



Mid-Trent
Multi Academy Trust

Newsletter 27

"Following God's path to flourish in life"



Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 1st April 2022

In school this week...

The children in **Willow Class** have been busy making preparations for Easter this week. The children have made super Easter cards for their mums and dads. They have been learning a special poem, by heart and lots of songs to surprise their families at the Easter Service next Thursday.



The children in **Oak Class** have been focusing on telling the time. The children have also been working with Willow Class to prepare for Thursday's Easter Bonnet Service. The children are really eager to perform their poetry and songs to families.

In **Beech Class** this week, the children learnt about one of England's most famous fossil hunters; Mary Anning. The children then made some super information pages about her life and discoveries. In history, children made a timeline of significant events that happened during Roman times. They enjoyed learning about the Colosseum in Rome and imagining what it would have been like to be there watching a gladiator fight. Some of them struggled to understand how this would be entertaining though if people/animals got hurt (or worse!).

The children in **Elm Class** agreed that they have had another busy week. Today, they discussed the activities that they have enjoyed the most. They said they had enjoyed painting the lizards, which they made out of clay last week. The children also said that they felt proud of the writing they did in their Wonderful Writing books earlier this week. Another activity they said they had enjoyed was researching Anglo-Saxon gods and goddesses and creating an information page about them.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been learning all about how to protect our environment in Geography. They learnt all about how we should reduce, reuse and recycle. They did a home survey about how often and what they recycle at home and together they made a class tally. From this, they could see what they recycle as a class and how we can improve and help our environment. The children had fantastic discussions as groups and as a class, sharing great ideas of the impact plastic pollution has on our environment and ideas to help save it. Their knowledge and dedication to help was impressive.

In **Maple Class** this week, the children have had serious issues with time being stolen as they simply can't believe another week has flown by! They have tackled algebra and found it more understandable than was thought at first and have enjoyed Mrs Beardmore helping them to write amazing letters to a Greek god. Today, (being April Fools' Day) the children showed their team work and organisational skills by playing a beautifully executed April fool trick on Mrs Edgecombe - great organisation and acting skills shown. The word search with no words only foxed them for a few minutes!

STAA Seed Growing Competition Winners



Well done to all our prize winners. Mr Clarke, who provided the seeds and judged the entries, was very impressed with the level of interest and the quality of the plants. First, second and third place prizes were given for Reception/KS1 Best Pot and Best Plants and the same for KS2. Prizes were also given to a child in Reception/KS1 and KS2 for identifying the plants and naming their uses. Many thanks to members of STAA for organising the competition, judging the entries and organising the prizes. STAA has raised £140 from this competition. Thanks go to everyone who took part.

Pupils of the week...



Congratulations to this week's star pupils. Well done to Ollie, Zach, James, Scarlett, Evan, Ruby and Jasmine. Children, we are really proud of you for demonstrating the value Service.

CHILL BOOKING FORMS

The link to the website is below:

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

Please note that CHILL booking forms for the first half of the Summer term are available on the school website.

Temporary Cleaner Position – Summer Term Only

We are looking for a cleaner to join Miss Follows to clean the school each day. This is a temporary arrangement, for the Summer Term only. The successful applicant will mop floors, vacuum classrooms, wipe tables and empty bins. The hours of work are 3.30pm until 5.30pm – Monday to Friday. If you are interested please enquire at the school office. The successful candidate will undergo safeguarding checks and will need to provide two references.

Summer Term After-School Clubs

I am organising the football clubs that will start after Easter on a Monday and a Tuesday after school. The clubs will run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Mr Cranson, a retired professional footballer will be leading the clubs. The emphasis will be on learning new skills and fun.

