

**Happy Half Term**

**October 22**

The children have been fully immersed in their topics of learning this half-term and it is wonderful to see them so engaged.

In Classes this week:

In Oak Tree this week they have been reading the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The story is set in Africa and is about a little girl called Handa, who puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend, Akeyo. But as she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various creatures steal her fruits. When she shares her basket with Akeyo, it's Handa who gets the biggest surprise. With links to the book, the children have been printing with fruit, making exotic fruit salads, drawing maps of Handa's journey, writing shopping lists for Handa's basket and weaving baskets too.

In Willow class, the children, during their writing sessions, they have been learning to identify verbs within sentences and exploring how to write descriptively using Paddington bear as their stimulus. They have enjoyed reading Paddington together. In maths, they have been using their skills in counting to solve missing number calculations and Year 2 have been adding and subtracting tens and multiples of 10 from any 2- digit number. They are learning all about the Great Fire of London and in DT, made some wonderful houses.

In Rowan Class this week our Egyptian artists and designers have been creating pictures of Tutankhamun and as scientists have been making fossils. In PE, they are learning the rules of netball and what moves you can make while holding the ball. In PSHE, we have been discussing and exploring how to feel good about ourselves and the importance of speaking out when we don't.

Sycamore have continued their work on descriptive writing, with a focus on starting sentences in different ways. They have watched a short-animated film of the discovery of the ancient pyramids and used the ideas to help their writing. In Maths, Year 5 have been exploring multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, and Year 6 have been tackling long multiplication. They have also enjoyed learning more about the Egyptians and have begun to write information texts how and who built the pyramids.

**We wish all our families a wonderful half-term and we will see you on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

DT by Willow Class



Maisie and Thomas exploring which animals you might find in Africa.



Our local PC, Spike, popped into school to say hi to the children.



Mrs S showing KS2 her netball skills.

# Our Open Morning for new prospective parents is:

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Key Dates Coming up:

**October 31st**– Back to School

**November 1st**– Great Fire of London Day

Willow Class

Rowan Share my Learning 2.30pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** -Sycamore share my learning  
– 2.30pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Willow Class Share my learning  
-2.30pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Oak Tree Class Share my Learning  
9.15am

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Dodgeball for KS2 -letters will be  
sent

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Curriculum information  
evening 6-7pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Bikeability begins Yr 6

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – New Parents Open  
Morning

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Children in need – details to  
follow

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**- Non-uniform day – bring a bottle

## WOW

Congratulations to all WOW winners this half term. We have seen children working hard on their maths, writing skills, reading more, concentrating, learning their phonics and just being the best, they can be:

Olly, Isaac, Ava, Kyle, Millie, Teddie, Matilda,  
Mariah-May, Evie, Thomas R, Oliver P,  
Aibhlinn, Penelope, Tilly, Jake, Logan, Riley,  
Seb, Rose, Phoebe, Kai, Magnus, Oli, Abigail,  
Vovchyk, Archie M, Jess, Jenson, Carlton,  
Eloisa, Lexi-Jayne, Callum, Alfie, Leo, Finnley,  
Joshua P, Ruari, Lara, Stanley and Lucas

### Clubs

Thank you for all the support in attending clubs this half term. We have seen a phenomenal sign up and it has been wonderful to see children enjoy such a wide range of activities. This ½ term, I have watched KS1 perform some enchanting dances, watched children produce some awesome art, seen the delight on the faces of many as home-cooked wares are taken home and been grateful for the hard work of gardening club in keeping our school tidy. Netball, football, choir....the list goes on. Huge thank you to all the staff that help run these in their free time too.



### Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for joining us in the Church for our Harvest Festival. We enjoyed a wonderful service and then a delicious harvest lunch back at school. We are also incredibly grateful for all the donations we received for the local food bank.



Shoebox appeal deadline is: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Thank you so much for all the boxes we have had so

## Calling All Year 6's

### APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

A gentle reminder for our year 6 parents that applications for secondary school places should be submitted to Essex County Council School Admissions by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Applications received after this date will be treated as late submissions and may reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school

### Just a reminder...

#### REGISTER MARKS -LATE ARRIVALS

In light of our recent communications regarding the monitoring of attendance and absences from school, we thought it useful to clarify what is meant by a 'late' register mark. Gates close at 8:50am each morning – If your child arrives at school after 08.50am, once the class registers are closed, they will receive a late mark which will count towards their overall attendance.

### Attendance

**Please note:** Leave of absence cannot be granted unless exceptional circumstances and holidays or unauthorised days out are not considered exceptional. From 31.10.22, regular unauthorised absences or parents that take their children on holiday in term time will now face fines of £60 per parent per child. The drive on attendance is now a national one and all fines will be directly dealt with by The Education Penalty Notices Team.

### A few reminders ...

Please support our uniform code - the little details really do make a difference in keeping us looking smart and tidy! Socks should be school colours please, worn with black shoes, not trainers unless it is PE day. Hair bands and clips should be small and in school colours.

No jewellery other than small stud earrings. No fake tattoos or nail varnish please! PE kits should include a warm track suit or fleece and leggings, preferably black or red. No football shirts other than for football club please.

Fitbits can only be worn if covered securely with a school colour sweat band.

Earrings **MUST** be removed for PE – they can no longer be covered with micropore tape, to bring us in line with Health and Safety expectations. Please remove earrings before coming to school.

Thank you for your support