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This Half Term's Value: Justice



'Phrases of Faith'

'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another busy week. Unfortunately, many of our children have experienced nasty coughs, colds, stomach upsets amongst other ailments.

Please could we remind everyone that if your child has a temperature, please keep them off school until they are feeling better. Likewise, 48 hrs must have lapsed since the last episode of sickness or Diarrhoea before returning to school. This, alongside regular handwashing helps to ensure bugs do not spread which can in turn lead to staff and pupil absences as well as affect families more widely. Your support in this is hugely appreciated.

Finally, you will shortly be sent a link to complete a questionnaire linked to Safer Schools. This is issued in conjunction with West Mercia Police who work with local schools in ensuring school sites remain safe places and to support maintenance of sites. This in turn helps to prevent theft and burglaries. Your input will be greatly appreciated in supporting a review of our school at present and in identifying possible steps to ensure our school remains a safe place for all within it.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Mrs S. Henney





Important Dates and INFORMATION

JANUARY

- Tuesday 23rd Basketball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Wednesday 24th Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider
- Thursday 25th Young Voices Choir Trip in Birmingham
- PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
- Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Friday 19th SIAMS Inspection
- Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class

Future Dates:

- Friday 15th March Bikeability for years 5 and 6
- Tuesday 19th March School photos – individual and family
- Friday 12th April Swimming lessons begin – every Friday for 10 weeks
- Tuesday 18th June Whole School photos

Attendance



This week's winners are Chestnut Class! Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Chestnut	99.09%	98.18%
Oak	92.31%	99.09%
Whole School	96.31%	98.80%

Stars of the Week

Chestnut Class Star of the Week: Jacob - For fantastic effort with his handwriting and super speedy maths skills.

Oak Class Star of the Week: Elliot - for showing enthusiasm in all lessons, consistently contributing to our class discussions and finally for being a super role model to our younger children when out on the playground.



Class News:

Chestnut Class News

The children in Years 1 and 2 have been exploring money over the last couple of weeks as part of their learning in maths. We have practised recognising coins and notes, counting amounts of money and exploring different ways of making the same amount. We have set up a shop in the classroom to help the children practise these skills further.



In RE we have now started to explore the Jewish faith and this week the children learnt about artefacts that are precious to Jewish people. The children created their own Mezuzahs, which is a special little box that Jewish people attach to their front doors. Inside there is a special prayer.

Children in Reception have been finding natural things outside to paint with. The children experimented with adding more and less water to change the consistency of their mud. This week the children have focused on the number 5 and have practised using language such as one more and one less.



Oak Class News



Oak class should be very proud of themselves this week after managing the transition to a different teacher with such maturity and sensibility. They have proved themselves to be a very caring and nurturing class and I have been blown away by the way they have adapted and supported each other. Continuing their literacy unit, Black Lives Matter, they have researched the life of Olaudah Equiano – an African slave who worked tirelessly to abolish slavery in the 1700s. They have even mastered the use of parenthesis to add extra information into their writing.

They have also started a new DT unit; they are designing their very own playgrounds and will eventually get to build a model of the playground equipment they design. They have thrown themselves into this task with a lot of excitement and big ideas.

I should also mention the special visitor we had this week too, who came from Shrewsbury Town Football Club, to support us in our Reading the Game activities. Amber spared some time out of her busy schedule as a mascot for the club and came to say hello.



Willow Class

What a busy and fun week we've had in Willow class! Our new story topic "We're Going To Find The Monster!" has really brought out the adventurous explorers in our young learners. We have set up a 'monster hunt' headquarters to help the characters Charlie and Eddie on their mission. We have packed our bags with binoculars, maps and other useful equipment and are off to cross Arctic oceans and climb over mountains to see what we can find. On Thursday we had a whole day of Winnie-the-Poo activities including a tea party, honey tasting and fun with balloons.

As we continue with our monster hunt adventure it would be lovely if parents could chat about holidays and journeys to help our children continue their learning at home.

Next week we will also be focusing on Arctic animals and ice.





Other News...

We're delighted to be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Launched by Place2Be in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. 1 in 6 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we can help to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to, and know that they're not alone.

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. As adults, we should empower children and young people, and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves.



To launch our mental health week, on Monday 5th February, we are inviting children to come into school wearing something that 'expresses themselves' this could be something they would like to be when they are older, a favourite sports team, a kit from a hobby/interest or maybe just something that shows their personality.

Activsports Half Term Activities

Activsports will be hosting a Football camp/ holiday club during the upcoming February half term at St Peters Primary School in Wem. Starting on Monday 12th February and finishing on Friday 16th February, the day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm each day.

For further information and how to book/ pay please click on the link...

<https://forms.office.com/r/6DptYTTfyZ>

