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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

This Half Term's Value – Respect



### 'Phrases of Faith

'Luke 6:31: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you all had an enjoyable half term! It's always refreshing to have a break and recharge, and I trust that families and friends were able to spend some quality time together.

As we dive into a busy half term ahead, I wanted to remind everyone to take a moment to look at the diary dates for upcoming events. We have some exciting activities planned, and it's important that everyone stays informed to ensure our children can participate fully.

Should you have any questions or require further information about any events, please do not hesitate to reach out. I always appreciate your support and engagement.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead!

Mrs S Henney



Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Anti-bullying week</b> <b>NO WRAPAROUND</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day - join us in choosing respect! Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, Forest School for Oak Class Dodgeball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, 8.15am – 8.45am PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Tennis Club, 3.15pm–4.15pm
Friday 15 <sup>h</sup>	Children in Need – spotty clothes Panto form on school spider to be completed by today Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, Forest School for Oak Class Dodgeball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, 8.15am – 8.45am PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Tennis Club, 3.15pm–4.15pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class Payment required for Panto





**FUTURE DATES - PLEASE NOTE – DETAILS OF FUTURE DATES WILL BE SENT OUT NEARER THE TIME**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and family photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Little Wandle early reading workshop for reception and year 1 parents, 2.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Early reading and phonics workshop
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Panto at Festival Drayton
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols round the campfire - TBC
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play, 2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	AddMore Federation Christmas Lunch, <b>NO WRAPAROUND</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Children break up for the Christmas break, NO WRAPAROUND</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>PD Day</b>

**This week's Star Pupils!**

**Chestnut Class:** Elsie – for being a wonderful role model and fantastic friend

**Oak Class:** Lila – for writing a fantastic poem in English

**Antibullying week 11th – 15th November**

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example. Join us in choosing respect! Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to **wear odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique.



**Children in Need – 15th November**

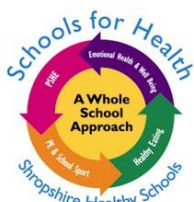
We will be supporting BBC's children in need on Friday 15th November. We are inviting children to come to school in yellow, spotty or comfy clothes for a donation of £1.

**Class News...**

**Oak Class**

This week in Oak class the children have started a range of new topics in our lessons. Y5/6 have been learning about poems and poetic features, and even wrote their own animal Poems! Y3/4 have been doing writing based around the theme of the circus, which has created some wonderful pieces of writing.

As a whole class a particular highlight was our science that we did in the forest, learning about different classifications of life and searching for, sorting and sketching vertebrates and invertebrates.



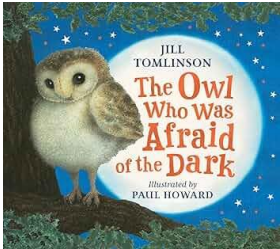
The class have settled in well first week back and have adapted well to our new table layout, which is working much better.

All in all a great first week back.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Mr Turner, Miss Von Dinther and Miss Yeomans**

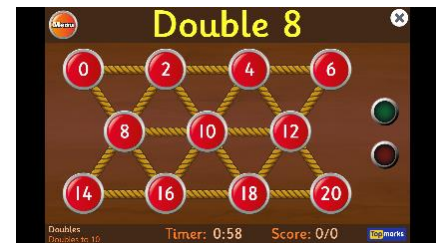
### Chestnut Class



The children have settled really well back into school routines after what sounded like a fun packed half term break! They were excited to explore their new classroom to! This half term in writing, the Chestnuts will be writing information texts all about owls using the wonderful story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' as a stimulus. This week the children drew beautiful pictures or owls, talking about what they already know and what they would like to find out. We are also hoping to welcome Shropshire falconry to our school to help us learn more about these beautiful birds.

In Maths, the children in Yr1 and 2 have been learning about doubles and near doubles. If this is something they would like to practise more at home, here is a link to a great game called 'Hit the Button'.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



A massive well done to Harley D for completely his reading reward chart! We are incredibly proud of all of your home reading and I'm sure you will cherish the hilarious book you chose - 'Hurray for Knickers!'

**Miss Archer and Mrs Barber**

### Willow Class

Welcome back to Willow Class!

We hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break and are ready for more exciting learning ahead. Our class has been busy with lots of fun activities, and we're excited to share what we've been up to. In Literacy, we have been focusing on the lovely story *Amazing* by Steve Antony. It's a wonderful book that has inspired us to explore nouns! The children have been practising identifying nouns in the story and using them to create their own sentences. It's been fantastic to see the children growing in confidence as they talk about the things and people in the story. Well done, everyone!

We've also been working hard on an important life skill: tidying up! The children and we are so proud of how well they are doing. They are becoming more independent and responsible, and we're excited to see them continue to improve in this area.

In Phonics, we've been enjoying the classic nursery rhyme *Hickory Dickory Dock*. The rhyme has helped us focus on sounds and rhythm, and the children have been having fun acting out the little mouse's adventure on the clock.

In Maths, we've been learning all about clocks and the numbers on them. The children have been exploring the idea of time and practising recognising the numbers on a clock face. It's





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been wonderful to see how they are starting to understand the concept of time in a hands-on way.

Overall, it's been a busy and exciting start to the term, and we are so proud of all the hard work and progress the children have made. We look forward to more fun and learning in the weeks to come!

**Mrs Travis, Mrs Tearle and Mrs Thomas**

**Live music performance**

This week we received a visit from the Shropshire music service. What a treat for our ears it was! We were serenaded with guitar riffs, accompanied by the cello and trumpet. For lots of us we got our first experience of live opera, sandwiched between classic pop and rock tunes. It was an incredible experience which was enjoyed by staff and students alike. We hope it has inspired more students to get involved with music.



**Little Wandle Early Reading Workshop**

We would like to invite parents of children in Year 1 and Reception to join Miss Archer and Mrs Barber on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm for a Little Wandle Early Reading workshop. During the workshop we will discuss how early reading and phonics is taught at our school, share some of the resources and techniques used within school and finally walk you through what a typical phonics session looks like, and the children are extremely excited to show off their reading and phonics skills to you. Miss Archer will also share some recommendations for books that support a love for reading.

