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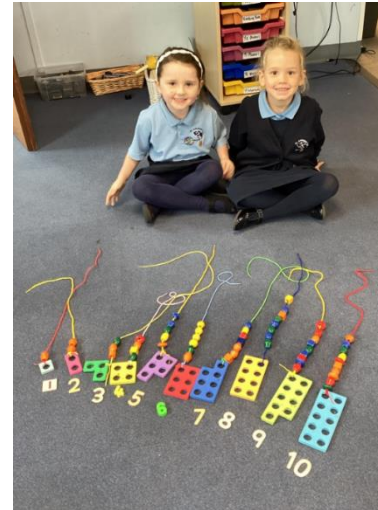


"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 29th September 2023

This week in **Willow Class** we have seen some fantastic learning! Miss Cawley has been particularly impressed with the Reception children's phonics and maths skills. Some children have begun to apply their sounds to the beginning and ends of words when writing. In maths, they have completed lots of wonderful learning in the continuous provision and started to create number lines and matched quantities to numerals. The Year 1 children had a fantastic computing session this week. They looked at technology beyond the classroom and focused on supermarkets. They roleplayed a supermarket including what happens behind the scenes with stock replenishment, databases and communication. The children worked brilliantly as a team to ensure that the shelves were restocked, and the customers were always able to buy the goods.



This week in DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read), **Oak Class** has thoroughly enjoyed the next chapter of 'The Hedgehog' by Dick King-Smith. The children have designed 'hedgehog crossing' signs to help the hedgehog family cross the road safely, and they have learned to translate Max the hedgehog's jumbled up words very well! In Computing this week, the children have explored the meaning of technology, finding lots of examples of different kinds of technology on a hunt around the school. They then compared the kinds of technology that they have at home, to that which is in school, creating a technology venn diagram with a partner.



In Science this week, the children in **Beech Class** met Bob the school skeleton! They looked carefully at his bones and learnt some of the scientific names for them. In Geography, the children used maps to identify the continents and oceans. They then labelled them on their own maps of the world. In Art, the children used chalk to create their own street art on the playground; inspired by Banksy. In French, the children enjoyed practising their basic greetings to one another. In English, the children have been working hard drafting a diary entry from the perspective of the boy in 'The Wonder'. They have been starting their sentences in different ways and Miss Barnacle has been very impressed!

The children in **Elm Class** have been learning to play badminton in PE over the past few weeks. They are enjoying their lessons and developing the skills of using the racket and hitting the shuttlecock. The children have really improved their hand-eye coordination and now are able to hit the shuttlecock with increasing accuracy. They are starting to play with partners and show good teamwork skills and consideration for each other.

In **Sycamore Class**, the children have been writing persuasive letters, inspired by the 'Street Child' book, trying to convince MPs to shut workhouses down. They have used their research of the workhouses as evidence to back up their statements. They also used drama to act out scenes to persuade MPs to shut the workhouses down by taking part in 'conscience alley'. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting up to 6-digit numbers. In Science, they created parachutes to reflect on the effects of gravity and the influence of air resistance on a falling body. In Geography, using atlases, the children were able to find countries, capitals, rivers, islands and mountainous areas. In Art, they enjoyed drawing still life images and using their sketching techniques to make them realistic.



Maple Class has been lucky enough to have had a look at some real-life WWII artefacts as classmates Harry and Holly brought in some wonderful letters, telegrams and medals belonging to members of their families who served in the war. A rare treat for which we are very grateful. Maple Class's history display, all about WWII, is now complete, as you can see in the picture below. The children are very proud of their efforts. In Art, the class has moved on to creating examples of surrealism in clay, which are drying in preparation for painting next week. In Maths, the children have started their next topic, focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by tackling some reasoning problems, involving common factors and multiples.



Pupils of the week...

Well done to Ebony, Evan, Jocelyn, Mayvi, Matthew, Charlotte, Megan, Evan and Lauren. They have demonstrated the school values wonderfully. We are so proud of you.



A special mention...

