



## Newsletter 4



*"Following God's path to flourish in life"*

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

### This Week In School

**Willow Class** have had a great week. The children have listened to lots of stories but especially enjoyed, *The Mega Magic Hair Swap*. This story provided lots of opportunities for the children to think about how they can be similar to their friends in some ways but, at the same time, how they are all unique. In RE, the children have been giving thanks for the harvest and preparing for their exciting Harvest Festival.



In **Oak Class**, the children have really enjoyed learning about the famous French artist Henry Rousseau and have worked creatively to make their own rainforest pictures. Can you spot the animals hiding in these examples? In English lessons, the children have continued to explore their class text 'Woolf' and have been considering how important it is to be proud of who you are and think carefully about the choices that you make.



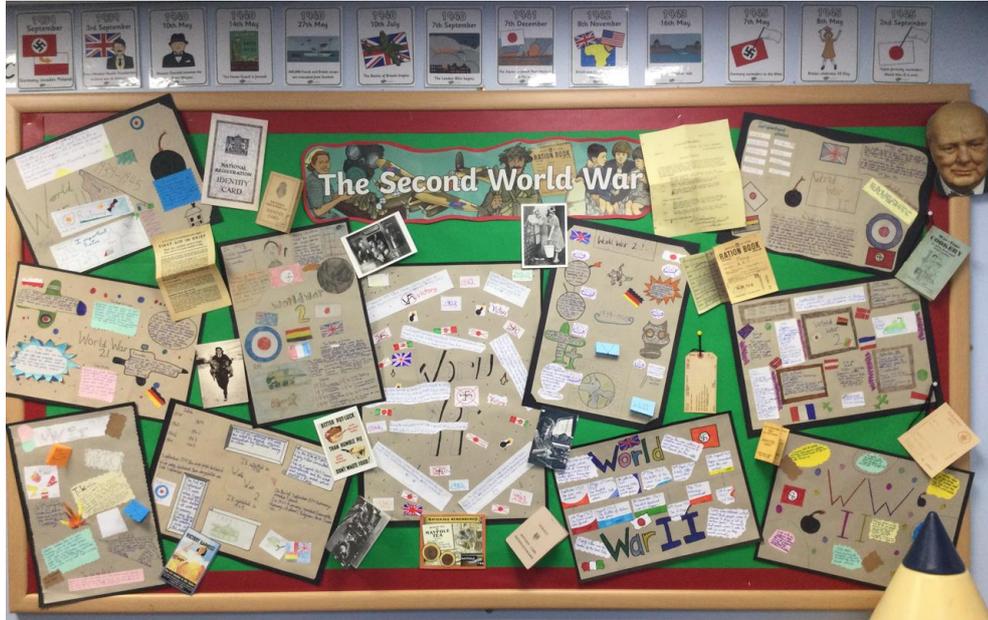
The children in **Beech Class** have been graffiti artists this week! They are learning about Banksy in art this half term and used chalk to create their own pieces of graffiti on the playground. In history, the children have started to learn about the Stone Age. They found out how historians used artefacts such as bowls, tools and spears to work out what life was like then. The week finished with Group 2 having their first Forest School session which was very calm and relaxing!



The children in **Elm Class** have worked really hard this week and have had lots to celebrate on Class Dojo! The children have particularly enjoyed their art sessions. They have been learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and experimenting with mixing colours and creating tints and shades.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have worked hard in Geography learning different map symbols, matching them up and creating their own. They came up with some interesting symbols to use on a map. They have also enjoyed creating their own bookmark for their guided reading books in Wellbeing. On Tuesday, they had a lovely tennis lesson, practising their ball and balancing skills on a racket.

Although it has been a shorter week, the children in **Maple Class**, seem to have packed in a lot! In maths, the children are moving onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - still with pretty big numbers! The Mr Men books are progressing well- next week the writing will begin in earnest. In any spare moment, the children have been completing their WWII information posters; most are complete now and the children helped put together the display, which looks great. During their break times, members of Maple have been helping the whole school community by tidying the Quiet Area and Reading Sheds - thank you!



**School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September...**

Week 3 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Faves	Sides	Packed Lunch	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Sausage, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Carrots and Peas	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Oaty Biscuit Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Chilli Con Chicken and Sweet Potato Bake	Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake	Tomato Pasta	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin
Wednesday	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cabbage and Carrots	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Thursday	Beef Burrito	Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge	Tomato Pasta	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Friday	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters and Chips	Veggie Soft Taco and Chips	Tomato Pasta	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Banana and Apricot Flapjack with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices

### CHILL – Before and After School Wrap-Around-Care

Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in **advance** via ParentPay or childcare vouchers activated. To make a booking click on the link below.

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

**Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629** operational during Chill hours only - 7.45am to 8.45am and 3.20pm to 6pm.

If you have any questions please email Sue McCoskry.

[chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

### Harvest Festival – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am

The children are getting really excited about this year's harvest festival. The arrangements are as follows:

- The children in Willow, Beech, Sycamore and Maple Classes are invited to bring donations of food (tinned, dried packets eg pasta, jars, breakfast cereals, bottles eg squash) or toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shower gel). These will be given to The House of Bread charity in Stafford.
- The children in Oak and Elm Classes are invited to bring in cupcakes for a cake sale after the harvest service. The money raised from this cake sale will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support. This cake sale will take place in school and is only for the children. We are asking for 50p donations please. The children who provide the cakes, that is their donation.
- Weston village hall will be available from 10.00am. I would appreciate it if parents arriving could help set out the chairs.
- After the service, parents and families are warmly invited to stay for refreshments. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale. Members of STAA have kindly agreed to serve the refreshments and provide the cakes. Your support would greatly be appreciated.
- Finally, when all the refreshments are gone, if I could have some help putting the chairs away, that would be great.

This will be our first harvest celebration together in three years. The children are learning songs, poems and prayers. The children will make their way, with staff, to the village hall and arrive at approximately 10.25am. The service will last about half an hour.

### Prayer Space

Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.

Amen.

### Pupils of the week...



Well done to Brodey, Ilinca, Isla, Beatrix, Elsie, Sophie, Ernie, Lauren, Isaac and Herbie for being our pupils of the week. They have been brilliant at demonstrating one of our core values: Respect.

### And finally...

I just wanted to make you aware of the forthcoming parents' evenings on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 will be invited into school to meet your child's class teacher to discuss how they are settling in and how they are responding to school, friendships and their learning. Full details and booking forms will be in next week's newsletter.

And lastly, STAA our school PTFA would like to hold their AGM on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm in school. Reminders will go out to all parents and guardians in next week's newsletter.

Mr Hayward.

### Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 26 September	Balance Bike training week begins
Thursday 29 September	Open the Book Assembly
Thursday 29 September	Governors meeting 6.00pm
Friday 30 September	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 4 October	STAA AGM – 6.00pm in school
Tuesday 11 October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 October	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability training
Thursday 13 October	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability training
Thursday 13 October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

**Half Term:** Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

#### **Inset day: Monday 31 October**

Thursday 1 December	Governors meeting 6.00pm
Monday 5 December	School discos
Friday 9 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 16 December	School talent show

**Term ends:** Friday 16 December

**Christmas 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**

Friday 7 July                      Sports Day and Summer Fair

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25 July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September