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Our Christian value this Half Term is **Thankfulness**

Calendar of Events

13th October Harvest Festival	5th December Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
19th October Chestnut visit to Sandringham	6th December Christmas Production (PM)
20th October Last school day before Half Term Friends of Weeting disco Think Pink Cancer Awareness Dress Down Day	7th December Christmas Production (AM)
21st October INSET Day 3	8th December Christmas Jumper Day
31st October Children back to school	9th December School Council (KS2) visit to Parliament
1st November Parent Consultation Evening	10-11th December Animals in the Crib
2nd November Parent Consultation Evening	12th December Carols on the Green – after school
3rd November Beech Class to Banham Zoo	15th December Posada and Christingle (Mother Joan)
7th November Individual school photographs	16th December Last school day before Christmas
11th November Remembrance Service	3rd January INSET Day 4
18th November Nest and Chestnut Bake Sale	4th January Children back to school
25th November Friends of Weeting Christmas Fete	
29th November Introduction to Posada (Mother Joan)	

The first few weeks of Autumn have certainly seen a change in the weather. Even though it has started to get darker earlier it has been good to see the sun out during the day so that we can hold on to a little bit of Summer.

We have had a number of jumpers and fleeces turn up on the field after lunchtime. Where we have found names in them, they have been returned to their owners. However, we have had a number with no names in them. There will be a chance to reclaim these items tomorrow afternoon before the Bake Sale. Items will be in main reception if you would like to pop in and have a look.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 13th October** at **8.50 am**. The children would like to donate to the Harvest Centre Foodbank following discussions in School Worship this week. We are pleased to have Mother Joan, Pastor Samuele and Foodbank Volunteers joining us to celebrate the Harvest theme of "Thankfulness". Donations such as pasta, tins (beans, vegetables, soup, meat), powdered milk, biscuits, rice and toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet rolls, toothbrushes can be given into your child's class teacher from Monday.

PE Kit

Thank you to all our families who make sure that their children are wearing their PE kits. This has helped make prompt starts to all our lessons and the children are thoroughly enjoying working with their new coach and class teachers. There has been a slight increase in the number of children wearing leisure wear that is not in line with our school uniform expectations. For PE children should wear:

- A plain white t-shirt or t-shirt with school logo on;
- A school jumper or fleece or dark coloured fleece or track suit top;
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms;
- Plimsolls or trainers.

Breast Cancer Awareness

We are very proud of two of our children, Honey (Elm) and Isabelle (Oak) who explained to us that they would like to hold a fundraising event for their dance teacher, who is currently undergoing treatment. Their plans truly demonstrate our school value of friendship and thinking about how we can help and support others. They would like to join in with the "Wear It Pink" day and have asked that the children and adults dress up in pink (or red if you like that colour more!). They are also going to be holding a pink cake sale outside Elm Class at the end of school and have a busy time ahead of themselves. Voluntary donations can be made via the charity's website

<https://www.wearitpink.org>

Donation Thank You's

We would like to say a great big "Thank You" to Jack, Honey, Isabelle, Lily, Lulu, Everett, Eddie and their families following their Autumn tidy ups at home. As a result of these, we have some great new picture books for our library. There are already some new popular books that are being enjoyed across the classes. We have also been able to update and refresh our Wet Lunch Time resources in each class. As the weather begins to change this has been a very welcome addition and will provide the children with some great creative materials.

Mr J Steeden

What is happening at Weeting?

The children have been very busy this week. Here's what's been happening in your child's class:

Chestnut

We have been exploring our new story "Owl Babies" this week and have all helped to create a fantastic tree display of the main characters, just like we found in one of the illustrations. We have learnt that "characters" are "people who are in the story".



In Maths, we are continuing to compare two amounts and learn new words to describe how they are the "same" and "different". This week we have been focusing on weighing and learnt how to use mathematical words like "balance", "heavy" and "light" as we weighed out ingredients to make cup cakes.



Beech

Beech have had another great week. In Science, we have been talking more in depth about our senses and how we use them. We thought about how our senses can keep us out of danger.

In English we have been continuing to read “Aladdin” and have been thinking about how the characters have changed in each section of the story. I am very pleased to see so many children reading so often at home. Books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays to support children to grow in confidence as fluent readers.

Beech Class are very excited about their Bake Sale and have participated in a whole class cooking session to produce chocolate orange cheesecake bites and dairy free rocky road.

Elm

Elm have been investigating negative numbers this week in Maths. They have enjoyed learning the rules of adding and subtracting two negative and positive numbers together, demonstrating how to do this using number lines and the column method. All the children are continuing to make good progress with their times tables and are really becoming speedy times table wizzes. Thank you for all your support with this at home and keep up the good work!

In English, Elm have been solving daily riddles and using their ever-growing knowledge of sentence types and structures to create their own ones.

Oak

This week in English, we have begun our narrative unit based on “The 1000 Year Old Boy”. Within the structure of the narrative the children have begun investigating the use of more complex sentences, including relative clauses and parenthesis.

In Maths, we have moved on to formal methods of subtraction using missing number questions such as $7861 + ? = 9614$ to deepen the children’s understanding. We are now moving on to longer problems where the children will have to use both addition and subtraction to complete the calculation.

As part of our art unit on “Style in Art”, the children have been looking at the Rococo period, including furniture designed by Thomas Chippendale.

The Nest

We have had another busy week in The Nest. We have especially enjoyed drawing and writing about “good” and “evil” characters from our story “Aladdin”. In Maths, we have been comparing lots of different numbers. In Science, we used our senses when we went on a walk to different places in school. We have had fun singing some different songs and listening to lots of different stories.

Awards of the Week

The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement in class:

Luna and Gabriel in Chestnut Class; Jack and Eden in Beech Class; Jaylin and Dolsie in Elm Class; Eleanor and Filip in Oak Class.

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week!

Attendance

School attendance has again improved as the term continues.

Below is the attendance for each class for the past week – the Government target for attendance across the country is 95%.

Chestnut 100 % Beech 97.5 % Elm 94.3 % Oak 95.7 % The Nest –83%

Whole school attendance was: 95.8%

Well done to Chestnut class for having the best attendance in school during this time.

Whole school attendance this term is currently: 93.2%

Assembly Focus of the Week

In this week's Picture News assembly we focused on the following question.....





St Mary's Church

Not long now!

Please come along, bring your family and friends to help support this very special Afternoon Tea Dance.

But don't panic, you don't have to dance, you can just foot tap and hand jive whilst enjoying the music and make new friends, all over a cup of Rosie and a delicious slice of cake.

So, getcha glad rags out and come along for good old fashioned social for a very worthy cause.

Tickets are £10 each which includes sounds from our resident DJ Dave, tea, coffee and cake.

All proceeds to the repair of the porch in our beautiful 12th Century building, which has recently started works due to the last very successful event. Due to number restrictions, please purchase soon to avoid disappointment.

For more information and tickets please call,

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Or follow the link on Facebook

<https://fb.me/e/1LFbUsam1>

And finally...

Have a safe and relaxing weekend and as always, thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our school!