



# NEWSLETTER



March 28th 2024

Monday 15th April	<b>P.E. day: Willow Class</b> Piano lessons for named children Clubs tonight: 3-4pm
Tuesday	<b>ALL KS2 girls to The Arena in Bognor for Cricket: must be collected at 3pm</b> <b>CLUB TODAY: Basketball 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes</b> Woodwind lesson for named children
Wednesday	<b>P.E. day for Beech and Oak Class</b> Guitar lessons for named children CLUB TODAY: Archery 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes
Thursday	<b>I' Rock demonstration today</b> <b>CLUB TODAY: Football 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes</b>
Friday	<b>Forest School for Willow Class : old clothes/ layers/ long trousers and sleeves</b> <b>P.E. day for Beech and Oak Class</b>  Djembe Drumming lesson for Beech Class Today Piano lessons for named children

## First week back:

- As you can see there are different days for P.E. this term – so please do check the schedule above
- Monday Clubs can be signed up for now on MCAS
  - Willow: Sensory Play Club– all things gloopy, mushy, watery and sandy!
  - KS2: Rugby Club (Beech and Oak Class)
  - KS2: Science Club (Beech and Oak Class)

I shall take children who are in the pantomime out of the other clubs, to rehearse. This means I can rehearse the children in small groups, and they can still be active and busy in one of the other clubs on offer when I do not need them! After the Summer half term, we shall rehearse every Monday.

## Year 6 Children

Once we have returned after Easter there are 4 weeks before the SATs test. With that in mind, good attendance, plenty of rest and sleep, fresh air and exercise and minimum screen time are essential.

The children have already been practising individual questions and whole papers to ensure they understand the style of questions and pace at which they need to work.

Miss Boyd has kindly put together a pack, which the children can use over Easter and into the first 4 weeks of next half term to keep revising. Practising times tables, checking spelling rules and lists and ensuring grammar terms are in their working memory, are all important skills and knowledge to revise.

## This week in school:

- On Monday and Wednesday, the children in Years 1,2,3, and 5 had an **Active Maths Lesson** provided by an external company. If the provision is a success and we see positive impact, we hope to continue this across the summer term. The initial feedback from the children was very positive.
- **Flourish Challenges**, have been happening across the school. Willow Class created an art gallery inspired by Van Gogh, Beech Class have sewn a science learning toy for Willow Class and Oak Class recreated a Tudor Model Village for the children in Reception to walk through! This learning is all independent and provides us with the opportunity to assess some of their skills and knowledge.
- **Sadly, we had to postpone the Cricket Event today, due to forecasted high winds and rain. this will be re-scheduled for next term.**
- The **chicks have hatched** and we have all enjoyed watching them feed, grow and listening to the 'cheeps'! The chicks will all now return to Isabelle's (Y6) farm – thank you to the Marks family for their time, support and advice in caring for the eggs and chicks. The children have all had the opportunity to carefully hold the chicks, and learn about their growth, feeding and needs.
- We have **welcomed 2 new children** to our school this week. Immy (Y5) and her sister Jess (Y3) have spent some time in Beech and Oak classes this week as part of their transition. We look forward to getting to know both girls and their family over the coming weeks, months and years!

**WELCOME**

**Thank you** to the PTA for organising the disco last Friday. Whilst having lots of fun, the event raised approximately £100, which is great. This will go into the PTA fund which helps to buy school equipment, subsidise trips and pay for Easter eggs! We do have a long-term goal to purchase a Shepherd's Hut for the top of the playground, to provide a quite reflective space which children can use in different ways.

Later today we will have an **Easter Egg hunt** with clues organised by the PTA. Thank you to Clarissa and Kate for preparing and hiding the clues and to Esther for organising the eggs.

**Congratulations** to our fabulous corporate challenge runners. Last night was the final race for Archie and Jasper D from Year 6 and Maya, Hanna, Mathilda, Noah and Jasper K from Year 5. You should all be very proud of your achievements. Thank you to the families for bringing their children to each race and cheering all of the runners as they went past. Thanks also to the school team who have also been there to support the children. It is such a special event and hopefully next year we may have a few more runners – if you are in Year 4 currently – you will have the chance next year.

**Worship** this week has focused on Holy Week and the Easter story. The children will sing an Easter song this afternoon, which takes the children from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Reverend Sarah is joining us for worship, to talk to the children about each verse of the song and deepen their understanding of the significance of Easter for Christians around the world.

On behalf of the team, I wish you all a peaceful Easter and holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

*Theresa Smyth* and the Singleton Team

