



Newsletter 8



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 20th October 2023

This week the children in **Willow Class** have enjoyed retelling the story of 'Paddington Bear and the Grand Day Out.' They have written some lovely descriptions of Paddington Bear. In Geography, the children looked at aerial photographs of famous landmarks and were challenged to match them to their street views. They then created their own maps using wooden blocks to represent buildings. The Reception children have been busy gardening in their outdoor area. They have weeded the planters ready to plant some daffodil and tulip bulbs ready for the Spring.

Oak Class has enjoyed another busy week of learning. In Science, the Year One children have been considering what clothes would be suitable for different seasons. Meanwhile, Year Two have started to learn about the process of recycling, carefully considering how materials can be changed during this process. During English, the children showed much enthusiasm when studying the poetry anthology 'All Aboard the London Bus,' working in small groups to perform their favourite poem to their peers. In DEAR time, the children shared and discussed different books with much enthusiasm and made some excellent recommendations to each other.

In English lessons this week, the children in **Beech Class** begun drafting their explanation texts. They are writing a 'How To Care For Your Pet Human' guide from the perspective of a dog. In Art, the children had fun creating their own graffiti using the stencils they made last week. In Science, the children have planned an investigation. They are going to try and answer the question: Are people with longer femurs able to jump further? The children have measured their own femurs using a tape measure, and have been practising their jumping skills in preparation for next week's lesson! In Geography, the children used atlases to locate physical features such as coastlines, rivers and the highest mountains in the UK. They then labelled them on their own map. In PSHE, the children were learning about staying safe. They identified trusted adults around them and discussed ways of helping these people to keep them safe e.g. by following rules and listening to them.

The children in **Elm Class** have worked on some challenging Maths problems this week. The problems were subtraction problems and the tricky calculations included more than one exchange. The children showed perseverance as they worked as a team to solve a particularly difficult one. As you can see, they were proud of themselves when they found the solution.



In **Sycamore Class**, the children have learnt about some of the physical and human features of South America in Geography, Kosher food in RE (Jewish laws around their food) and healthy eating in PSHE. In Maths, the children learned about multiples, factors, prime numbers and square numbers. They have had a great week practising their times tables on TTRockstars for the upcoming girls vs boys tournament. In English, the children have been analysing poems, identifying literary features and discussing the meanings of different poems. They especially enjoyed the 'Highway man' poem. In Science, they pretended they were helping 'Jamie Bond' and experimented to find out which surface was best to run on to chase the bad guys by testing friction using a Newton meter.



The children in **Maple Class** who went to Stanley Head had a fantastic week of adventure. They climbed high ropes, went caving and climbed The Roaches, to name a few of the things they did. The children all came back safe and sound on Friday. The children in Maple Class who did not go to Stanley Head enjoyed the week working on geography projects and carrying out research. The children also spent time supporting the younger children in school. Their assistance in the younger classes was very much appreciated.

Remembrance Service – Friday 10th November – A note for your diary!

Families are warmly invited to join the children at the memorial stone in Weston on Friday 10th November at 10.40am. The children will be commemorating Remembrance Day by singing, reciting poems and reading prayers. If the weather is too wet then the service will take place in the school hall.

Pupils of the week...

Well done to Lulu, Isaac, Wren, Millie, Ivy and Jacob for demonstrating our school values so well this week.



Service
Respect
Fellowship
Compassion
Thankfulness
Perseverance

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 23rd 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	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
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Veggieball Marinara Sub with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

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

Booking forms are now available for sessions after half term.

This week's attendance

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
98.5%	100%	100%	95.4%	98.7%	92.6%

Perfect attendance for Oak and Beech Classes. Well done children, this is an excellent result.

Prayer Space

We know the stories Lord.
Our parents have told them to us.
We hear in scripture.
They tell of your faithfulness through all of history.
Even when we are unfaithful, you are near.
We listen and repeat these stories in remembrance.
(Based on Psalm 78)

And finally...

I would like to say a fond thank you to Mrs Edgecombe and Mr Palmer for giving up their week to accompany the Maple Class children who attended Stanley Head. Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 26 October Art Day in school

Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6 November

Friday 10 November Remembrance Service 10.40am
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

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