

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 14th October 2022

This Week In School

Willow Class has had a very busy week. On Wednesday, the children went on a nature walk around the village to look for signs of Autumn. They made a fantastic collection of natural objects as they walked around the green and spotted lots of different trees. Back at school, the children enjoyed studying all of the things they found, such as leaves, conkers and seeds.



This week in **Oak Class**, the children have thoroughly enjoyed contributing towards a colourful display to showcase their learning about the Creation Story. The thoughtful contributions that the children have made towards discussions and the confidence with which they have shared their ideas has been impressive. In their science lessons, the class has developed a super understanding of different habitats and can now explain why certain animals live in the environments that they do.

In French this week, **Beech Class** sang a new song! The children had a great time practising the actions and matching them with the new French greetings they learnt. In art, the children are nearly at the stage of creating their own piece of graffiti. This week, they designed and made their own stencils out of card. In Science, Bob the skeleton made a return visit as the children identified which bones in the human skeleton protect our organs and which bones support us. They also started to learn the names of some of the important organs in our bodies e.g. brain, heart, lungs, stomach, liver, intestines.

Elm Class has been learning about addition in maths and has begun to add together two 4-digit numbers that have more than one exchange. In English, the children have all learnt a magic trick and have started to plan a set of instructions explaining how to carry out the trick, which they will write next week. In science, they have finished their unit of learning on animals and living things. During the topic, have enjoyed learning about food chains, the digestive system and the functions of teeth.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have worked on writing their persuasive letters to the Victorian Government, imploring it to shut down workhouses. They have all written compelling letters, using facts about the horrific conditions of the workhouse, to change the Government's mind. They have enjoyed copying their letters up on a laptop, practising their ICT skills and using Microsoft Word. As well as this, the children have had a fantastic

time improving their bike skills: practising stopping and starting, being aware of others and moving easily in different directions. They enjoyed the different games they got to play with their bikes.



Maple Class has packed in lots of physical exercise this week. The Monday afternoon cricket sessions continue to be successful. The children have absolutely loved the skills and games they have learnt with Tom. Like Sycamore Class, all the children have been absolutely fantastic during their Bikeability training. Their lovely Bikeability teachers have been impressed, not just by the children's great bike skills, but also by their manners, their focus and their enthusiasm. They have apparently been 'Superb', 'The best group I have ever taught.' according to the instructors - so well done



Attendance of the week...

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
95.6%	87.7%	98.3%	95.4%	93.7%	97.7%

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

Flu Immunisation – Reminder

Just a polite reminder that flu Immunisations will be taking place on Monday 17th October throughout the morning in the school hall. Thank you.

School Administrator Post/s

St Andrew's and Colwich Primaries are looking to appoint new office administrators to join their lovely teams. If you are interested in applying, click on the link below which will take you to the WM Jobs website and will give you details about the posts.

[CLICK HERE to view post details](#)

Prayer Space

Almighty Lord God, give us true faith, and make that faith grow in us day by day. Also give us hope and love, so that we may serve our neighbours according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 17th October

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	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
Friday	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

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.

[CLICK HERE to book your child into CHILL](#)



Pupils of the week...

Well done to Toby, Hannah, Lorna, Mia, Iona, Reggie and Soren for being our pupils of the week. They have been brilliant at demonstrating one of our core values: Respect.



And finally...

I have received a number of applications for term time holidays. I just want to remind parents that unless the circumstances are exceptional, I am not authorising term absences and so families may receive fines from the local authority. Overall school attendance since September is 96.1%, which is a promising start. I would like to say thank you for getting the children to school on time (by 8.50am). The number of lates has dramatically decreased compared to last term. For those families that need lots of advance notice, I have added the term dates for next year on the end of this newsletter.

Just to finish. 96.1%, by the end of the school year, equates to every child in school missing 7 and a half days of school. That is a total of 1,193 days lost. Every day does matter.
Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 20 October STAA Committee meeting – all parents welcome – 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

Term Dates Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Monday 22 July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August