



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st March 2025

## Dates for next week:

Monday 24th March	P.E. day for Willow Class Music lesson ( Mr Chalke) for Year 1 and 2 Clubs
Tuesday	P.E. day for Beech and Oak Gymnastic Club (paid for) 3-4pm Table Tennis Club: Y3/4
Wednesday	P.E. day for Willow Class: Dance Kicks! Hockey Club (paid for) 3-4pm Beech Class Trip: email already sent ( back for lunchtime) Willow Class Year 1 and 2 trip: letter sent ( back at lunch time)
Thursday	
Friday	Swimming for Beech and Oak Willow Class Parents invited in for a special Mothering Sunday worship @ 2.40pm

## Wednesday Beech Class

Please ensure you have read the trip letter on MCAS and drop your child off at the correct place. Currently it would seem that Miss Cain is only taking 3 children with her having looked at the MCAS trip register!

## Friday Willow Class

Parents / carers are invited in at 2.40 (arrive at 2.35) for a very special Mothering Sunday worship. Please come to the front office to sign in. Thank you.

## Headlice

It would seem that with the arrival of sunshine and warmth we also have the arrival of headlice. Please can you do checks of your child/rens hair over the weekend and treat as necessary. It is also advisable for long hair to always be tied back and plaited if possible. Tea tree oil can also be a deterrent which you can come through and leave in.

## Thank you

As I am typing this, we are currently at £130 raised for Comic Relief. I had set a target of £140 so this is great. Thank you so much for your generosity to the charity. Here is what £100 can pay for:

 <b>400</b> Meals at a local community centre in the UK	or	 <b>20</b> Pieces of essential clothing for a child	or	 <b>10</b> Toiletry kits for a young homeless person	or	 <b>5</b> Legal assistance packages for a refugee family
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## Science Week

This week the children have had an intensive week of science learning and investigating. Our Science lead Miss Cain organised for Science Creatives to come and kick start the week, working with children across the school. Drama was used to explain scientific processes, to help children secure new knowledge.

On Tuesday, each class was given an Investigate Me box. The teaching team were unaware of the contents until they opened them with the children. Willow Class had fruits, Beech class had liquid syrups and Oak Class had milk-based liquids. The children then posed 'I wonder' questions, based on the contents.

Asking sensible and realistic questions to investigate is the first skill in science. We might like to know what happens to apples on the moon but it's not something we can investigate!

Over the week, the children have returned to their investigation, using their skills of planning, predicting, observation, recording, measuring, concluding and hypothesising.

Ask the children what they discovered?

Tomorrow we are looking forward to welcoming 7 families into school for Science Saturday. They will have the opportunity to create investigations together and show their parents/carers how to conduct an experiment.

Thank you to Miss Cain for organising the materials for the week and hall display and the school team for ensuring this was a high-quality learning opportunity.

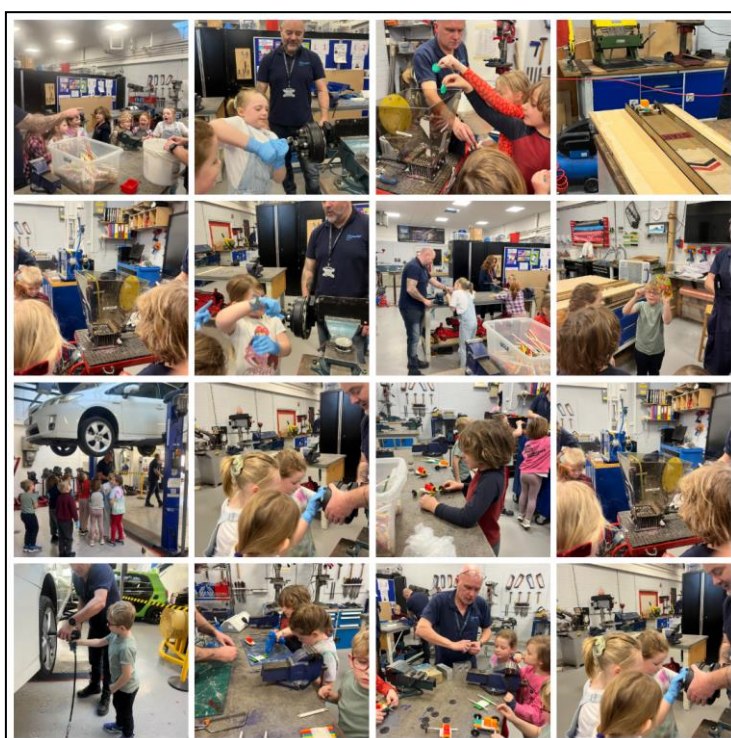


## Year 2 Trip

On Thursday Year 2 had the most amazing opportunity to visit the Mechanics department at Chichester College. They were able to take wheels off cars, investigate beneath cars, make their own wheels and make a vehicle to send down a ramp. When I saw the children at the end of the day - they were buzzing with excitement. The weather was great which meant they were able to have a picnic in Bishop Palace Gardens before catching the bus back to school.

Ewan won the competition for how far his car travelled and then shared his prize with his friends.

Jason who led the session said that the children were a credit to the school! Thank you for being fabulous children and to Mrs Halfacree, Miss Kitka and Mrs Norris for taking them.



### Golden Book:

This week we celebrate children who have once more been in that 'always' group. Always trying hard, focusing on learning, sharing their knowledge, respecting the rules and being good friends.

Well done to Jack B (Y1) Amelia (Y2) Summer (Y3) and Hanna (Y6) for being in this group of ALWAYS children. I imagine your families will feel very proud - as should you be!

Well done to Finley L (YR) who was nominated for the Golden Book by his Y6 table leader Jasper. Jasper wrote how Finley ALWAYS follows the expected rules at lunch, eats politely, has good manners and shares joy with others. This is great news.

### Cheerleaders

I am enjoying a slightly less hectic weekend following the half marathon cheering. My daughter completed her half marathon in Bath and my son did one in Rome on the same day. I would like to think they get their athletic genes from me!

Watching the people run, jog and sometimes hobble along the paths of Bath was very humbling and the atmosphere was fantastic. Everyone was willing everyone else on. A lady who stood next to me shared constant words of encouragement, telling people how fantastic they were and that they could do this. I stood with her for 30 minutes and she had words of support for everyone.

In life we all need 'cheerleaders' and I am lucky to work with an entire team of them.

This afternoon I watched as the staff team embraced the silliness of the Comic Relief games. Their enthusiasm, joy and excitement for the children is never ending - even on a Friday afternoon.

How lucky we are to have a great Singleton team.

*Theresa Smyth*



More Comic Relief photos next week - but these are 3 of my favourites.