



Friday 15th November, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yew Class visit The Watercress Line



“On Tuesday 12th November 2019, Yew Class went on a school trip to the Watercress Line to learn about how trains were in Victorian Times. We learnt about who built the railways and what it was like before the steam trains came to Hampshire. The trains made a big difference to everyday lives. Before the trains were built, you would have to travel around in horse and cart and it would take ages to get to London!

We explored the Alresford and Ropley railway stations and learnt a lot about the steam trains. We then did a workshop where we acted out a role play on different times when the railways were built in the Victorian age. At lunchtime, we each wrote a postcard as if we were someone in

the time when the steam trains were built. We performed our role plays to the class and it helped us to learn more about the railways.

We found out lots of facts including the fact that the Navvies cut away the chalk on the banks to help level out the ground so they could build the train tracks. Another fact is that there were different classes on the train (first class, second class and third class). First class had all comfy seats and they would have a bench per person. Second class would have comfy seats but they would have to share a bench with other people. Third class would not have comfy seats and would have to squish together on one bench and they would be in an open carriage. If you were royal, you would have a whole carriage to yourself. Queen Victoria even had her own station in Gosport.

We had lunch in the station. Did you know that there was a ladies waiting room where it was nice and warm with coal fires? The men, however, had to wait outside. There would be a station master and if a man went into the ladies room they would call the station master.

The whole of Yew class had an amazing time and we learnt a lot more about the railways, which will help us with our work.

By Maisie and Lillie



Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church

A thank you to all the children who took part in the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church on Sunday, reading the names of The Fallen. It has been commented by several members of the public what a great job they did, speaking with excellent pace, diction and clarity. Well done!

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair

Friday 29th November – Wednesday 4th December (in the library)



We are so pleased to announce that the Scholastic book fair is returning to Twyford St Mary's, with shelves packed full of best-sellers and excellent page turners suitable for all ages in the school (and just in time for Christmas)!

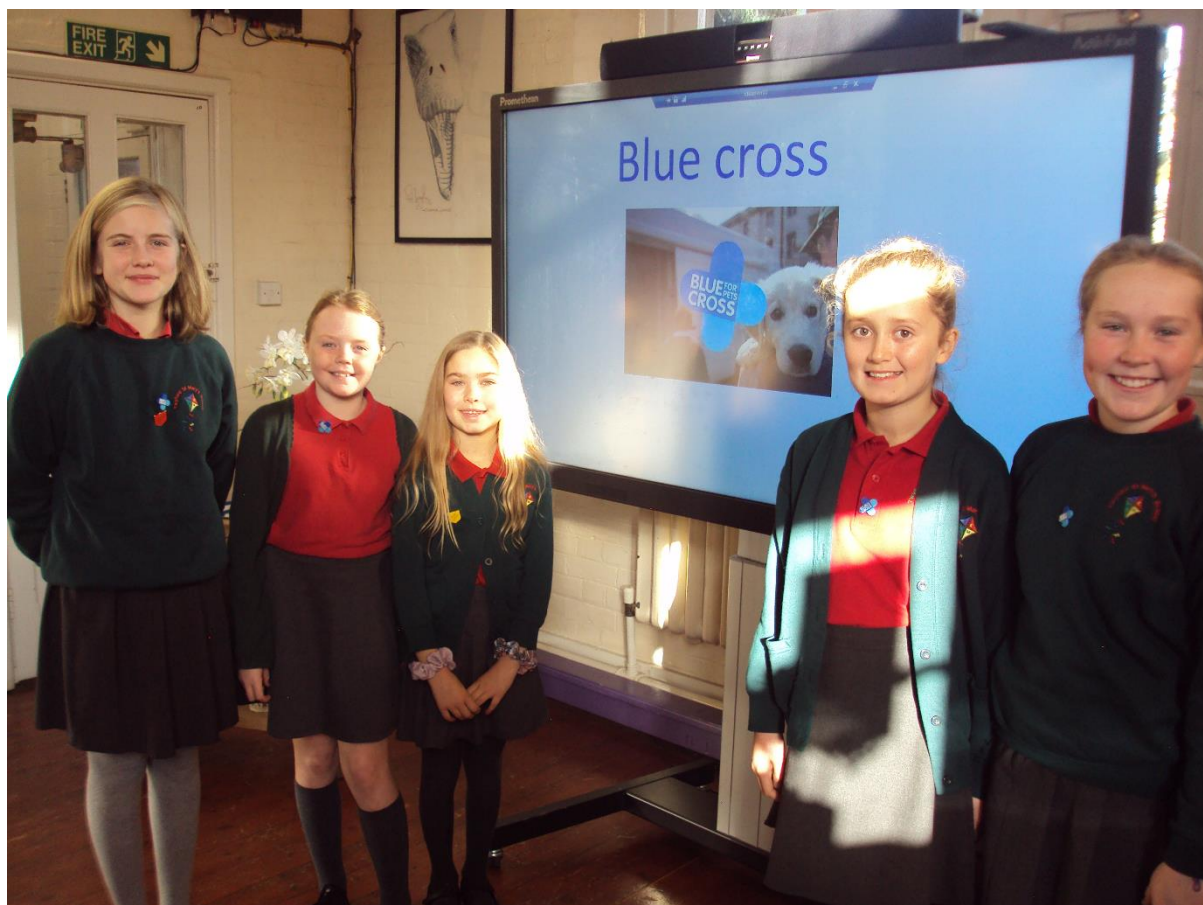
This year there will be shelves suited to three different age ranges, as well as all the wonderful stationary for the children to enjoy. There will also be a catalogue of additional books available to order for older children.