I would like to offer every child the opportunity to attend an after-school club by the end of this school year. Mr Cranson prefers to have a maximum of between 20 to 24 children so that he can set up two 5/6 a-side games for the children to enjoy. Therefore, it would help greatly if I could gauge the numbers who would like to attend after-school clubs. Mr Cranson charges £4 a session and so the total cost for each course will be £20. Payments are made directly to Mr Cranson. The Friday night clubs are £1.00 per session because these are heavily subsidised by the school. Therefore, charges for all sessions will be £5.00 for Maple and £3.00 for Oak and Willow Classes. These can be paid via Parent Pay. For the summer term the plan is as follows:

	Monday Football Mr Cranson	Tuesday Football Mr Cranson	Friday After School Miss Milligan
Summer 1	Oak 25/4, 9/5, 16/5, 23/5, 13/6	Beech & Elm 26/4, 3/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5	Maple 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 27/5,
Summer 2	Willow 20/6, 27/6, 4/7, 11/7, 18/7	Sycamore & Maple 21/6, 28/6, 5/7, 12/7, 19/7	Oak 10/6, 17/6, 24/6 Willow 1/7, 8/7, 15/7

Just a note about Willow and Oak Class. They have enjoyed activity sessions every Friday lunchtime with Miss Milligan since October.

If your child would like to attend any of the clubs listed for their class, could you please complete a form by clicking on a link below. I would like to accommodate every child who applies and so may have to rearrange certain clubs so that no child misses out. It would really help if you could complete a form by Tuesday 5th April to give me enough time to check numbers and then get back to you before the Easter break.

[Willow Class](#)

[Oak Class](#)

[Beech Class](#)

[Elm Class](#)

[Sycamore Class](#)

[Maple Class](#)

Now that Mr Cranson has returned, my hope is that he will continue to run a football club, at least once a week from September. I will keep you posted in the new school year.

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 4th April 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, 04/04)					
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

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis - Reminder

I have been contacted by a parent whose employer is organising to transport aid to Ukraine. They have a haulage firm and will be loading lorries to transport aid directly to Ukraine. St Andrew's families have been invited to donate any of the following:

- Clothing (new or used)
- Blankets
- Nappies
- Toiletries
- Food (Tins, jars, packets, boxes)
- Pet Food



The drop off and collection day will be **Friday 8th April** (the last day of term). This could be a good opportunity to clear out your wardrobes, whilst at the same time, making a difference to the lives of children and their families fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Again, thank you for your support.

PRAYER SPACE – SERVICE

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered

Parents Evenings

Just a reminder that parent/teacher meetings will take place on Monday and Tuesday. All parents who completed the booking form will receive their dates and times via Class Dojo.

On the evening

- Please make your way to the school hall a few minutes before your allocated time.
- Your child/ren's books will be given to you to look at when you arrive.
- A minute before your consultation meeting, you will be called and escorted by Y6 pupils to your child's classroom to meet your child's class teacher.
- You will have ten minutes to discuss your child's progress.
- After ten minutes, the next parents, escorted by Y6 pupils, will arrive and you will be escorted back to the hall from your meeting.
- Could we ask please, once the next parents arrive, discussions are "wrapped" up quickly so that the following parents have the same amount of time. We will be following a clock so please ensure you arrive on time for your meeting otherwise you will have to wait for the next available time slot.
- Children in Sycamore and Maple Classes are asked to attend the meeting with their parents.

We prefer children in other classes to wait in the hall while parents attend meetings if childcare cannot be arranged. They will be supervised.

Easter Holiday Club - Reminder

St Andrew's will not be hosting a holiday club this Easter. Stafford Sports and Performance Academy will be holding sessions at Blessed William Howard High School. Details are at the end of this newsletter.

And finally...

I just wanted to say thank you for your generosity this term. You have donated the following:

Red Nose Day - £150

DEC Humanitarian Aid - £151

Fill the bottle - £337

Seed growing - £140

A total of £778. Incredible! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

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	Donations for Ukraine
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



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Easter Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 11th April - Thursday 14th April
Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd April



8.30am- 5.30pm - £19 per day
10am-4pm - £16 per day



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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**To book a place please call or email:
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A school-led Early Education provision based at St. Peter's CE Primary School, Hixon. Places available for 2,3 and 4 year olds Monday-Friday with options for extended hours.

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or call us on (01889) 270233 to start your child's learning adventures with Mid-Trent MAT.



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