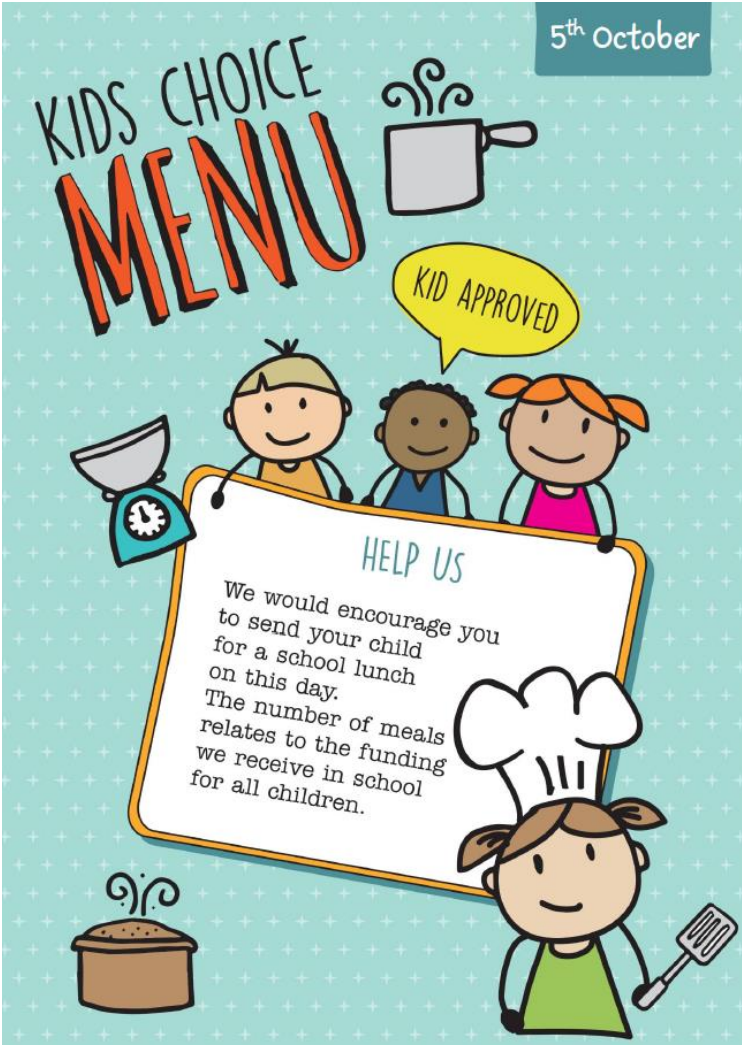
A special mention this week to Matilda and Megan whose homework is always done to an excellent standard. At this week's celebration assembly, the whole school were impressed with the quality and quantity of work they had produced so far this year.



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 2nd October

MENU	WEEK TWO
MONDAY	Vegetable Lasagne (V) or Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
TUESDAY	Chicken Paella (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Handmade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly and Mandarins (Ve)
THURSDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Quorn Nuggets with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)
FRIDAY	Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce(Wg) or Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard

Please note the change to menu options on Thursday and Friday.



Parents' Evenings – New Booking System

Just in case you have missed it on Class Dojo, bookings for parents' evenings are now open. Each class teacher posted links for parents and carers to book appointments with them on their Class Story page. Only times that are available will be displayed. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any problems making a booking.

October 2023							Tuesday, October 10
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	times you're available
						1	4:00pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4:10pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	4:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	4:40pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	5:10pm
30	31						

CHILL – 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.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SCHOOL WEB PAGE FOR BOOKINGS](#)

Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629
 Enquiries to Sue McCoskry - chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Prayer Space

Dear God,

I know that You will help me to be strong and courageous, even when I'm scared. Thank you that You promise to go before me and always be with me and that You will never leave me or forsake me.

Amen.

(Deuteronomy 31:8).

Harvest Festival – Friday 13th October – 10.30am

We will be celebrating Harvest on Friday 13th October at 10.30am in Weston Village Hall. Families are warmly invited to attend. The children will be performing songs, reading poems and sharing prayers to celebrate harvest. The children will walk across to Weston village hall for the service. Parents and families should make their way to the village hall. After the service, members of STAA will be selling tea, coffee and cakes. A lovely opportunity to relax and have a chat. St Andrew's likes to support the local charity House of Bread during the harvest season. Therefore, we are asking for contributions of tinned food, dry food (eg pasta) and toiletries. More details to follow next week.

Attendance

I would like to make parents aware that attendance at school will continue to be a priority this year. Colds and bugs are making the rounds and so it is natural that children will feel poorly sometimes. If your child is poorly, and too unwell to come to school, they should stay at home. School will not send work home if your child is sick. If your child is well then they should be in school.

If your child is absent from school, it is the duty of parents to report the absence and explain the reason. In the case where a child is absent, and the parents do not provide an explanation, this will be classed as unauthorised.

This table illustrates the impact poor attendance can have over time.

Attendance 100%	95%	90%	85%
Perfect, your child has every chance to succeed.	Quite good but your child has missed 10 school days over a year.	Worrying, your child has missed 19 school days over a year. Your child will struggle to keep up.	Poor, your child has missed 29 days over a year. Legal action may be considered.

Attendance so far this year since September:

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
96.0%	97.9%	96.6%	96.8%	97.4%	95.6%

And finally...

Thank you to the STAA parents who met on Tuesday evening. It was a small turn out but much was discussed and agreed. STAA has a healthy bank balance and has kindly agreed to contribute a number of items to the school. To get involved, come along to the next meeting and have your say about what goes on and what to spend STAA funds on. STAA will be announcing what they have done, raised and will be doing soon. Mr Hayward.



Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 5 October	Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting
Friday 6 October	Year 6 Stanley Head visit – Parents and Carers meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Thursday 12 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Friday 13 October	Harvest Festival – Weston Village Hall – 10.30am
Monday 16 October	Maple Class children leave for Stanley Head residential visit
Friday 20 October	Maple Class children return from Stanley Head

Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 8 December	School Christmas Fair – 3.30pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December – Friday 6 January

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January	Term starts
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Half term break: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Thursday 14 March	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 31 March	

Easter Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April	Term starts
Wednesday 10 April	Elm Class (Year 4) to Laches Wood – Residential visit
Friday 12 April	Elm Class return from Laches Wood
Monday 22 April	Stafford's Gotta Dance 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 6 May	School closed – May Day
Thursday 16 May	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Inset day: Friday 24 May

Half Term Break: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset day: Monday 3 June

Thursday 20 June

Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 4 July

Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting

Friday 19 July

Leavers assembly 2.00pm

Inset day: Monday 22 July

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

Term Dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August