



Newsletter 15



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 15th December 2023

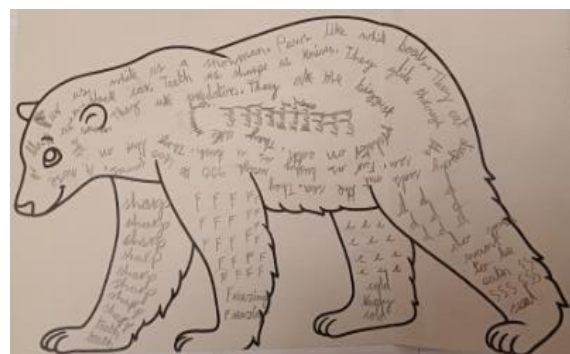
The children in **Willow Class** have enjoyed a very exciting week at school. On Monday, they all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas disco! On Wednesday, our Year 1 children went on a visit to Ford Green Hall. They had lots to share when they returned to Willow Class and have enjoyed teaching us some interesting information about what life was like in 1666. Mrs Burge has been very busy completing a DT project with our Year 1 children, they have all now built fire engines which can move! The children worked really hard to complete this tricky work. The Robin Hood Pantomime was also a highlight this week. The children were incredibly excited during the performance and enjoyed joining in.

After much hard work, **Oak Class** have finally completed their fire engines in DT, and what an amazing job they have done! Their careful designing and attention to detail has really paid off and the finished products looks amazing. Their visit to Ford Green Hall on Wednesday was a huge success and we were very proud of the children for not only their

excellent behaviour, but also for the enthusiasm and super knowledge that they showed. The children enjoyed a brilliant day of learning, taking part in four different workshops including handling different artefacts and playing games from the 1600s. Their final rehearsals have gone very smoothly this week, and the children are all very excited for their upcoming shows on Tuesday 19th December, when they are very much looking forward to performing to an audience filled with their families and friends.



Beech Class have been learning about shape poems in English this week. The children have all written a poem about a polar bear and included poetic devices such as similes, alliteration and repetition. In Maths, the children have been estimating the answers to addition and subtraction calculations, and then using the inverse to check their answers. In RE, the children have been learning about Judaism. This week, they learnt about synagogues; the Jewish place of worship. They found out about important features that can be found inside all synagogues such as; the Torah scrolls, the Bimah, the Ark and the



Eternal Light. On Thursday afternoon, the children all had a wonderful time watching the Robin Hood pantomime.



Elm Class have been learning about factors of numbers this week. The picture shows children writing factor pairs of 72.

Besides this, the children enjoyed watching the pantomime, Robin Hood, in the hall on Thursday. In DT, they learnt how to prepare vegetables to make soup and wrote their winter poems in their Wonderful Writing books.

The children in **Sycamore Class** have been using the computers to create a presentation based on the Arctic and the animals found there. In DT, the children have finished their electric motor cars, using wood for the chassis and an electric circuit with a motor and pulley to make their cars move. The children had lots of fun creating and racing their cars. The children have also been practising their Christmas carols ready for their performance in the church next week. They had a lovely afternoon on Thursday watching the panto, getting involved by dancing, cheering and booing!



On Monday, the children in **Maple Class** danced the afternoon away at the Christmas Disco. Thanks to STAA for making that possible. The children have been learning their song for the Carol Service and auditioning for the talent show. On Thursday, the children in Maple and Sycamore Classes had a visit from Mr Heathcote and his colleague who talked to them about online safety, which was very useful. In the afternoon the children joined the rest of the school at this year's pantomime. Oh yes they did!

The Christmas Fair

I have to say a great big thank you to everyone who donated, help organise and who attended this year's school Christmas fair. You helped to raise £1,079.50. That is an incredible amount of money for which everyone in school is hugely grateful.

In addition to this, you raised £105 by donating clothing to the Bag2School scheme.

A particular thanks goes to members of **STAA** who helped to organise and help out at the Christmas fair. They also organised the Bag2School collection.

Thank You!

Pupils of the week...



TT Rockstars



Willow and Oak Class children showing their fire engine models



This week's attendance

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
98.5%	95.9%	90.0%	97.9%	88.9%	96.5%

Well done to the children in Willow Class this week.

I have noticed an increasing number of families taking holidays during term time. Can I remind you that unless the circumstances are exceptional, then I will follow the Trust's attendance policy which may result in a fine being issued.

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 18th December

MENU	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Fish Fingers or Falafel Wrap Jelly
TUESDAY	Mac N Cheese or Pizza Fruit Crumble
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Meatball Pasta or Tomato Pasta Chocolate Mousse
THURSDAY	Christmas Dinner or Veggie Stuffing Roll Ice Cream or Shortbread
FRIDAY	Party Food Flapjack

Please note a significant change to this week's menu. This is a transition week between the Autumn and Spring Menu. The view Week One of the new Spring Menu please [CLICK HERE](#).

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

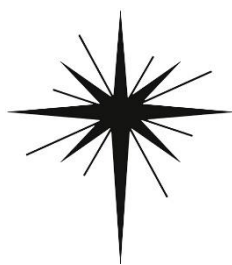
Enquiries to Sue McCoskry - chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Booking forms are now ready for 2024.

And finally...

Next term, I will be changing the way I present news and information. Instead of a weekly newsletter containing a mixture of what's happened in school, diary dates, messages and dinner menus, I will post a weekly briefing on Class Dojo only and a monthly newsletter on the school website. The **Weekly Digest** will include a detailed calendar informing you what is coming up, a link to the weekly menu, celebrations, reminders and key information. Hopefully, you will find it useful and quicker to extract information from. The monthly newsletter will feature what has been happening in school that month. Once this term has finished I will post a newsletter for December.

Mr Hayward.



Prayer Space

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Jesus,

You were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels.

Be with all who are lonely, lost and homeless,
and with all who feel distant from celebrations.

Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts.

Amen

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Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 19 December	Willow and Oak Children's Christmas Performances
Wednesday 20 December	KS2 Carol Concert in Church 1.30pm
Thursday 21 December	School Christmas Dinner
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
Wednesday 20 March	
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