



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th November 2022

## Next week in school:

Monday 7th November	Craft Club for children after school ( permission slips required ) 3-4pm
Tuesday	P.E day: Oak and Beech – Wear P.E. kits to school Y1/2 Sports Club after school: ( bring P.E. kit to change into) 3-4pm Clarinet / recorder lessons for named children
Wednesday	Forest School: Willow Class wear old clothes to school – remember wellingtons
Thursday	P.E. day: Beech and Oak Class – wear P.E. kits to school
Friday	In school Remembrance Service @ 12.45 for children and staff and Reverend Sarah P.E. day for Willow Class – wear P.E. kit Piano lessons for named children

## Clubs

We start back next week: please make sure you have completed the forms for any club you want your child/ren to attend. If you did not hand it directly to myself / office – do check your child does not have this in their book bag still. If you have lost the form, please pop into the office on Monday.

**Juts a date for any Craft Club children: at the end of club on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the children will have the chance to 'sell' their items that they have made to their families. The items should make lovely additions to your home or even gifts. Your child will have set up their own stall for you to 'purchase' their items.**

## Poppy Appeal

The British Royal Legion Poppy Appeal box and merchandise is in the entrance of school. If you wish for your child to have an item, pop in before school starts or afterward. Children who arrive and leave by bus, should bring some money in their book bag. Our School Remembrance Service is next Friday afternoon with Reverend Sarah.

Lily (Y6) and Poppy and Isla (Y5/6) are going to represent the school on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the service at Singleton Church. During their R.E. lesson next week the children will each make a poppy for the display or the school wreath.

## Christmas Lunch – please read carefully!

On the final page of the Newsletter you will find the menu for the Christmas School Lunch. This is going to be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child is in Year R,1,2 and normally has a hot lunch, the meal will arrive automatically  
If your child is in Y3,4,5,6 and has **free** hot school lunch, the meal will arrive automatically

If your child is in YR,1,2 or is **entitled to a free school meal in Y3,4,5,6 and normally has packed lunch** BUT would like the Christmas meal: **please email Mrs holt.**

If your child is in Y3,4,5,6 and has a packed lunch BUT would like the Christmas meal: **you must order directly with Chartwells. Please do this as soon as possible. Late orders cannot be added onto the list.**

## What did we learn and achieve on our INSET DAYS?

**On Monday**, the team had some great training with John Murray, a Reading Consultant. We looked at how we organise our Guided Reading in school and discussed best practice to ensure we are layering the necessary skills for children to become skilled at comprehension.

During the training we also learnt a 'hot tip' to share with families. When reading 1:1 with a child at home or school, children of all ages should hear the adult read aloud first. The adult reads a page / paragraph and then the child immediately reads the same text.

**When children are at the early stages of learning to read**, this supports children to hear and see the words simultaneously and supports their decoding. Of course they also need to show that they can read the words themselves, so each week, encourage them to read an unseen page. This has been shown to build confidence and fluency.

**When children are fluent readers**, it is still important for adults to read a page / paragraph to the child. This supports their understanding of intonation and phrasing, and allows for opportunities to check for meaning and comprehension.

We have had some great pupil and parent feedback about our new approach to Guided Reading and the children across the school have loved the new texts we are using. I have now looked at the Reading Survey and emailed the responses with this letter.

John Murray asked about our access to a school library and was impressed to hear we have one! He asked if we open this to families – and of course we have put this into place: Tuesday morning @ 8am for any early birds and after school on a Thursday @3pm. Just a reminder to come and use this space – it is very soothing!

**At Tuesday's INSET**, we spent time in separate teams. Some staff had Phonics and Early Reading training and some looked at Assessment. We wanted to review and reflect on our current practices in school.

We explored how we capture and check children have embedded the knowledge we have taught to enable us to address any gaps or misconceptions.

### Parents Evenings

The majority of families were able to attend parents evenings and we have been able to arrange for anyone unable to make these dates to catch up over the next week or so. Please do make an appointment if you have not done so already. It really does make a difference when school and home have a shared understanding and approach to a child.

Miss Boyd said she felt it was very useful, where feasible, to have the Year 6 pupils attend with their families, so thank you if you were able to make this happen.

It was also great to hear such positive feedback, about various aspects of school coming from families. Thank you for sharing these comments.

Thank you to Miss Cain, Miss Boyd, Mrs Radley and Mrs Greene for their hard work over the two INSET days and then parents evenings too.

This week in school:

It has been a jam packed 3 days, with Winter Sports on Tuesday and an author visit today for Key Stage 2.

## Winter Sports Day

This was a great way to return to school. The children worked as House Teams in the morning, taking part in games to replicate curling and bobsleighbing as well, as sports such as hockey. Finishing with the family relay in the afternoon was perfect and changed the final outcome of the cup winners!

We were impressed with how fully our youngest children engaged with the sports and of course how older children supported them – well done to you all.

In 1<sup>st</sup> place was Fox Team with 1770 points  
In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Deer Team with 1648 points  
In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Kites with 1298 points.



## Author David Fuller Visit

Today the author David Fuller visited Beech and Oak classes. He spoke to the classes about how he became an author, what inspires him to write and the challenges he overcame with learning when he was a child. He then spent time being interviewed by Isabelle and Kiara in Y6, before spending time with a smaller group of children.



## Worship this Week

This week we introduced the value of **compassion**.  
Over the course of the term we will explore how compassion looks and sounds in every day life, what we can do to show compassion within our school community.

Next week we will focus on **Rememberance**. We will look at the compassionate work of The British Royal Legion and the service and sacrifices, of our armed forces and emergency services.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday

*Theresa Smyth* and the Singleton Team

Compassion is:

- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others
- Offering care and concern
- Noticing a need.

# FESTIVE MENU!

Thursday 15th December

 **Chartwells**  
So much more than Fantastic Food

## MAINS

£2.52

 Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, Mini Sausage and Gravy

## DESSERTS

Shortbread Christmas Tree 

Choice of Fruit

Milk, Water or Fruit Squash

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

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no later than Sunday 4th December