The book fair really supports us to re-stock our library and classroom reading resources with the best possible texts for our pupils. We really look forward to seeing you there!

Blue Cross

Earlier this week, Lily B, Violet H, Orla, Xanthe and Josie G led an inspiring collective workshop on the Blue Cross, a charity they feel passionate about supporting. Thank you to all of you who went along to their charity bake sale after school yesterday.

We'll keep you updated on how much money was raised for the Blue Cross.



Signing in procedure

We'd like to remind all parents and visitors to please come straight to the office to sign in when coming into school for any event, whether it is for Celebration Assembly or an event in a classroom or the school hall. Thank you.



Star of the Week

Ash	Alannah	For being an Incy Independent to write some super sentences!
Beech	Joe	For his exciting vocabulary choice when writing his story 'Annie and her pet.'
Sycamore	Isabella	For her excellent AD character introduction of the Fairy Queen.
Willow	Annabelle	For her excellent commitment and perseverance with her fractions work in maths.
Yew	Thomas	For excellent problem solving and reasoning when simplifying fractions



Roll of Honour

Ash	Theo	For being a Curious Cat and a Team Bee when making his obstacle course.
	Wilf	For talking to a group confidently about the different languages people speak.
Beech	Maisie	For always being super focused and ready to learn on the carpet. Well done Maisie for keeping our Golden rule 'We work hard.'
	Tobias	For being an Incy Independent writer when writing his story.
Sycamore	Cuba	For his fantastic attitude towards his English and Maths work and making invaluable contributions to our class Bright Ideas board.
	Zef	For showing brilliant peer and independent working skills this week in English and Maths – writing complete sentences and finding fractions of a number.
Willow	Marcus	For his non-stop perseverance and effort to achieve his very best- especially in his assessments this week!
	Sophie	For her independence with her writing this week- especially when using her fronted adverbials!
Yew	Jayden	For superb progress with his handwriting and for his excellent work ethic in class.
	Ila	For rising to challenge in Maths when working on equivalent fractions.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
19th November	Willow Class South Downs Study Session – Group 1
20th November	Willow Class South Downs Study Session – Group 2
20th November	Wildlife Talk at Winchester College
21st November	Dancing on (injust)Ice – KS2 School Councillors
21st November	Willow Class South Downs Study Session – Group 3
22nd November	Be Bright, Be Seen day
22nd November	Willow Class South Downs Study Session – Group 4
26th November	Sycamore Class – Southampton City Art Gallery workshop in school
27th November	Willow Class ‘When I Grow Up Day’ – 3pm Parent Gallery
29th November – 4th December	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair event
1st December	PTA Wreath Making
2nd December	Yr R – Yr 6 Flu Vaccinations - afternoon
2nd – 6th December	Enterprise Week
4th December	Yr 6 National Measuring Programme
6th December	Tremendous Tights and Sensational Tights day
6th December	Enterprise Event 3.30pm
7th December	PTA Christmas Fair
11th December	KS1 Nativity – a.m at School
12th December	KS1 Nativity – p.m at the Church
17th December	KS2 Carol Service
20th December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch
20th December	End of Term



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