

# Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear TSM Families.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back from their half term breaks with a smile and clear determination to achieve learning goals. This week we welcomed teachers from our local partnership schools St Bede's and Westgate who were really impressed with our pupil dedication and focus.





## **Healthy Snacks please!**

Please can we remind families that we welcome healthy snack options for the break times of the day- please do not send in chocolate, crisps or sweets as snacks. Free daily fruit and salad options are always available in Ash and Beech.

Suggestions include:

Fresh or dried fruit Salad crudités Crackers Rice cakes Cereal bars (nut free) Yoghurt Hummus

## **Gardening Club (Golden Time)**

Is there anyone who could help with Gardening Club over the next few weeks? We need 2 helpers for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1.30pm – 3pm. If you could spare a couple of hours, please let the office know. ©

### **Poppy Appeal**

As Remembrance Day approaches pupils are preparing for our Remembrance Service and reflecting on what Remembrance Day means to them. Next week there will be Poppies and items from the British Legion Appeal on sale at TSM



during our first break time of the day. The school council will be running the stall daily. Please can pupils bring in donations in coins if they wish to buy a remembrance item (prices range from 50p-£1).

All proceeds go to the British Legion Charity.

#### A taste of Calshot...

We are so incredibly proud of the Year 6's who represented themselves and the school so brilliantly during Calshot residential week before half term. Year 6 families don't forget to put the date in your diary of the Calshot presentation evening, **20**<sup>th</sup> **November at 5:30pm** in the hall. These are just some of the comments from the Year 6's:

"Snowboarding was super fun. It was amazing going down the slopes" said Clara

"I loved Kayaking because you got to work with friends paddling across the water and the activities were great" said Bobby

"Group swing was a fantastic adrenaline rush. That had to be my favourite activity" said Evie





### **Willow Graduation Choir Workshop**



On Thursday afternoon, some special visitors from the University of Winchester came in to help Willow class prepare for their performance singing with the Winchester Graduation Choir at the Cathedral in 2 weeks. It was a wonderfully interactive session and the children made us very proud with their wonderful effort, respectful listening and fantastic singing!

**Best Wishes** 

Sophie Davies Headteacher



Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Aria	For showing the TSM of care by helping others when they need it.
Beech	Rohan	For his confident reasoning about division in maths!
Sycamore	Xanthe	For her super focus and motivation in all of her learning!
Willow	Ysé	For super atmospheric description writing this week and for wonderful enthusiasm during our singing workshop!
Yew	Ellis	For super progress in Maths and particularly for persevering and acquiring the skill of long division in one lesson.



# Roll of honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Mila	For developing brilliantly creative ideas when junk modelling.
	Joseph	For expressing such joy for learning and for always being so polite.
Beech	Phoebe	For brilliant spelling of words with suffixes and for explaining the rules clearly!
	Sienna	For her enthusiasm and confident singing in music lessons!
Sycamore	Eden	For her thoughtful responses when using evidence to make predictions in English.
	Ru	For his wonderful use of technical vocabulary when discussing the water cycle in Geography.
Willow	Vincent	For great independence in writing this week!
	Winnie	For super explaining in Maths this week!
Yew	Maisie	For persevering with long division and then being a super learning mentor, helping others with the skill.
	Evie	For the care she showed in Guided Reading lessons this week, to elaborate on her explanations and provide textual evidence to support her answers.



# Fireworks Night - Thank You!

Fireworks Night was a huge success again this year and the weather was kind to us allowing a dry spell during the event itself.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the night. Every person worked their socks off and did a great job. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to hold this type of event.

A special thanks goes to Matt and his team for their hard work on the day and yet another brilliant display. Matt is a great supporter of the PTA and we're very thankful for everything he does. And an additional specific thanks to Rich who did the barbecue, Stefan on bar, the whole Spencer family, Mel and her team of Marshall's, Cllr Sue Cook, Hannah for helping to oversee the event and of course our sponsors Dybles.

After expenses (fireworks, stock, refreshment) the event raised close to £2,500!

As always, this money goes directly to the pupils of Twyford St Mary's. We look forward to sharing news of the exciting things we have planned for this year.

## Rags2Riches - Collection Reminder for Next Monday

The collection of good quality, reusable clothes at Twyford St Mary's Church of England Primary School is **next Monday, November 6**<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any bags in at the **beginning** of the day as the bags will be collected in the morning.

Dates for your diary: Autumn Term				
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations			
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Wickham Sports Festival Trip (invited pupils)			
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening, 4pm-6pm			
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening, 4pm-7pm			
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Yew Class Parent Sharing Event – Art Wallpaper Prints, 2.50 – 3.20pm			
15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair – Library, 3:30 to 4:15pm			
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Willow Class Trip - Graduation Choir at Winchester Cathedral			
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Calshot Trip Presentation, 5.30pm			
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day 2			
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day 3			
28th – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Enterprise week			
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Non uniform for Christmas Fair – details tbc			
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair – details tbc			
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WW1 Study Day at Fort Nelson – Yew Class			
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity (Ash & Beech classes) – afternoon, details tbc			
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity (Ash & Beech classes) – morning, details tbc			
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service (Sycamore, Willow, Yew) – morning, details tbc			
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Elf Emporium – during the school morning			
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term			