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

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Calendar of Events

25th November Friends of Weeting Christmas Fete	10-11th December Animals in the Crib
29th November Introduction to Posada (Mother Joan)	12th December Carols on the Green – after school
5th December Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal	14th December Christmas dinner
6th December Christmas Production (PM)	15th December Posada and Christingle (Mother Joan)
7th December Christmas Production (AM)	16th December Last school day before Christmas
8th December Christmas Jumper Day	3rd January INSET Day 4
9th December School Council (KS2) visit to Parliament	4th January Children back to school

Children in Need “Spotacular”

Today has been a very spotty day! Who knew there could be so many different sized and coloured spots across the school. There must have been a lot of creative sessions going on at home this week. We’ve seen Pudsey face painting, spotty dressing gowns, socks and tops. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children In Need as we think about how we can support others in our wider community.





Well done to Beech Class who were declared the winners of the spottiest class. Mr Davis did a detailed count up during Celebration Worship and told us that they had won by 3 spots!

STAR

As part of our focus on being ready for learning the children have been introduced to a new approach, called STAR to support them in class. STAR stands for:

Sit up – to look interested

Track – to show other's their ideas

Appreciate – ideas by smiling and nodding when others speak

Rephrase – what was said to show you were listening

All of the elements are great life long skills to have and will support our children to grow in confidence throughout their time at school, at home and in the wider community.

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December 2022

You will have received a flier this week with more information about our school Christmas Lunch menu. All orders need to be completed on Parent Pay by **Wednesday 30th November 2022**.

Options for lunch on this day will be meat or vegetarian only. There will be no jacket potato or sandwich option available.

“The Big Little Nativity” – Christmas Production

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our productions on the 6th and 7th December. You will have received a letter about the part your child will be playing and costume ideas. Keep the dates in your diaries and we will have information about tickets next week!

Dr Hardie and Mrs Bunton

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

Chestnut Class have had a very busy week getting ready for their Bake Sale. The children took the lead in deciding who would make biscuits and who would make cup cakes, quickly organising themselves into two teams. It was great to hear them identify and talk about the ingredients they needed next and what they had to do with them. There was a lot of mathematical language used as they checked that they had measured out the correct amount of ingredients, with only a few adjustments having to be made!



In our "Transport" theme this week we have been learning about vehicles used in other parts of the world. We found out about tuk tuks, used a lot in Thailand, and that these vehicles are a bit like bikes as you have to pedal them to make them move and only have 3 wheels. We decided that we wouldn't be able to get to Brandon in one of these! We then moved to Japan where we learnt about bullet trains which go very fast and get you to places very quickly. The children used boxes to create models of these two very different types of transport.



Beech

Beech class have really impressed me this week with their knowledge of “A Christmas Carol”. They can recall parts of the story and are beginning to reason their answers which is fantastic! Handwriting has also been great this week with some of the Year 2s beginning to join their letters.

In Science, we have been discussing animals further and categorising them by diet. We have been using our deeper thinking skills to talk about how we know if an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We noticed that carnivores often have sharp teeth and some herbivores have features to help them reach tall plants, like a giraffe having a long neck.

In Art this week, we have been studying the artist Miro who used lines to create images. We used our knowledge of colour and line so far to create our own Miro inspired picture.



During our Maths sessions we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction as there are so many different ways to work out the answers! We are solving many problems and trying to explain how we know the answers.



Elm

This week Elm have been finishing their final pieces of a narrative recount from the view of Oliver Twist. The children have worked very hard in making sure they have used exciting vocabulary to spice up the description and speech that they have used. They have achieved this through relentlessly using their amazing ability to use the dictionary as well as the thesaurus effectively.

In Maths Elm have been learning how to multiply by 3,4,7,8 and 9. The children have demonstrated their knowledge through their use of different mental and written methods. They are so proud of their ability to multiply large numbers that they now use this knowledge to share larger numbers through division.

Finally, in PE Elm have really stepped up their game and have demonstrated a solid ability to dribble a basketball effectively in, out and between opponents as well as team members. The children have also secured a good ability to think about when will be an effective movement to get the ball further down the court to help their team progress. Great week Elm keep it up.

Oak

This week in English, the children have begun to draft their explanation texts on 'How mountains are formed', which links in with their current Geography topic. As part of their success criteria, they must ensure that they have included: a fronted adverbial, a relative clause, an expanded noun phrase, a subordinating clause as well as using a colon to introduce a list and brackets or dashes for parenthesis.

In Maths this week, we have been delving into fractions, looking at identifying and calculating equivalent fractions as well as simplifying more complex fractions by dividing the numerator and denominator by the same number.

In Science this week the children carried out the fair test that they designed last week, something they had been looking forward to from last week. In History, we researched the different stages of

the Transatlantic Slave Trade route, which linked the 3 continents of Europe, West Africa and the Americas.

The Nest

This week, we have really enjoyed continuing our non-fiction work on writing reports. We have been thinking about our skeletons and ways to keep ourselves healthy.

In Maths, some of us have been looking at fact families for addition and subtraction and some of us have started to work on area.



In Science, we enjoyed finding out more about different groups of animals. We tried to sort animals based on their diets and learnt the vocabulary herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

In RE, we made a special box. This box is called a Tzedakah box and is very special for Jewish people. We drew pictures of some good deeds and put these in our special box.



Awards of the Week

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

Luna and Tudor in Chestnut Class; Evie and Lillah-May in Beech Class; Poppy and Jaxon in Elm Class; Olivia and Abbygale in Oak Class; Max in The Nest.

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

Attendance

School attendance is at 92.27%.

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

Chestnut 100% Beech 90% Elm 96.67% Oak 90.71% The Nest 79.31%

Well done to Chestnut class for having the best attendance this week.

Assembly Focus of the Week

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



And **finally...**

Elm Class have become experts in riddles over the last term as part of their English learning. They have decided that all our families need to be challenged to solve riddles! So here goes with this week's offering – answer to follow next week....

The wise and knowledgeable man is sure of it. Even the fool knows it. The rich man wants it. The greatest of heroes fears it. Yet the lowliest of cowards would die for it.

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