

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 11th March 2022

In school this week...

The children in **Willow Class** have enjoyed a second week of working with Oak Class on their book called 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.' They have been giving and following instructions, and on Thursday, they even had fun washing their own animals in baths that they had made themselves.

This week in **Oak Class**, the children have completed some super learning! On Tuesday, they used their creative skills to design and make a model bathtub in which they each gave a lucky little animal a bubble bath. In their computing lesson, the children enjoyed writing their own codes and worked cooperatively with partners. The children have also been busy using templates and gathering materials ready to start sewing together their glove puppets in their next DT lesson.

In **Beech Class** this week, the children have been doing lots of practical maths when working on their division questions. In PSHE, they have been thinking about the importance of a balanced diet. The children looked at the different food groups and even critiqued the school dinner menu. Reassuringly, we all agreed that we are offered good, balanced dinners here at St Andrew's. Towards the end of the week, balls were flying everywhere on the playground as the children practised their throwing skills in their first dodgeball PE lesson!

This week, **Elm Class** has worked so hard in maths. The children have tackled some tricky fractions questions working with practical maths equipment. It was impressive the way the children supported each other by working in pairs.

The children also enjoyed painting their clay hand bowls in art. They are looking forward to taking them home once the paint is dry.



The children in **Sycamore Class**, engaged in discussions and showed great teamwork during RE with Mrs Barwell.

In **Maple Class** this week, the children have moved on to percentages and so far the children are proving to be confident when finding equivalent

fractions and their decimals links. Final copies of the children's contrasting diary accounts are almost done and nearly ready to be displayed. To complete their learning linked to the 'Nowhere Emporium', the children have designed and painted door signs on slabs of wood, for their own wonders. Photos next week! Sadly, the last session of Forest Schools has taken place - there wasn't a dry sock or child in the place! The children have all had a brilliant, very wet and muddy few weeks - thank you Miss Barnacle for braving the weather and giving the children such a fantastic experience.

STAA Silver Coin Fund Raiser –

The STAA Silver Coin Fundraiser is going really well. The children in Oak Class have almost filled their bottle. We will have one more push this week. Who can fill their bottle first? We will hand the bottles over to STAA on Tuesday night (Tuesday 15th March) at the next STAA meeting.



Lates

Despite reminders in previous newsletters, I have noticed that there are still a sizeable number of children arriving late at school each day. Could I politely remind parents and carers that all children should be in school by 8.50am. The reason for this is that school really does start straight away. The children enter their classrooms and pick up their first task for the day. Children who arrive late miss part of their first activity, are usually feeling unsettled and, in some cases, upset. From Monday, I will be issuing letters to parents and carers whose children arrive after 8.50am. My hope is that this reminder is all that is necessary and that no letters will go out. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

St Andrew's Cross Country Teams



On Tuesday after school, our brilliant Years 5 and 6 boys and girls teams represented St Andrew's during a demanding cross country competition. Many schools from the Stafford area were present. The competition continues for two more races, one this Tuesday and the other, the Tuesday after. The aim is for the children to beat their personal finishing positions. Each team's score is based on the top 4 runners from each team. We wish the children every success for their next race. We'll see how they are getting on in next week's newsletter.

CHILL BOOKING FORMS

The link to the website is below:

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/parents/1382-2/>

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 14th March 2022

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

Pupils of the week...



Congratulations to this week's star pupils. Well done to James, Ethan, Summer, Reiko, Mia, Macy, Amelia, Lorna, Ollie, Violet, Jack and Pippa. Children, we are really proud of you for demonstrating the value Service.

Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March is Red Nose day. It is a non-uniform day and the children are invited to wear bright cheerful clothes. As we are supporting the Comic Relief charity, it would be lovely if the children could bring a joke to school. Each child can tell their joke to their class. Each class can then vote which joke they enjoyed the most. At the end of the day, the best jokes from each class can be shared in assembly. To donate to the charity, Parent Pay have set up a special link. Your donations will not go into the school account but straight to the Comic Relief charity. The link is:



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STAA Meeting – Tuesday 15th March – 6.30pm

The next meeting will be held at St Andrew's on Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm. If you have children at St Andrew's you are very welcome to attend. Come along for a cuppa and a chance to find out what plans St Andrew's PTA have for the future. It is a good opportunity to get involved with the school and helping to make a difference for the children.



PRAYER SPACE – SERVICE

Lord,

To serve someone means that you have to give a little of yourself. That could be sparing some time, offering a helping hand or a listening ear. Please help us to serve each other willingly, to heal sadness with a smile, to take away loneliness with kind words and to listen to those who feel they have no voice. Thank you Lord for showing us how to serve others. Amen.

And finally...

I am delighted to say that Mr Cranson is back. Mr Cranson used to play for Ipswich Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Stoke City. He has agreed to teach football on a Monday after school. The club will start after Easter. At this week's staff meeting, the team will be mapping out clubs and visits for the rest of the school year. Once agreed, I will publish everything in a future newsletter.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Monday 14 March	Governors' Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 15 March	Years 5 and 6 Cross Country event – Race 2 – Marquis Drive
Tuesday 15 March	STAA Meeting – 6.30pm – St Andrew's – all welcome
Tuesday 22 March	Years 5 and 6 Cross Country event – Race 3 – Marquis Drive
Monday 4 April	Parents' evening
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening
Thursday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Service 10.00am – Willow and Oak Classes
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
Friday 29 April	Parents' meeting for Laches Wood – Elm Class
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 29 June	2022 Reception children to visit St Andrew's
Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Pupils to visit Weston Road High School
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