



NEWSLETTER



Friday 29th November 2024

Dates for the next week:

Monday 2 nd December	ALL of Willow Class: Forest School (Forest school clothing) Final School clubs start: 3-4pm: Including Stay and Play
Tuesday	Final Netball club 3-4pm Paid for Gymnastics club 3-4pm
Wednesday	Willow Class: P.E kits Beech Class: P.E. kits Oak Class: Forest school clothing Final Groundforce Club today: 3-3.45 Paid for Clay Club today: 3-4.30 Paid for Fencing club: 3-4pm
Thursday	Paid for Tennis club 3-4pm
Friday	COSTUMES TODAY PLEASE Piano / Guitar lessons (named children) Additional lesson Beech Class: P.E. kits Oak Class: P.E. kits

Clubs Monday

Please note it is the **final week of school clubs** this week. Due to the cancellation of my course, I am now able to run the Stay and Play club for YR/1 on Monday.

Costumes

Please ensure your child's costume for the Nativity is brought in on Friday 6th December. It needs to be in a named carrier bag – not on a hanger as there is not room for this to be hung anywhere.

A Christmas tree thank you!

The children were very excited to see a beautiful Christmas tree in the entrance of the school hall this morning. It has been kindly donated by Brick Kiln Nursery – thank you to Charlie and Hollie's mum! This afternoon it will be decorated with all of the handmade decorations the children have produced.



**Saturday 30th November
12-3 pm**

The PTA have been very busy, working away in the background to ensure it is a huge success and enjoyable event for our families and wider community.

There is plenty for all of the family to enjoy, refreshments, games, face painting, Travelling Book Shop, Santa and the Elf off the shelf and a great Raffle. **See you there!**

School Report

In the Autumn term, every school in West Sussex receives a 'health check' from County. My advisor Louise Stallard, spent the morning visiting classrooms, talking to children and hearing about our development plan and actions taken. The following statement from the report, is a positive reflection of our brilliant team.

'The school demonstrates a clear commitment to continuous improvement through robust curriculum planning, and a focus on developing both academic and personal skills. Targeted interventions in mathematics and writing have already shown positive impacts, and ongoing efforts in curriculum and professional development will ensure sustained progress. Leaders remain focused on driving improvements and supporting the school community.'

Y1/2 Drumming Show

This Monday Year 1 and 2 were able to show their drumming and singing skills to their families. Thank you for attending – it makes all the difference to have an audience.

Mr Chalke skilfully led the children through a typical drumming session. It was brilliant to see how far the children have come over 10 weeks. Their progress and focus are due to Mr Chalke's excellent teaching and the gentle support provided by Mrs Byrne. They are learning the ukulele next and we will have another showcase at Easter time.

Quiz Night

To those able to attend the Quiz Night on Monday – thank you for being part of a fun and very successful fund-raising event. The total raised for school was approximately £600! This is an amazing amount for one evening. HUGE thanks to Emily Lerwill who spearheaded, organised and ran this event. I know others helped too, but Emily was really running this 'ship' – well done and THANK YOU. ☺

Advent Worship

This afternoon our Worship Leaders helped the school understand the importance, customs and relevance of Advent.

The children taught us that Advent is a time of preparation and that during the 4 weeks we can focus on the values of hope, peace, joy and love.

Well done to our Worship Leaders for presenting the information clearly – we really enjoyed the singing too.

Mathilda (Y6) played the piano as children entered and left the hall – very impressive!



Today in Golden Book Worship we celebrated Congratulations to: Arlo (Y1) for his creative and skilful building in construction, his fantastic maths and his kindness to another pupil – a brilliant week! Congratulations to Bethia (Y2) for demonstrating our school values and expectations throughout your learning and interactions with others – well done! Congratulations to Saskia(Y4) for her excellent approach to maths this week, ensuring she focuses throughout the teaching to enable her to answer questions independently. Congratulations to Dolly(Y4) and Alf (Y3) who impressed Miss Boyd with their learning in both gymnastics and then in computing – sounds like a winning partnership! Finally, congratulations to Maja (Y6) for showing such resilience when an aspect of her art work 'disappeared' and she needed to re-start a task – a brilliant can-do attitude.

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow!

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team