

JANUARY 2024

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What a great time we all had at Chester Zoo last week! This was such a lovely start back to the new term. The children have all been busy writing about their experiences and it is wonderful to see what they enjoyed the most ... and how brave some of them felt when they went through the bat cave. I did this for the first time too (with the help of some of the unafraid boys from Cedar)!

We have also shared time together in some amazing Collective Worship since we returned. Last Friday, Mr. Heathcote shared with us some astonishing scientific facts about different stars and how they seem to 'sing' as they revolve in space. These noises, along with the sounds that whales make, create a wonderful piece of music and really demonstrate how all of creation praises God.

*Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. (Psalm 148)*

This week, Mr King, Pastor of the Rhema Church, used flat pack furniture to demonstrate how we can build a successful 2024 based upon the rock of Jesus. He introduced us to a song about the wise and foolish builder. Yesterday we taught the children this and the whole school were able to sing this as a round!

**New Learning**

Since returning to school, the children have been completing the final tasks of the projects that they were working on in the autumn term. Next week sees the start of many new topics and the class pages, on the school website, will have been updated accordingly by Monday. Please do take a look at what your children will be learning this term.

The teachers will also be uploading an example of their weekly timetable; although in a busy primary school, we are very flexible and things often change.

**Safety Central**

On Monday, the Y6 children will be visiting Safety Central. This is always a great visit that teaches the children about important aspects of safety in many different situations. The centre houses a whole host of things including a replica street, house, canal and shop. It really is a great experience.

**Willow's American Diner**

We are really looking forward to welcoming Willow's parents on Thursday evening for a taste of America! The children will be preparing, cooking and serving their parents whilst learning about this different culture. I already have my order in! Many thanks to Mrs. Heathcote for organising this event. We hope that you don't give birth beforehand as we're not sure that Mr. Heathcote can cook!

**Staffing**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Wilkinson to our staff team. Mrs Wilkinson will be supporting at lunch times in her role as one of our Midday Assistants; she will also be working in The Ark as a Playworker on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

**Netball**

Well done to our Y5 and Y6 netballers who attended the Hartford cluster netball tournament this week. They played incredibly well and came second overall. What an amazing achievement! The next event is hockey a week on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend, C Mackenzie

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# Fortnightly Flyer

## Dates

Monday 22nd January	All day	Y6 visit to Safety Central
Thursday 25th January	5pm	Willow's American Diner
w/b Monday 29th January	All week	Assessment Week
Friday 9th February	9:10am	Oak's Sharing Assembly
Friday 9th February	6pm	FOWS Bonkers Bingo
Friday 16th February	9:10am	Willow's Sharing Assembly
Friday 16th February	3:15pm	Break up for half term
Monday 26th February	8:50am	School re-opens