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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the Parents' Forum met to discuss a range of issues (please see the minutes which I believe have been circulated via the reps). One of the issues we discussed was "the closing of the gate," which I understand has been a controversial topic in the past. I explained my views and I thought it might be helpful to share them with you in this newsletter.

I'm more than happy to keep the external white gate open until 4pm, thus giving those families who would like to, the opportunity to let their children play in the far playground for a little while prior to making their way home. We will need to secure the site at 4pm. However, if we are to do this I'm afraid that I must ask that we abide by the following:

- 1) Children must be closely supervised by their parents at all times.
- 2) Children and families must remain in the far playground, thus minimising any noise. (Meetings often take place in classes after school).
- 3) I would ask that children refrain from using their bikes and scooters in the playground during this time, thus minimising the risk of accidents since the school will not be open.
- 4) Children do not return to school for any reason, such as to use the toilet. This is for important safeguarding reasons. (Obviously if a child is seriously injured we would expect you to come to the school for assistance).

I hope you will agree that this arrangement seems like a reasonable compromise which will allow parents and children to enjoy spending a little time together at the end of the day. I have agreed with the Forum that we will review these arrangements each term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Matthew Montebello

Celebration Assembly

Our HT Celebration Assembly will usually fall on every other Friday, unless there is a planned event. Please see dates for HT Assemblies for terms one and two.

Friday 16th October

Friday 13th November

Friday 27th November

Friday 18th December

Artists & Makers Fair 2015

Saturday, 5th December, 2015

10am – 5pm

Lewes Town Hall

Dear Parents and Carers

It's that time of year again.....this year's Artists & Makers Fair will take place at Lewes Town Hall on Saturday, 5th December, 2015.

For those of you who are new to Western Road this year, the Artists & Makers Fair is a professionally run art fair organised by a group of parent volunteers. We are now in our 13th year. It raises money for the Friends of Western Road (FOWR) and last year raised a staggering £7,100. The funds raised were used for the playground development and as in previous years, funds were used for the school's Art Week and other art projects.

The Art Fair features affordable art and contemporary crafts by local artists and makers including painting, prints, jewellery, ceramics, textiles and much more.

There will be a café, as well as children's art activities and an art exhibition by the children of Western Road.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with a whole range of things such as putting flyers through letter boxes in your street, helping in the café on the day and even just displaying a poster. We will put up a noticeboard in the playground in the weeks beforehand and we would be most grateful if you could sign up to any jobs you think you could help with.

We will also be asking for donations to for the café – made or bought! The café raises a lot of money due to the generous and very delicious donations that are given by you.

So put the date in your diary, it truly is a highlight in the Lewes autumn/winter calendar! Tell your friends and family. It's a great day, great atmosphere and the perfect start to your Christmas shopping.

If you have any questions about the fair, please do contact one of the team.

Many thanks

Artists & Makers Team

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Western Road VS Southover

7-a-side Football Fixture

Wednesday 7th October 2015

Over an exciting and closely fought match, Western Road took on Southover School in a 7-a-side game of football on the playing field. During the 40 minutes the spectators witnessed some fine displays of skill and resilience from both teams with superb goals from Ben McGillivray and Tomas Gillman. The Western Road team demonstrated a very encouraging level of fitness with many playing the full 40 minutes comfortably. I am delighted to say that the final score was a deserved 3-2 victory to Western Road. Our players were Raimi, Quinn, Freddie, Esther, Kian, Patrick, Tomas, and Ben. Go Western Road!!!!



New Reception Class News!

In Silver Birch Class we have been reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We have enjoyed making and eating porridge. We have made our own puppets and acted out the story.



Year Six News!

Year Six have been reading 'Blitzed' by Robert Swindells. As part of their English, they have written their own endings to the story. This is Rose's work so far...

I peer curiously at the wireless transmitter, half-expecting a dishevelled Mr Rags to leap out from behind an immense pile of ancient, moth-bitten dresses. Although I know I should run out, then telephone the police, a growing curiosity pulls me closer, closer, closer. Other either side is a Swastika – the sign of the Nazis. My heart thuds so loudly I'm sure all of London can feel my undisguisable terror. I am now certain. Mr Rags is a German spy.

Despite now having proof that Mr Rags is a Nazi, therefore not to be trusted, I forage around the dim attic. My glow-in-the-dark watch tells me it's almost two o'clock which gives me just over an hour. Every few minutes, I peek cautiously through the oak doorway so as to check Mr Rags is nowhere to be seen. Fortunately, he never is. In the corner, a giant, rickety double bed lies undisturbed, encased in dust and missing a leg, complete with cushions, a thick quilt, even an antique, soot-black toy underneath which regards me coolly with huge hazel eyes. This must be for sale. My knees almost give way and I realise that, however comfortable Victory Hall is, it can't compare to a real, wooden bed with cushions, especially one that's not next to a dead boy's bed. For the first time since Shrapnel died, I drift effortlessly into a deep sleep and completely forget that I'm in a Nazi's attic. That's my fatal flaw.

To be continued in the next Newsletter...

Celebration Assembly

The following children were congratulated in Celebration Assembly for their contributions to class. They received a special certificate and cup! Congratulations to all!



Year One - Nuella and Ottar



Year Two – Magnus and Anna



Year Three – Freya and Dillon



Year Four – Stanley and Isis



Year Five – Anthi and William



Year Six – Maya and Kian

Safe-Guarding Children at Western Road Community Primary School:

At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take safeguarding children very seriously. All staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Ms Masters and Mr Montebello.**



Year Four—Rianna and Neve



Year Five—Elsa and Tara



Year Six—Niamh and Freddie