



# William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Appeal last week. Those donations will now be transported to the local food bank storage unit in Letchworth on Monday. Next week will see Parents Evenings taking place across the school and if you haven't booked in yet, there is still time to do so. Where possible, it is incredibly important that all parents and carers attend all Parents Evenings throughout the school year, even if you do not have any pressing issues to discuss. These meetings give you the opportunity to receive an update on how your child has settled into the new school year, how they are in the classroom and school environment, and a chance for you to get to know your child's class teacher a little better through a face-to-face conversation. So, if you haven't booked in yet, then please do.

Mrs Delaney, in her Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator capacity, and members of our Governing Body will be present for both Wednesday and Thursday's parents evenings in the dining area for you to approach and discuss anything you would like to. They would be happy to do this in the dining area, or in a more private space should you prefer. On Wednesday evening our Mental Health Support Team Lead, Sabrina, will also be present in the dining area and would also welcome any questions or discussions.

One last thing from me this week is a quick mention of what you might be seeing from your child at this point in the Autumn term. It might be that I am getting older, but time does seem to pass by faster and I am quite amazed that we are almost at the end of the first half term already. Having said that, I am happy to admit that I am feeling fairly tired and I know I won't be alone in feeling that way. The last two weeks, and especially this next week coming up, are two of the most draining in the school year, especially for our younger children. They have usually moved from a part-time

## Coming Up Next Week...

### Monday

- New Reception parents open morning

### Tuesday

- Yr 5 - Garden House Hospice Project
- Netball match v Wilshere Dacre

### Wednesday

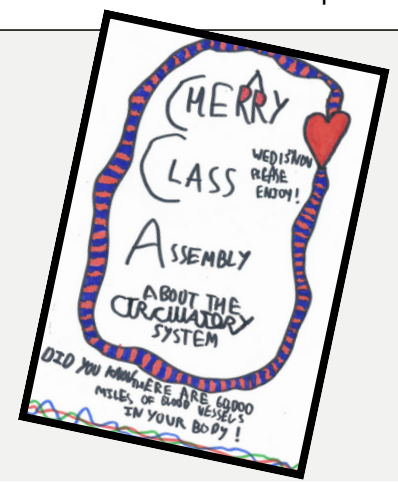
- Yr 6 trip to Radlett Reform Synagogue
- Yr 1 & 2 Multisport Festival at Whitehill School
- Parents Evening

### Thursday

- New Reception open afternoon
- Parents Evening

### Friday

- Yr 3 & 5 Shooting Stars Circus Skills Workshop



nursery timetable to a full-time schooling experience and have now been attending on that basis for most of the last five weeks. For our other pupils, going from a six week summer break into a full-time schooling is equally tiring. Children rarely recognise tiredness, as I am sure you have noticed in your own homes. I can count on one hand the amount of times my own children have approached me in the evening to let me know that they are feeling tired and would like to go to bed. Tiredness in children tends to manifest itself in different ways, perhaps by not wanting to get up in the morning, not wanting to leave the house or not wanting to go to school. In addition to this, their perception of their days (including their days at school) can become a touch negative. This might of course be a signal that something is not quite right and needs further investigation, but it could also mean that they are simply exhausted and in need of the upcoming half term break. Please try to bear this in mind this week and if your child is struggling, then please reassure them that there is just one week to go and that they can do this!

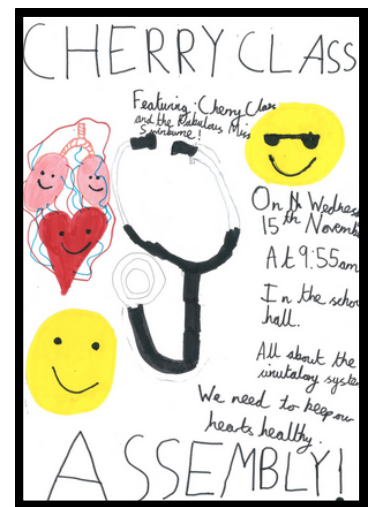
I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Plunkett



## Cherry Class Assembly

It is class assembly time again and this year we are starting with the Cherry Class Assembly which will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November at 9:55am. Up to four people from each family are welcome to attend and we invite you to wait outside Gate 1, which will open at 9:45am for you to make your way down to the hall. We look forward to seeing you then!



