



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

15th October 2021

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Dear Families,

As we enter the final week of term, I would like to thank you for all your support.

There has been some disruption to a small number of staff and children's teaching and learning due to COVID, but thankfully no return to class closures. We remain vigilant and keep classrooms as well ventilated as possible.

We were able to resume swimming this term and Year 6 have been enjoying their swimming lessons.

As you are aware, we have established a new system of parents' meetings with you. These appointments are an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher to find out how your child has settled in to Autumn Term. If you need any help or support with the appointments please contact school office, who will pass the message on to your child's class teacher. We are using a system a number of schools have used successfully. A number of our staff have children in both Primary and Secondary schools and have found the system works well.

COVID-19 Department of Education Guidance

We have been informed by Department of Education as follows (13/10/21):

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct risks to children are extremely low, every adult has been offered the opportunity for 2 doses of the vaccine, and all children aged 12 and over are now eligible for vaccination. However, as set out in the autumn and winter plan, the government will remain vigilant and take action where necessary to support and protect the NHS.

The main messages from this guidance are:

- nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory (for schools) and strongly encouraged (at childminders, nurseries and colleges)
- the [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only
- continuing to take regular rapid tests will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission
- there is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test
- your nursery, school or college no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact are no longer required to self-isolate
- your child no longer needs to remain in a consistent group ('bubble')

This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	95.2%	Cherry	96.7%
Ash	92.9%	Pine	87.4%
Larch	95.6%	Silver Birch	89.2%
Beech	97.5%	Lime	98.2%
Hawthorn	95.4%	Rowan	95.2%
Willow	91.8%	Sycamore	93.9%

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance. Congratulations to Beech, Cherry and Lime classes for achieving this!



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	<i>Mia G</i>	Cherry -	<i>Jasmine H</i>
Ash -	<i>Amelia J</i>	Pine -	<i>Cerys W</i>
Larch -	<i>Myla-Rose A</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Chloe L</i>
Beech -	<i>Lexi W</i>	Lime -	<i>Nathan S</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Jack E</i>	Rowan -	<i>Dylan D-C</i>
Willow -	<i>Emme S</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Jake T</i>

Well done to all!



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Mack</i>	Cherry -	<i>Holly</i>
Ash -	<i>Stanley</i>	Pine -	<i>Oscar</i>
Larch -	<i>Harrison</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Olivia</i>
Beech -	<i>Harris</i>	Lime -	<i>Joseph</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Archie S</i>	Rowan -	<i>Freya</i>
Willow -	<i>Robert</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Alissa</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

As you can see, another fantastic week of reading from lower school. A big well done to Willow class, who are flying ahead to try and make a million words before the end of the autumn term.

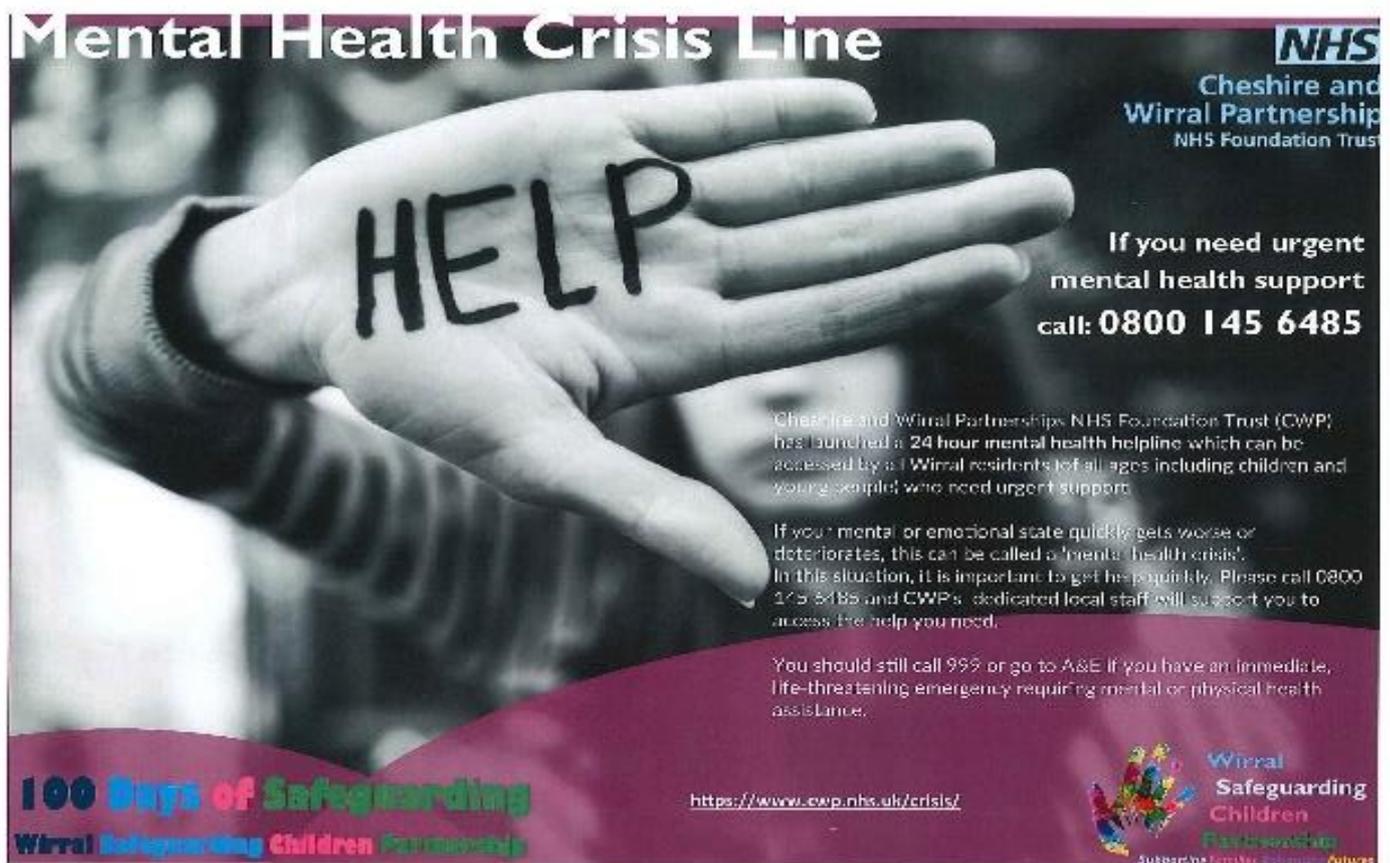
Well done to all our readers this week. Congratulations to Sycamore who have broken the 2 million words barrier. They also have a pass rate of 96% for tests taken. Amazing!!



