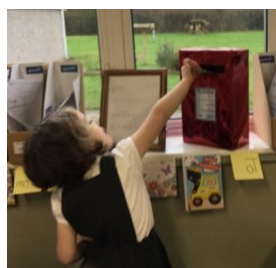


Class News

Willow:



This week Willow class has been learning all about money. To help us, we have been buying stamps, labels and envelopes in our class Post Office. We have engaged in lots of fantastic role play, as well as using coin recognition.



The children have been using their purchases to send letters and cards to family and friends. We discussed the importance of putting an address on the envelope so the sorting office knows where the letter needs to go!



The children also enjoyed a class challenge to find three metal objects in the classroom. We used magnets to help us and recorded our findings in a table.

We would love to see any half term Tapestry updates. Have a lovely break!

Beech:



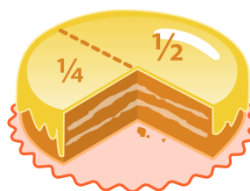
This week we have started thinking about area and perimeter. We have conducted our own explorations about them, and started looking at counting squares to find the perimeter of a shape. We

have also become obsessed with Times Tables Rockstars, a game where we practice our times tables in order to earn money and become a world famous rock star.

In literacy we took a short break from our limericks to write a creative story based only on a small written prompt. The children have done very well with this, producing some fantastic ideas and great vocabulary. We are now in the final stages of drafting and writing our limericks. Have a good half-term break!



Oak:



This week in Oak Class we have been finishing off our work in division. We have been dividing by putting objects into groups, we have looked at sharing cakes onto plates into groups as well as putting pebbles into small groups. The children have used lots of concrete resources to consolidate their understanding of division.



We have been finishing off our superhero art – we made super vegetables and added them to our cityscapes to make them look like they can fly. We hope to share these with you soon!

This week we have been starting to prepare for our class assembly. We have been discussing what bits of work we are looking forward to sharing with you. **We hope you can all make our class assembly on Wednesday 21st February.**

There will be no homework for over the holidays but please keep reading books. Thank you.

Happy half term!

Sycamore:

This half term has flown by and we're sure the next one will be equally crammed with learning and just as quick!

The children have been honing their creative writing skills this week by continuing a story from a simple prompt. They have also been looking at anonymised pieces of peer writing and offering constructive feedback to one another. We did a reading test on Monday and are very pleased with the outcomes so keep up the good reading at home and at school!



Sycamore Class made light work of dividing fractions towards the end of the week. We performed 'maths magic' and used multiplication to divide fractions by whole numbers with great success.



Special Achievements

Mathemagicians

Willow: Toby for recognising lighter and heavier scale movements.

Oak: Ruby for sharing equally into groups.

Beech: Charlie for a great understanding of converting between mm and cm.

Sycamore: Daniel for multiplying fractions independently.



Caught you caring:
Molly and Lewis



Staff Spot: Mrs Lamb for all her help in school – we will miss her!

House Points

Bronte: 132

Hudson: 136

Rowntree: 123

Wilberforce: 124

Special Mentions

Willow: Katie, Bea and Mabel for being kind and caring friends.

Oak: Molly for writing a great letter using formal language.

Beech: Jessica for using her own initiative to look after children who were upset, and standing up against unkind behaviour.

Sycamore: Katie for behaving in such a kind and supportive way towards others – she makes the world a better place!

Mr Clark's Sports Awards

Willow: Mabel for settling in so well in her first PE lesson.

Oak: Lily W for 100% effort during health related exercise.

Beech: Alfie for his recent efforts in football.

Sycamore: Kieran for good teamwork and a good attitude in victory and defeat.



KS2 Football



Football training for KS2 with Mr Lazenby will start again after half term on THURSDAY lunchtimes. Please don't forget all your kit!

Many thanks to Mr Lazenby for his time and support with this activity.

Total Sports

Total Sports will be running their usual after school club on a Thursday after half term. This term we are inviting Reception children to join the club with the Year 1 and Year 2 children. Letters have gone home with lower key stage children this week. KS2 children will get the opportunity to attend the club again after Easter.



Staffing in OOSC

There will be some changes taking place in the staffing of the OOSC as Paige Deighton has left her role as OOSC Co-ordinator.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Jennifer Poulter from early March as our new OOSC Co-ordinator, covering breakfast and after school club. Jennifer is currently working in a nursery in York and has lots of experience of working with EYFS children - she is very enthusiastic about her new role and has been visiting the club this week to get to know all the children.

Sharron Marshall will continue working as Playworker for breakfast club and we are recruiting for a Playworker for after school club, as Sharron would like to dedicate more time to her EYFS role and therefore continue with breakfast club only, when a replacement is found for her in after school club.

Goodbye



Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lamb who has decided to leave her MSA role due to family commitments. Mrs Lamb will be greatly missed by the children and staff and we thank her for all that she has contributed to school.

Nursery Places

If you have a child who has turned (or will be) 3 this term and would like them to start in our Nursery class after Easter, please register their place as soon as possible. More information and the relevant forms can be picked up at the School Office.

PARKING

Once again, please can we stress the importance of parking safely around school. Please DO NOT park on double yellow lines, zig zags or on the kerb blocking resident's driveways. Children (and adults) have to be able to cross the road safely and cannot see approaching traffic if illegally parked vehicles are obscuring the road.

Important Dates

Tuesday's 3.30pm – 4.15pm	La Jolie Ronde French (Rec-Y2)
Thursdays after half term, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Rec & KS1 Total Energy
Monday 19 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 20 th February	Beech class trip to Yorkshire Museum
Wednesday 21 st February, 2.50pm	Oak class assembly – all welcome!
Monday 26 th February	KS2 trip to Drax
Thursday 8 th March	Sycamore Trip to Yorkshire Museum