

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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### This Week In School



In maths, the Reception children in **Willow Class** have been subitising up to 5 and learning different ways to compose 4 and 5 this week. During their topic lessons the class have enjoyed learning all about maps and the four countries of the UK.



During their computing lessons this week, the children in **Oak Class** have improved their mouse skills on the laptops by creating their own picture on a painting app. During English lessons, they have been really enthusiastic about their new text 'The Most Important Animal of All' and have enjoyed finding out why elephants and bees are such important creatures. Their artistic talents have been showcased once again in the beautiful tiger pictures that they have created in the style of Henry Rousseau, which as you can see are very striking.



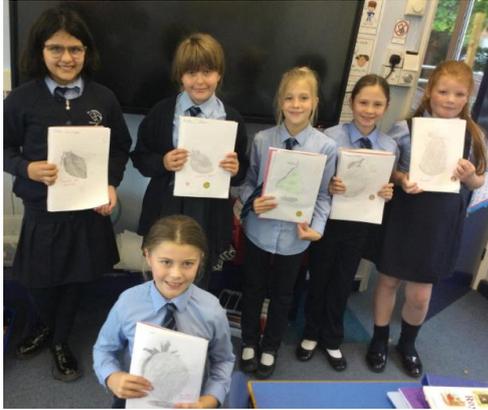
In maths this week, **Beech Class** has been working hard to compare and order two and three-digit numbers to 1000. In English, the children are continuing to write up their first piece of wonderful writing – a diary entry. In science, they have been learning the scientific names for some of the main bones in the human body. There was even a visit from Bob the skeleton who lives in the science cupboard!

During their Art lesson this week, the children in **Elm Class** tested Kandinsky's idea that colours are linked to emotions and music. They listened to a slow piece of music and selected colours which reflected their mood and drew 'what they felt'. They then completed the same task inspired by a fast / moody sounding piece. There were some contrasting pieces created. On Tuesday during PE, the children practised their backhand serves to start a rally, the shuttlecock was



returned to them and so the rally continued. The children are beginning to get a grasp of the way a shuttlecock behaves in flight.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons in history. They have researched the different boats that belonged to them and have drawn pictures of Viking Longboats. They enjoyed discussing the reasons for the boats



shape and how they were used to intimidate others. The children also created a poster comparing the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, using lots of exciting facts they had found. In Art, they have been drawing still life. They have practised their shading skills, use of colour and are developing an eye for detail. In RE, they had a fantastic discussion about why music is important to Christians and why we sing hymns. They also listened to different hymns and explained what message each hymn was telling them and how it made them feel.

This week **Maple Class** has been busy, as usual. In their own time, the Prayer Group continues to write thoughtful prayers for our whole school worship. The School Council reps have been chosen and are already busy organising litter picking and deciding on ways to continue to improve the school for everyone. In class, the children have painted their Salvador Dali clay artwork, created science posters about how water and nutrients are passed around the body and have enjoyed another great Cricket session.

## Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### On the evening

- All parents and carers make their way to the school hall a few minutes before their allocated time to book in.
- Children's books will be collected by Year 6 children and given to parents and carers to look at when they arrive.
- A minute before your consultation meeting, parents and carers 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 the first parents and carers escorted back to the hall. And so on...

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 for their consultation. 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. Thank you.

### Attendance of the week...

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
97.3%	96.1%	95.7%	96.1%	93.7%	90%

Well done Willow Class, you are our best attendees this week.

## School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Week 2 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Faves	Sides	Packed Lunch	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Veggie Bolognese with Pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Tomato Pasta	Carrots and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Flapjack with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Asian Sticky Noodles	BBQ Beans and Cornbread	Tomato Pasta	Broccoli and Peas	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Peach Shortbread Pudding with Custard
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cabbage and Carrots	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Thursday	Cottage Pie	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry and Rice	Tomato Pasta	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Fruity Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips	Meatless Burger and Chips	Tomato Pasta	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato and Filling	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices

## Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October



On Wednesday and Thursday, the children in Sycamore Class and Maple Class will undergo Level 2 Bikeability (Y6) and Level 1 Bikeability (Y5) training. The purpose of the training is to ensure the children learn to ride safely. Maple (Y6) children will begin their training in the school grounds and, following an assessment, will be



asked to ride planned routes around Weston village. The children will carry out further assessments on local roads, such as negotiating road junctions. Each bike will be checked before use. The children can leave their bikes in school Tuesday evening if they like. Bikes can also be left over night on Wednesday. They will be locked in the school hall over night. Wednesday and Thursday will be non-uniform days for children in both classes. The children will need to wear comfortable, outdoor clothing, suitable for riding a bike. Helmets must be worn by all children to take part.

### Prayer Space

Lord, as we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

**Amen.**

### 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)

### Pupils of the week...



Well done to Ben, Lacey, Isla, Benjamin, Sienna, Ariana, Ava, Leo, Jim, Charlie, Jocelyn and Dylan for being our pupils of the week. They have been brilliant at demonstrating one of our core values: Respect.

### And finally...

We had a visiting teacher in school this week and they were amazed and impressed by the standard of the children's behaviour and by their willingness to learn. Well done children. And on last reminder for parents of Reception children. The children are being asked to make their own way into class from Monday. They have practised walking round and know where to go. There will be staff on hand to guide them.

Mr Hayward.

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

#### Autumn Term 2022

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
Friday 2 December	School Christmas Fair
Monday 5 December	School discos
Wednesday 7 December	Christmas Wreath making for parents – STAA event
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**

Wednesday 5 July	New Reception children (September 2023) to visit all day
Wednesday 5 July	Y6 pupils to visit Weston Road Academy
Friday 7 July	Sports Day and Summer Fair

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25 July

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