



NEWSLETTER



February 2nd 2024

Monday 5	OUTSTANDING SCIENCE WORKSHOP CONTRIBUTIONS DUE BY TODAY PLEASE Winter sports day for ALL pupils: P.E. kits today please * Teacher led CLUBS TODAY 3-4PM
Tuesday	Oak Class Clarinet Lesson (4 week free trial with Mr Godfrey) Hugo Leading worship today CLUB TODAY: GYMNASTICS 3-4PM
Wednesday	P.E. Day for Willow Class CLUB TODAY: FENCING 3-4PM
Thursday	NO P.E. for Willow Class today CLUB TODAY: FOOTBALL 3-4PM
Friday	Swimming Session for Beech and Oak Class Reverend Sarah: Worship – see below Come and see your child's books / learning 3-3.30 in classrooms / hall

Winter Sports Day

On Monday, the children will take part in a Winter sports afternoon, in a bid to win the House Cup. It currently has blue ribbons on, denoting that Kites are the current cup holders!

ALL children need to be in P.E. Kits.

There will be no P.E. for Willow Class on Thursday as they will have P.E. as part of the Sports Day.

We had originally planned for parents to attend. We are aware that many of the children have a club after school, which would entail parents having to wait for an hour. Therefore, we feel that on this occasion it would be better for parents to not attend this time. We will schedule the summer sports day differently to avoid a clash with clubs.

Science Workshops

The children enjoyed a very special day on Monday, from rockets being launched in Nursery, butterflies being camouflaged in Willow Class, the digestive system being created in Beech class to animal footprints being made in Oak class – the entire school was fully engaged in science. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to work with an expert.

Thank you for the contributions so far. We have asked for contributions to be with us by Monday 5th February. We are currently short by 34 contributions which is £238 – hopefully we will have closed this shortfall by the end of Monday. Thank you

WORSHIP NEXT FRIDAY

Reverend Sarah will lead part of the worship next Friday. She will talk to the children about Ash Wednesday, which takes place on Wednesday 14th February. She will then offer any children who wish to have the ashes marked on their forehead to come forward. This is not obligatory, and children can say if they would prefer not to. This will be handled sensitively and no child will feel pressure either way.

Drama Workshop

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of leading a drama workshop for children from Singleton and other locality schools. Maisy, Gretta, Charlie and Dolly from Beech class were wonderful hosts, ensuring our guests were looked after, as well as joining in with the workshop. We played lots of different games designed to build confidence, creativity and improvisation skills.

Recorder Lessons

Exciting news for Year 2 and 3! They will have free recorder lessons after half term on a Tuesday morning. This will hopefully inspire some more children to take up the West Sussex lessons. Vince Godfrey already teaches woodwind in school and is a very positive and encouraging teacher who the children all enjoy learning with.

Year 4 will be with Miss Cain and Miss Kitka for an extra maths booster session at this time, to support their maths learning and preparation for their National Timetable tests in June. After Easter, all of Beech class will have the opportunity to learn the Djembe drums so will not miss out on learning an instrument.

Pantomime

It has been fantastic to hear a real buzz of excitement amongst the children about the summer Pantomime. Thank you for the returned slips – I look forward to the auditions on the 26th February. The music for practising solos has been emailed out to you all. I shall give word sheets to anyone who has asked to audition. All children who wish to be in the show, will have a part – though this may be different than the one they audition for / are hoping to have.

Worship and Golden Book This Week: Music from the Trolls movie! <http://tinyurl.com/4wvysc48>

We reflected on how others show perseverance in the face of challenge <http://tinyurl.com/2nazv42z>. This film shows different children who have all overcome a challenge or adversity. We have challenged the children to try and write their name using their toes to hold a pencil rather than their hands!

I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

In the Golden book this week: Ruby(Y1) was brilliant at remembering the sequence of the class book this week, shared her ideas and using her phonics wrote sentences independently – well done! Jacob (Y3) for his mathematical progress and use of strategies to help his understanding. Will (Y5) for his brilliant piece of persuasive writing - Miss Boyd has been able to see how your focus has impacted the quality of your writing – well done.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend –

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team