



## Newsletter 14



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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### This Week In School

The children in **Willow Class** have really enjoyed rehearsing for their nativity production, "Baarmy Bethlehem", this week. It has been lovely to see how excited they are about supporting the actors in Year One and Two by enthusiastically singing and joining in with the actions. They just can't wait to wear their costumes and perform for their families on Tuesday!

In maths lessons this week, the children in **Oak Class** have been busy mastering some new concepts. Year 1 pupils have been learning about the properties of and relationships between different 2D shapes. Meanwhile, Year 2 pupils have been learning how to subtract two-digit numbers. In English lessons, the children have been excited to start writing their own biographies about the astronaut Chris Hadfield. Rehearsals for our Christmas show have been going very well and all of the children in Oak and Willow Classes cannot wait for you to see it on Tuesday!

In **Beech Class** this week, the children have enjoyed learning about shape poems. They have read shape poems about different animals and identified features such as alliteration, rhyme, repetition and similes. The children have begun to create their own examples for a polar bear and are looking forward to writing them next week. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers with exchanging. This has been quite tricky but everyone has shown our school value of 'Perseverance' and worked really hard.

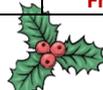
**Elm Class** spent a creative and productive Wednesday learning how to measure and cut 1cm square sections of wood, using a junior hacksaw. They worked well in pairs, one holding the wood in place, whilst the other safely cut it to the required length. The children experimented with T joints, predicting which 'T' shaped design would be strongest, when tape was used to join the two pieces. Glue, square cards and rubber bands will be tested during the second lesson to test best methods for joint strength. The second part of Wednesday was spent creating stained glass window inspired cards. No more details will be given, so they are a real surprise when they are given to you.

This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been learning about how a bill becomes a law in PSHE. They created their own bill and presented in groups to the class their ideas. At the end, the children voted on which bill they would like to become a law. This week, the children have also created circuits in Science. Using different types of metals in their circuits, they tested to see which was the best conductor of electricity by observing which made their bulb brighter. They have also written lovely prayers in RE and labelled their own animals with expanded noun phrases in English.

This week Maple began with the excitement of the school disco which went down very well! During their History lessons they have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and demonstrating their learning by creating their own interpretation of Greek Urns. The children have also continue to learn about fractions and are now multiplying and dividing them. As a Christmas treat, the children made compliment baubles - baubles filled with compliments about each child, written by each child.



**School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Please note changes to this week's menu on Wednesday and Thursday.**

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	Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Quorn Hotdogs Served with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices
Thursday	Christmas Dinner 				
Friday	Fish Fingers 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

I am not doing attendance of the week this week because I wanted to round the term up. As we know, attendance at school is crucial to a child's success in education. Therefore, we will be celebrating very good attendance. Children whose attendance is 98% or above on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 will receive a certificate next week.

For children who have an attendance below 90%, their attendance is classed as persistently absent. There may be a number of causes, a holiday in term time, a number of illnesses or a combination of both. What is clear is that children who are persistently absent do not reach their full potential in school. Therefore, I will be writing to all parents and carers of children whose attendance is below 90%, currently, to make you aware of your child's attendance and the potential long-term effects it could have on their education.

It is not too late to improve things. By attending school every day, your children's overall attendance will improve. Every day counts.

### Oak Class – Coming in to school in the morning

From Monday, I would like the children from Oak Class to come into school through the same gate as the other children. Opening the "front gate" was a response to covid and maintaining bubbles. Therefore, could parents and carers say goodbye from the courtyard before the children make their own way through the gate that Mrs Barwell stands at. Thank you.

### 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

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.

Amen.

### Christmas Messages Cards

The children will be receiving coloured paper baubles to write their Christmas messages on Monday. Many thanks to the families who have donated to our Oxfam charity collection. If you would like your child to write a message to their friends in school, make a donation to Oxfam, via Parent Pay, and your child will receive a Christmas message bauble to fill in. All messages will be read out to the whole school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December during the school talent show. Thank you.

### And finally...

The week has finally arrived. Willow and Oak Class are almost ready to perform their Christmas production on Tuesday. Performances are at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone to cheer and clap the children along.

And, don't forget, KS2 children will be singing Christmas songs on Wednesday in St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm. Reverend Viv will be joining us to lead the service. The children are welcome to accessorise their school uniform with some tinsel or a Santa hat.

Mr Hayward.

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

#### Autumn Term 2022

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 – children only

**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