



News From Around School

Maple and Acorn

This week the children have been enjoying a variety of activities, as every afternoon they have been looking at different senses. For touch the children were playing with shaving foam and jelly. They have been making sensory pictures and feely books. For listening skills the children played with the musical instruments and made their own instrument. For sight the children worked with partners and 1 of them was blindfolded to be given instructions around the classroom. For taste the children experienced a variety of different foods to see if they could guess what they had just eaten. For smell the children used a variety of ingredients to make a smelly picture. The children enjoyed their first PE lesson by getting changed and practising ball skills such as dribbling, balancing, bouncing and catching.



Our favourite learning has been making musical instruments



Digging for treasure!

and playing with the balls in P.E

Comments from the children: Ashlyn – “I enjoy coming to school”

Atrin – “School is fun!”

Wow board:
Gabiella enjoys ballet and Jacob H has learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers.

We are looking forward to: singing in Harvest Festival assembly.

Chestnut and Rowan

Our favourite learning has been ...

“My best lesson was drawing a monster in the I.C.T. suite.” Connor

“I liked trying to tag Mr. Gates, when we did P.E. on the field.”

Summer in *Chestnut Class*

“We have enjoyed ICT because we learn lots of new things. We have learnt in numeracy that doubling is adding the same number twice and halving is splitting a number into two equal groups.”

Katie B. In *Rowan Class*

Reminders:

Please make sure all children have a named water bottle (no juice or flavoured water) for use in the classroom.

Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled. Rowan do P.E. on Tuesdays, Chestnut on Wednesdays. If you are still waiting for a kit please bring in a plain T-shirt and shorts/bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. Long hair must also be tied back all the time.

We do ‘show and tell’ at the end of the day, if we have time, but please don’t bring in anything valuable or breakable.

Please try and hear your child read on a daily basis and sign the Home Reading Record for the book to be changed.

Poetry Focus

Thursday 6th October was National Poetry Day and we are celebrating this national event by organising many activities in school. You can join in at home by sharing your favourite poems with your children. Encourage your child to learn one of their favourite poems to share in school. Help them to write their own poetry or their own verses to a popular nursery rhyme or poem. The best entries will be published in our newsletter, website and shared with the whole school in our celebration assembly which takes place on Fridays.

Holly, Elm and Willow

We are looking forward to...

Yr.4: Our trip to Priory Middle School

Year 3 & 4: Our Harvest Festival

This Week's Reporter for Willow class is - Megan W.

On the 5th October 2011, Willow class visited the Baptist Church in Dunstable. While we were there some kind men and women taught us the story of Pilgrim's Progress. We were given a quiz and in a few weeks, 2 children in Willow class will be given a prize for the best quiz answers. We had a drink and a biscuit. We also got a pack with a word search and some information about other clubs that take place in the Baptist Church.

This Week's Reporter for Elm class is - Yasamin D.

On Wednesday 5th October Elm class went to the Baptist Church. We walked there and watched a show called Pilgrim's Progress.

The main character was Pilgrim but he changed his name to Christian. He has a burden on his back full of the wrong things he had done but when he got to the cross all his sins were forgiven. He had lots of adventures on the way.

Other church members were dressed up as characters from the story so it would be easier for children to understand.

At the end we did a quiz and it was exciting because two people will win a prize which will be given to them in a few weeks. Before we left we had a drink and a biscuit. Afterwards it was time for us to go. It was an extraordinary play and I enjoyed it. My favourite part was the quiz.

This Week's Reporter for Holly class is - Tyler B.

Today Holly class walked safely to the Baptist Church. When I got there I was tired but it was worth it. There were lots of people dressed up. They looked very nice. The story was about a man called Pilgrim. He had a big sack on his back full of all the bad things he had done and he could not get it off until he prayed at the cross of Jesus, where it flew off his back. He jumped for joy and continued his journey.

When the story finished we had a quiz, it was fun. Then we had a drink and a biscuit and then it was time to go so we walked back to school. I loved it.

Our favourite learning has been ...

Elm: World War 2 and making stable structures

Holly & Willow: World War 2

Reminders: Homework: Given out on Friday, due in on Wednesday.

Spelling: **Elm:** Thursdays **Holly:** Thursdays

Willow: Wednesdays

PE : **Elm:** Fridays **Holly:** Tuesdays **Willow:**

Frídays

Ear-rings should either be taken out by the child before PE lessons or left at home on these days.

Parent Forum Invitation



Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 12th October at 6pm

for our first Parent Forum. It will be a chance for parents to share their views and ask questions and receive information so that we can work together to provide the best opportunities for the children at Watling Lower School.

At this first meeting we will share our School Improvement and Development Plan with you. Please complete the slip below if you will be attending so that we can put chairs out for you.

Parent, Staff Association

Our school is lucky to have a dedicated group of people who work hard to provide additional opportunities and resources for our school.

We would like to encourage you to join them - after all many hands make light work!

To find out how you can join in, however much time you have to spare please come along to the **AGM on 13th October after school.**

Gardening Club

Can you help?



For those of you who will be making the most of our PSA plant sale perhaps you would also be interested in supporting the children's Gardening Club?

