarice Cliff, to writing information leaflets on the Nowhere Emporium, to finger print painting to country dancing! Never a dull moment!



Parents and Carers Questionnaire - 2022

All parents and carers are invited to complete a questionnaire about St Andrew's school. The purpose of the questionnaire is to collect the views of parents and carers of the children who attend the school. A link has been placed on each class page on Class Dojo. Each child's parent or carer can complete a questionnaire. The closing date for questionnaires is Friday 4th March. After this date, views will not be included in the final results. The governors are very keen to hear your views. Thanking you in advance for your time completing the questionnaire.

2022 – 2023 Terms Dates and INSET Days

Please note that I have added next year's term dates and INSET days to the diary below. INSET days for next academic year (2022 – 2023) are as follows:

Monday 5 September 2022

Monday 31 October 2022

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

Monday 5 June 2023

Heights and Weights Measurements – Reception and Year 6 children

Parents and guardians of children in Reception and Year 6 should have received notification that their children are scheduled to have their height and weight measures taken on Wednesday 9th March 2022. All children, from Reception and Year 6, in school that day, will be weighed and their height measured unless parents opt out by completing a form from the school office. School nurses will carry out the measurements.

Lates

The office has made me aware that there is a growing number of children arriving at school after the gates are closed. The morning gates close at 8.50am. As part of their morning routine, all classes engage in activities as they arrive and the register is taken. Some children are arriving so late that lunch and CHILL registers are having to be altered. Please ensure children are in school by 8.50am. Many thanks.

STAA Seed and Plant Competition

STAA, St Andrew's PTFA, has organised a seed and plant competition fund-raiser. It costs £1.00* to enter. Each child that enters will be given 5 types of seeds. The aim of the competition is to attempt to name the seeds and then plant them and grow them. The best individual plant will win a prize and the best looking pot will win a prize. Please make your donations this week via Parent Pay. STAA will then get each child's seed kit together during half-term and growing will begin after the half-term break. The will be more information posted on Class Dojo.



**£1.00 is the minimum entrance fee but if you wish to add more – please do.*

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 14th February 2022

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

Lunchtime Supervisor – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

We are still looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor to join our hard working and dedicated team. The role will require you to help set out chairs and tables, encourage the children to enjoy their meals, make sure the children are playing happily and safely on the playground and field and be a kind and caring. Have you got the time and skills to fulfil this role? Sessions start at 11.45am and end at 1.20pm. As you will be working with the children, an enhanced DBS check will be carried out and we will request that two references are presented. Please enquire at the school office if you are interested in the post.

PRAYER SPACE – COMPASSION

Dear God,

Thank you for all those who are sharing compassion in our communities and lives. Thank you for their acts of compassion kindness, generosity and love. Help me to be compassionate and kind through my words, actions and attitude. Thank you God, for inspiring me to be compassionate through your love for the world.

. Amen

Prayer written by George R Y6.

And finally...

Many thanks to the staff for organising this week's activities. The children have really enjoyed this week. Now restrictions appear to be easing, I have asked staff (and governors) to look at possible school visits for the second half of the year. I have booked residential visits for Elm and Maple Classes in the summer term. Other classes will be enjoying days out. We'll keep you posted once visits are booked.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening – TEAMS
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening – TEAMS
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

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Inset day: Monday 31 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Inset day: Friday 26 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September