## Shoebox Appeal 2023

Reverend Andrew will once again be visiting us this coming Monday to talk to the children about the Shoebox Appeal 2023. Following the assembly, further information will be sent home regarding the appeal and how, those who are able to, can take part and what needs to be done. Thank you in advance for getting involved and supporting this great cause if you can.



William Ransom School and Parents Association



## Annual General Meeting

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

All parents are invited to come to the AGM to learn more about the SPA. We'll report on our fundraising activities over the past year, detail our plans for the year ahead, and welcome new SPA members onto the committee.

We're always looking for new members so if you're unsure about how you could contribute, this is the perfect opportunity to find out. We're a friendly bunch with a focus on raising funds to support continuously enriching the learning experiences of every child at our school.

**THE SCHOOL HALL**  
**Monday 16th October 8pm**

FREE drink on arrival (wine/soft drink)

Stay informed and get involved.



PLEASE COMPLETE THE BELOW SLIP & RETURN TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023 OR EMAIL [WILLIAMRANSOMSPA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WILLIAMRANSOMSPA@GMAIL.COM)



To Secretary WRSPA

I will be attending the AGM of the WRSPA Committee on Monday 16th October at 8pm

Name(s) .....

Number of people attending .....





WILLIAM RANSOM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK ENDING 13/10/23

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

**PHONICS:**  
As well as revisiting g, o, c, k, the children were introduced to ck, e, u, r this week. Next week they will meet; b, h, f (ff), l (ll). At the end of the week, they will learn irregular words l, into, her

**MATHS:**  
Next week we will be investigating circles and triangles and revisiting our maths learning so far.



**LITERACY:**  
Next week we will continue looking at autumn themed stories and sharing our ideas and opinions. We will also introduce the children to some poetry.



PE:

The children have had a fantastic week and are now experts in 1, 2 and 3. We've talked a lot about what the numbers look like and the way they can be shown. We have also been using the vocabulary of; 'more', 'fewer' and 'subitising' (to identify the number of things in a set simply by quickly looking at them - not by counting them one by one).

We've done some fabulous learning about autumn and will continue to look at the world around us and how it changes through the seasons. We have been out on an autumn walk and talked about all the signs we can see. If you have time over the week, it would be great if you could do this too and maybe send us an 'autumn photograph' or picture that your child has created in response to being 'out and about'.

Photos (including photos of creations they have made) can be sent in their homework folders or emailed to: [c.gunn@wransom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.gunn@wransom.herts.sch.uk) or [skholodenko@wransom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:skholodenko@wransom.herts.sch.uk)

The children are doing really well with their reading. Please remember to send in your child's reading book and record book every day. Each day a different group has their reading books changed after they have been heard read. They may also be heard read by other adults over the week.

Alongside the reading books, please continue to play the reading game we sent home last week. This will encourage your child(ren) to sound out and blend. We will be sending another one home soon, with new sounds. Please play this as many times as you can to help build muscle memory.

Available today on Bug Club are further books containing the sounds that we have learnt so far and more sound games to play.

As well as BugClub having a video clip of each letter and sound, you may also find the link below useful. <https://youtu.be/UCI2mu7URBc>

WISH LIST

We are looking for donations of balance bikes and bike helmets that would be of use to Reception aged children. Please let us know if you know anyone that could help us so that we can use these in our Physical Development time.

REMINDERS

- Parents Evening is on Wednesday and Thursday next week; please check you have booked an appointment.
- Next week is the last week of school before the half term break.



We would like to wish Raavi a very happy birthday for next week!

Cleaners Needed

We are on the look out for additional cleaners to clean the school between 3:30-5:30pm each evening. Please contact the School Office if you, or someone you know, is interested.



Cultural and Religious Events Assemblies

We will shortly be introducing a further assembly to our current schedule. The aim of which, is to further develop children's knowledge and understanding of the many cultural and religiously significant events and festivals that take place throughout the school year. If you feel that you might be able to bring something to any of these assemblies through leading one of them, or by being a part of one, then please contact the School Office.

Just a note to say that ASH class children will now have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday.

We finished the week by investigating the question 'Do all Apples look and taste the same?' Please ask your child about which ones they liked most!

We look forward to speaking with you all next week during Parents Evening!

Happy Weekend!  
The Reception Team