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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Wooler was appointed as the school's permanent Deputy Head last week. Please see letter from our Co-Chairs of Governors below.

I am also very pleased to tell you that Ms Mackinnon has been appointed temporary Head of Key Stage 1 (Infants) until the end of the year.

There are a number of staff changes next term as Mrs Wooler and Mrs Bedford prepare to take their maternity leave and Mrs Hurlock returns to Wallands School.

Mr Passingham will be teaching Year Two and Mrs Burton, an experienced teacher from Polegate Primary School, will be our new PPA teacher, covering each class for half a day a week to allow the class teachers planning, preparation and assessment time. Miss Hoare will be taking over from Mrs Bedford in Year Four and Mr Paterson will be taking over from Mrs Wooler in Year Six.

I would like to thank Mrs Hurlock for all her work at Western Road, especially the wonderful Christmas concert and Nativity play, and to wish her every success at Wallands.

Reports

Mid-Year reports will go out in the second week of Term Four and there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's report the following week during the parent teacher consultations on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March. The mid-year reports will give an overview of your child's progress so far. More detailed, end of year reports will go out in July.

Patina Fund raising

Ditch the Detox, the Patina fund raiser held on 23 January, made just over £3000! Many thanks to all the Western Road parents who supported this event, raising money for Moving On 2016. £3000 covers the cost of the arts materials for all the parade costumes and sculptures that Patina HQ raise through their central fundraising events to reduce the costs for all participating schools. A wonderful result!

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has completed the OFSTED Parent view survey. If you haven't yet done so, we would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to answer these questions - it provides the school with very helpful feedback. Thank you.

Matthew Montebello

Letter from our Co-Chairs of Governors

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Irèna Wooler has been appointed as the school's permanent Deputy Head. Mrs Wooler has made a tremendous contribution since joining the school in 2014, and she has the full confidence of the staff, parents and governors. She will be an excellent Deputy Head. As you may know, Mrs Wooler will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term, and will return at the end of Term Six. We wish her well with her maternity leave and will look forward to her return.

The appointment of Mrs Wooler is the first step in securing the long term leadership of the school. You may also be aware that the governors are in the process of recruiting a permanent Head Teacher. The governors will inform you of this appointment when it is made early next term.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Caughey and Jonathan Sharpe
Co-Chairs of Governors

E-safety Evening

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and staff who attended our first ever E-Safety evening. We are also extremely grateful to Paul Platts who was able provided the information, materials and delivery of this session. This well-attended event raised our awareness about a number of E-Safety areas: such as apps that make it very easy to locate people based on photos that are not private, the location of devices and the need to show an interest in what children are doing and accessing online.

While expanding our understanding of this fast changing area of risk, Paul reminded us educating children in the area of E-Safety is at its essence no different to ensuring they behaviour responsibly and safely when around water or out without adult supervision; engagement and discussion about their online behaviour remains our best defence against harm. In supporting these discussions Paul provided a number of websites that can help support discussion, make you more aware of the risks that children are exposed to and how to manage these without creating unmanageable restrictions to online behaviour. Some of these sites will form a part of the new E-Safety tab on the website, launching in time for half-term, a full list accompanies this newsletter.

If you have any comments about the evening please contact Mr Passingham neilpassingham@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk

News From Elm Class

Elm Class have been learning about The Three Little Pigs. We acted out the story in groups, changing one event.



News From Larch Class

Larch Class have been learning about how fossils are formed in their Science topic of Rocks and Soils. We enjoyed creating our own fossils by making imprints in clay and covering with plaster of paris. Once dried, we were able to 'excavate' our fossils. The results were striking as you can see.



News From Willow Class

In Science, Willow class have been learning about 'States of Matter.' We have carried out experiments in class where we investigated how long it took to melt different solids. We found out that out of ice, chocolate, wax and butter, the wax melted the quickest. Ask children in Willow class why they think this is, using their excellent scientific knowledge and vocabulary.



In addition to this, many children carried out experiments at home. Charlie left a lid filled with water outside overnight and in the morning it had frozen. It began to melt at school and all the water has now evaporated. Ewan froze water and tested to see how long it took for the ice to melt.



News From Elder Class

Elder Class had a fantastic time on their school trip to Herstmonceux. "It was a fun day of science!" proclaimed Luca.



News From Oak Class

Oak Class have celebrated their 'Marvellous Middle' of the topic Germany – a country focus. Activities included dressing in the colours of the German flag, designing and making a 3D collage of a graffiti Berlin Wall, learning about the national anthem, researching and presenting a fact-file on a given area of Germany and tasting different German foods.



School Council Hygiene Competition

Thank you for the fantastic entries the School Council received for the Hygiene Posters. Entries were given from; Mia (Year Two), Alice (Year Five), Anna (Year Four), Maddy (Year 5), Oliver (Year Six), Gennie (Year Two), Anzi (Year Five), Elsa (Year Five), Madeleine (Year Four), Mary (Year One) and Lila (Year Two).

The School Council have begun looking at the entries but are having a tough time making a decision. Winners will be announced in an assembly next week. Look out for posters around school after half-term.

Celebration Assembly



Reception: Greta and Joseph; Year One: Jacamo and Anwyn



Year Two: Eryn and George; Year Three: Tabitha and Finn



Year Four: Finlay; Year Five: Alex; Year Six: Ollie and Maud

Merit Certificates



Congratulations to Sholto for receiving his Bronze Award and to Finlay who received his Silver Award!

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday, 11 th February	Year Six SATs and PGL information evening 5.30pm (all Year Six parents welcome)
Friday, 12 th February	Year Four Class Celebration Assembly 9.15am (all Year Four parents welcome)
Monday, 22 nd February	INSET day (school closed to children)
Tuesday, 23 rd February	Term Four begins
Tuesday, 8 th March	Parents' Consultations
Thursday, 10 th March	Parents' Consultations
Friday, 18 th March	Parents' Forum

Assembly/Newsletter Dates for Term Four

Friday, 26 th February	No Celebration Assembly due to Headteacher recruitment
Friday, 4 th March	Newsletter
Friday, 11 th March	Year Five Class Celebration Assembly 9.15am (all Year Five parents welcome)
Friday, 11 th March	Celebration Assembly 3pm
Friday, 18 th March	Newsletter
Thursday, 24 th March	Celebration Assembly 3pm