We are looking for Parents who would be able to offer some time to work with the children in our garden. If you are able to support this activity, which so many children enjoy, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter.

House Captains

Our Elected House Captains are



Windsor House

Abbigale D – Captain
Megan W. Vice-Captain

Sherwood House

Emma C. – Vice Captain

Hatfield House

Maddison T. – Captain
Alex C. – Vice-Captain

Epping

Emily S. – Captain
Nathan O. – Vice Captain

Congratulations, we are sure you will do a grand job and help Mrs Peck keep up with the merit marks!

House Points

Sherwood	Epping	Windsor	Hatfield
2	2	2	4

Feedback from You – School Meals

The majority of parents who let us know their views on the new school meals were pleased with the quality and menus provided by Principals Catering. We had a few menu suggestions and a request for individual plates and metal cutlery. Once we have our kitchen refurbishments complete we will be looking into alternatives to the trays currently in use.

Harvest

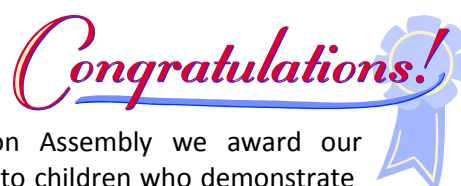
Harvest will be on Wednesday 12th October. By now you should have received a letter with all the information, thank you or your support.



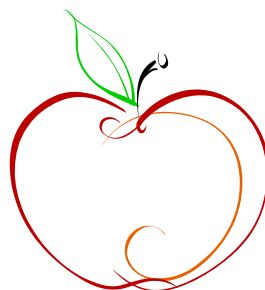
Governors

The next Full Governing Body meeting will be on Monday 28th November.

Awards



Each week in our Celebration Assembly we award our 'Values Apple' to children who demonstrate the current term's value and our Code of Conduct.. This half term our Value is 'Caring'. The following children have received the Award, they will have their name displayed on our Values Apple Tree in school and will have taken home a special certificate. Congratulations to them all.



Name	Class
Charlotte	Holly
Remek	Chestnut
Reece	Willow
Jasmine	Acorn
Emily	Elm
Poppy	Rowan
Chloe	Maple

At the end of each half term parents of children, who are to receive our 'Golden Apple Award', given to children who have consistently worked hard at their learning and followed our Code of Conduct, will be invited to join us at our celebration assembly.



Parking at Watling Lower School - Central Bedfordshire Mobile ANPR Parking Enforcement Van

We would like to remind you about this new initiative from Central Bedfordshire Council as we are still encountering problems with parents parking inappropriately outside of our school. Please consider the safety of *all* our children and park with due consideration, thank you.

'In response to concerns about dangerous and disruptive parking near schools, Central Bedfordshire Council has purchased a new mobile enforcement vehicle which has been equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment which will allow a Penalty Charge Notice to be issued for vehicles that park on yellow lines.'

The vehicle will operate by collecting the registration numbers of vehicles parked on restrictions and will process this information to create Penalty Charge Notices. Initially the ANPR van will be used to deal with motorists who continue to ignore parking regulations on school keep clear markings, yellow lines and pedestrian crossings outside the school gates.'

Improvements to our School Building

We plan to start work on the building to improve our roof and windows in the coming weeks with the majority of work being done over the half term holiday and weekends. Some work will continue after the holiday but it has been planned to minimise disturbance to the school day for children.

However before half term the necessary scaffolding will need to be erected.

Reply Slips

Parent Forum

I/We will be attending the Parent Forum on 12th October at 6pm

Name.....

Child Class.....

Signed

Diary Dates

Date	Event
12 th October	Harvest 10.10am
12 th October	Parent Forum 6pm
12 th to 18 th October	Book Fair
11 th October	Governors Marketing Group
13 th October	PSA AGM 3.40pm
13 th October	Climbing Wall – KS2
14 th October	EYFS Reading Event 9.00am
17 th & 19 th October	Parents Evenings
20 th October	Year 4 visit to Priory Middle School
21 st October	Year 4 visit to Priory Middle School
21 st October	Golden Apple Awards 2.30pm
24th to 28th October	Half term
31 st October	INSET day
1st November	Children back to school
2 nd November	Individual photographs
3 rd November	Yr 4 visit Streetfield
3 rd November	Open Day – New Parents
7 th November	Year 4 Streetfield Middle visit
9 th November	Holly Class Assembly
18 th November	Children in Need
23 rd November	Elm Class Assembly
28 th November	Governors Meeting
29 th November	Year 4 to Streetfield for Science morning
6 th December	Christmas Dinner
7 th December	Key Stage 1 Concert
8 th December	Key Stage 1 Concert
14 th December	Pantomime
15 th December	Carol Service at Methodist Church
16th December	Last day of term
3 rd January 2012	INSET
4th January	Spring Term starts for children
30 th January	Governors Meeting
13 th to 17 th February	Half term
1 st March	World Book Day
7 th to 13 th March	Book Fair
30th March	Last day of term
16 th April	INSET
17th April	Term starts for children
28 th May	Governors meeting
4th to 8th June	Half term

Gardening Club

I would be interested in supporting the Gardening Club for children.

Name.....Child.....Class....

I would be available on -

.....days atam/pm