Individual Pupil Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17th November 2021 to take individual pupil photos.

NHS Mental Health Crisis Line



Mental Health Crisis Line

NHS
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

If you need urgent mental health support call: **0800 145 6485**

Cheshire and Wirral Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) has launched a 24 hour mental health helpline which can be accessed by all Wirral residents of all ages including children and young people who need urgent support.

If your mental or emotional state quickly gets worse or deteriorates, this can be called a 'mental health crisis'. In this situation, it is important to get help quickly. Please call 0800 145 6485 and CWP's dedicated local staff will support you to access the help you need.

You should still call 999 or go to A&E if you have an immediate, life-threatening emergency requiring mental or physical health assistance.

100 Days of Safeguarding
Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership

<https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/crisis/>

Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership
Supportive Families. Educating Futures.



Poster Competition

We invite families to take part in a Poster Competition.

The poster must relate to Internet Safety, how to stay safe along with tips for keeping safe online.

The deadline for entries is

Lost Property

Dear Parents,

There has been an awful lot of lost property this term please can you put names and classes in your children's clothes. If your child has lost any property please ask them to come to Silver Birch and ask for the lost property but do this at a year 5 lunch time. Ask for the names of the lost property monitors and come find us.

Bella M and Bella L
Silver Birch Class



Healthy Snacks Reminder

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime. Here are a few suggestions of healthy snacks.

- Whole or sliced fruit.
- Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber.
- Bag of plain popcorn.
- Bread sticks.
- Rice or corn cakes.

Children should not eat crisps, sweets, cakes or biscuits for their morning snack.

Water bottles should contain water only.



Lollipop Man

Our beloved Lollipop Man will be retiring next Thursday, 21st October.

He has safely seen our children across the road for many years. Thank You! We are sorry to see him go but wish him many happy years of retirement – he has earned it!

Upcoming Events

Year 3

The year group will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool on Wednesday 3rd November as part of History Week.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.50 towards the cost of the trip. This can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer a Paypoint letter, please contact the School Office.

Year 5

The year group will be visiting the Al-Rahma Mosque and the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool on Tuesday 16th November.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 towards the cost of the trip. This can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer a Paypoint letter, please contact the School Office.

Year 6

Trip to Liverpool

The year group will be visiting the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool on Tuesday 2nd November as part of History Week.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 towards the cost of the trip. This can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer a Paypoint letter, please contact the School Office.

Deadline for Secondary School Applications is 31st October 2021

Whole School

Virtual Parent Meetings

This year we will be hosting our Parent Meeting afternoons virtually. Meetings will be taking place during the week commencing 1st November and will consist of a 5-minute video call per child.

You can book your slots via the ParentApp. There is an icon within the Contents tab called "Parent Meeting Booking System. Within this you will find a link to the login page and a Video Parent Guide should you require this. To login, you will just need to enter yours and your child's details



News

Thursday 4th November – Bonfire Menu

Beef or Veggie Chilli with Nachos

Jacket Potatoes with Selection of New Fillings: Cheese and Bacon, Cheese, Chilli, Tuna, Beans

**Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard
Or
Pancakes**

Every child having a school lunch will also receive a bag of popcorn

Deli Bar and Paninis / Sandwiches will also be available as usual



Praise Postcards

Each half term we will be sending out Praise Postcards for the children we feel are worthy of special recognition.

The children can be nominated by any member of our school staff and will be in recognition of their efforts in class, behaviour, demonstrating RESPECT values and attitude.

look out for the postcards which will be sent out via ParentApp.

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest.

For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for the remainder of this term.

Week Beginning 18/10/21	Computing Week
HALF TERM WEEK	
Week Beginning 01/11/21	History Week
Week Beginning 08/11/21	Geography Week
Week Beginning 15/11/21	Science Week
Week Beginning 22/11/21	PSHE Week
Week Beginning 29/11/21	Computing Week
Week Beginning 06/12/21	D.T Week
Week Beginning 13/12/21	Music Week

St Mary's Youth Theatre Company

St Mary's Youth Theatre Company, Treading the Boards presents a production of Oliver!

TREADING THE BOARDS YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

OLIVER!

at The Little Theatre Bakenhead



TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SAT
12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH	16 TH
OCT	OCT	OCT	OCT	OCT	OCT
7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	1:30pm	7:30pm

ADULTS: £10 CHILDREN: £5

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR.
NO ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASES.

TREADING THE BOARDS IS THE YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY
OF ST MARY'S VILLAGE YOUTH PROJECT