

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 2nd December 2022

This Week In School

The children in **Willow Class** have been getting very Christmassy this week! They have been busy rehearsing for the nativity production, they have used their DT skills to create super Christmas cards and they have even made their own, beautiful decorations for their class Christmas tree!



The children in **Oak Class** have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas play and completing lots of super learning. In DT lessons, the children have started to make Christmas cards and in PSHE they have been exploring what a healthy lifestyle is. In English lessons, the children have started the very important job of writing their Santa letters, considering not only Christmas wishes for themselves but also others. The letters will be completed next week and sent off to the North Pole as soon as possible!

In DT this week, the children in **Beech Class** have been designing their Christmas cards. They have been practising making their copper tape circuits with LEDs and can't wait to make their cards light up! In PSHE, the children have been thinking about healthy eating. They made sensible contributions when discussing opportunities for them to make healthy choices e.g. drinking water rather than fizzy drinks or squash. Everyone felt very festive on Friday as the week ended with our Christmas-themed non-uniform day and our wonderful Christmas fair.

The children in **Elm Class** have worked really hard writing their fables and they are fantastic. They enjoyed visiting Oak Class to share their fables with the children. Elm children read their fables aloud to Oak Class and got a very appreciative response. Elm Class have also enjoyed learning about conductors and insulators in Science, investigating different objects and materials within a simple circuit.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been working on an analysis of the poem Macavity: the Mystery Cat. They highlighted literary features and discussed what the poem was about. They especially enjoyed Macavity's naughty activities, discussing the reasons why the police can't catch him. In addition to this, the children have produced some lovely drama in RE, acting out different scenes from the Bible and performed the Nativity in front of the school during the Open The Book assembly. After working so hard all week, they enjoyed having a Christmas film on Friday to end the week.

The children in **Maple Class**, when not studying this week, have been instrumental in setting up the stage and the Christmas Fair, It takes tremendous teamwork moving the frames and the boards and then assembling everything together to make the stage. It's a great problem solving exercise and they achieved it admirably.

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 5th December

Week 3 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Fave	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Sweet and Sour Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Chow Mein Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Fruity Flapjack Bar
Wednesday	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Fruit Jelly and Custard
Thursday	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Slice
Friday	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Chocolate Milkshake served with a Chocolate Biscuit and Fruit Slices

School Christmas Discos

There will be two discos on Monday (5th) afternoon. Willow Class and Oak Class will have their disco during the school day. The children are invited to wear their disco clothes to school that day. They will go home at 3.20pm.

Beech, Elm, Sycamore and Maple Classes' disco starts after school and lasts until 5.00pm. They too can wear their disco clothes for the day to save having to change.

Please take into consideration that the children will be playing outside at lunchtime and their clothing should reflect this.

Attendance of the week...

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Well done **Willow Class and Sycamore Class**, you had the best attendance this week.

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The School Nurse Team Advice

The School Nurse Team would like to draw parents and carers attention to two videos available on Youtube. They are called:

- [Let's talk about bed wetting](#)
- [Let's talk about bladder and bowel issues](#)

These are informative videos that tackle potentially embarrassing issues. To access the videos click on one of the titles above.

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Prayer Space – Written by our Worship Group

Dear Father

Help us to give thanks for the saviour you sent us – Jesus.

During advent, help us to give warmth and comfort to people at this special time of the year.

Help us to show service by supporting others through sharing our Christian beliefs and giving our time to help people who need it more than us.

Amen

Christmas Cards

A tradition at St Andrew's is to not give out Christmas cards to people who we see every day but instead use the money we would spend on the cards to improve the lives of those less fortunate. From Monday 5th December, the children will be able to "purchase" a Christmas message card. The cards will be displayed in school and then they will be read out to the school on the last day. All money raised will be used to support Oxfam's charity work. Donations for Christmas message cards will be able to be made via Parent Pay.



St Andrew's Christmas Fair

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Christmas Fair. The turnout was overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who donated items and who gave up their time to plan, set up and help at the fair. The children seemed to be really happy. It was a fund raiser too and so as soon as I hear from STAA what was raised I let you know.

And finally...

Those of you popping into school may have seen a new face in the office. I would like to welcome a new member to our office team. Mrs Gill Cooper has joined the team and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. She is a welcome addition to the team.

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

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