

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 18th November 2022

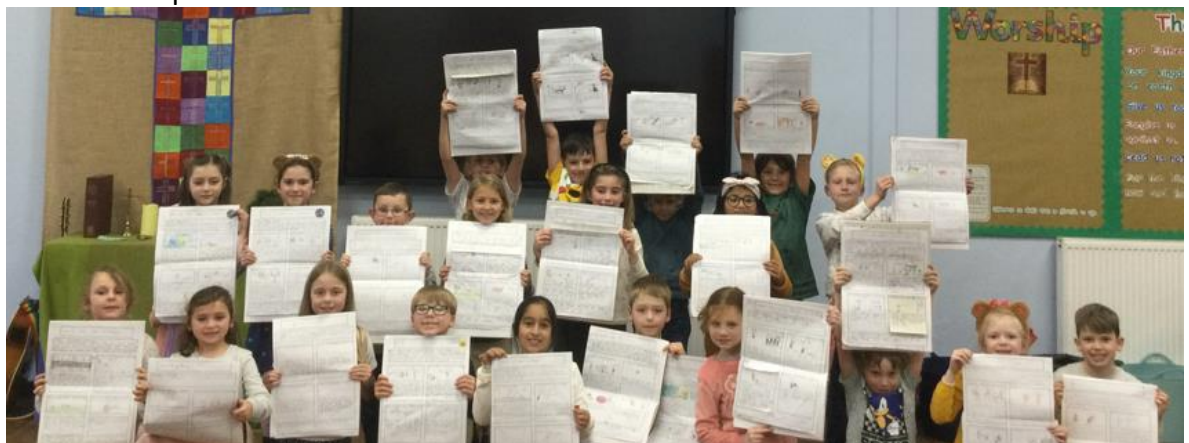
This Week In School

This week, the Reception Children in **Willow Class** have been busy learning to compose and de-compose numbers to five. Of course, it was made so much fun with the assistance of the Numberblocks! The children also did a very important job this week. They used their best writing skills to write their letters to Father Christmas. They are all hoping that their wishes are granted and you never know, they may even get a reply from Father Christmas and his helpers!

This week in **Oak Class**, the children have been working hard on developing their writing skills and really enjoyed starting their new text 'The Darkest Dark' written by the astronaut Chris Hadfield. During their DT lesson, the children explored slider mechanisms and created their own slider which made a flower grow. On Friday, the children had a brilliant day thinking about the school value of 'Service' and exploring all of the wonderful work that Children In Need do.



The children in **Beech Class** have worked extremely hard in English this week. They have written explanations from a dog's perspective - How to Look After Your Human. The class then showed their work in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon. Well done children – super work!



The children in **Elm Class** have started to write fables and have been asked to share these with Oak Class when they are completed. They enjoyed the different activities planned for Children In Need and dressed up in spots! The children have focussed on mental health and well-being, enjoying joining in with a mood booster session. The children painted and decorated their own jars to represent their own personal strengths. They then created an Elm Class strength jar using coloured rice and as a class decided on its strengths. The children came up with some brilliant ideas but they decided they wanted to celebrate that they are confident, unique, respectful, hardworking and creative.



This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been completing their diaries in English, based upon the 'Street Child' book. They have been looking at lots of examples of poetry and discussing the features of poems and their meanings. They have had a lovely dance lesson, practising their skills and dance movements. They had a fantastic time creating Pudsey ears, a Pudsey picture and a heart using Pudsey circles for Children In Need day. They really enjoyed DT where they created different circuits and cars using electric motors and pulleys to see how they can move.



This week, the children in **Maple Class** have continued to investigate gears in DT, coming up with some very interesting uses for their creations. They have planned, drafted and edited a piece of writing linked to 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and did a beautiful job! In PSHE the children are learning about 'Substances that can be Harmful' and this topic has generated some interesting and sensible conversations. The children in Maple Class finished the week by providing cakes for 158 children.

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone in Maple Class who donated cakes and shared them with the rest of the school. The children were very excited and really enjoyed the cakes. Thank you also to families who have pledged their support to Children In Need by donating funds online.



Christmas Dinner Order - REMINDER

There are still a number of families who have yet to order their children's Christmas dinners for Thursday 15th December. Please follow the link below whether you want your children to have Christmas dinners or not. Thank you.

[CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM](#)



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 21st November

Week 1 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Fave	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard and Fruit Slices
Wednesday	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices
Thursday	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Chinese Vegetable Rice Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Apple Crumble served with Custard
Friday	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Ice Cream Milkshake with Shortbread and Fruit Slices

Attendance of the week...

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
99.3%	96.1%	97.8%	99.64%	96.9%	99.62%

Well done **Elm Class**, you have pipped everybody to the post - again!

Pupils of the week...

Well done to Jack, Soren, Max, Mayvi, Matilda, Lennie, Isla, Lennie and Ivy for being our pupils of the week. They have been brilliant at demonstrating one of our core values: Service.



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](#)

Prayer Space

Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you so much for all the precious children in this world. We know they mean so much to you. We pray you would help us do all we can to protect and give them the start in life they deserve. Lord we bring to you all of the wonderful work being done to release children from poverty and hardship, and we pray that you would bless every pair of hands that works for you. Increase and bless their efforts in Jesus name, Amen.

And finally...

- A polite reminder please. Could I ask all families to complete a dinner order form (see above), whether your children are having a school Christmas meal or not. Orders for food will have to go in soon and we don't want the children to miss out.
- We are getting ready for the St Andrew's Christmas Fair (Friday 2nd December – straight after school). STAA, as ever, are supporting us. A Class Dojo message has gone out with some requests for families, reminders will be sent to you as the dates get closer. On Monday, all of the children will receive STAA raffle tickets. We would be really grateful if you could sell as many as you can.
- At the Christmas Fair, Mr Heathcote, one of our school governors, will set up an advice area for parents regarding online safety. Lots of children will be getting devices for Christmas that can access the internet. Do you know how to check what they are accessing or how to set up parental controls? Mr Heathcote has kindly offered his time and experience to support parents and families. Again, more about this as we get closer to the Christmas Fair.

I'd like to finish by saying thank you to all the families who are supporting school events. The children are really enjoying themselves in school. There will be lots of reminders going out over the next fortnight, so look out for texts, Dojo messages and the newsletter. We want the children to have a lovely Christmas after being stuck in bubbles for the past two years. Fingers crossed!

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Friday 25 November	Weston Village Hall Christmas Fair – 7.00pm
Thursday 1 December	Governors meeting 6.00pm
Friday 2 December	School Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Monday 5 December	School discos (Rec/KS1 in school time – KS2 3.30pm-5.00pm)
Wednesday 7 December	Christmas Wreath making for parents – STAA event – 7.00pm
Friday 9 December	Christmas pantomime in school – Children only
Tuesday 13 December	Willow and Oak Christmas Production 6.00pm
Wednesday 14 December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service in St Andrew's Church 1.30pm

Thursday 15 December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 15 December	Abecedarian Assembly
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