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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of Term One. We have had a busy, but most enjoyable term, and seem to have packed in many wonderful things!

Harvest Festival Assembly

This week it was such a pleasure to be able to be a part of the Harvest Celebration. Our special thanks go to Ms Chloe Edwards, for arranging the Tree of Hands and the Food Bank collection, and to Chris King one of the workers from the Chestnut Tree House Charity who came to talk about their work. Thank you so much for giving so generously to both the Chestnut Tree House, (£154.60 raised!) and the Food Bank. I know that our donations will make a difference and have been gratefully received.



Parent Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many at the Parent Consultation evenings last week. I do hope that you found these meetings helpful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need any additional information regarding your child's progress.

Staffing News

We send our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr Swinney and his wife on the safe arrival of baby Skyla. We look forward to Mr Swinney's return after the half term break.

I am also delighted to inform you that Mrs Wooler and Mrs Bedford are both expecting babies after the February half term. I know that you will want to join me in congratulating them on this happy news. We are in the process of recruiting temporary staff to cover both Mrs Wooler and Mrs Bedford from March 2016 onwards and will update you as soon as possible.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Emma Phillips as a new member of our staff. Miss Phillips will be working as a teaching assistant in Year Six each morning.

Breakfast and After School Club

I have written separately to our families who use the Breakfast and After School Club to inform them of the Governors' decision last night to discontinue this service. I should like to assure all our parents that this decision was not taken lightly and follows a period of consultation with staff involved. I am happy to say that the YMCA has extended its provision to include a dedicated Breakfast Club, in addition to the After School Club, for Western Road and Southover children and do hope that our families can make use of this. I should like thank our Extended School staff for their dedicated service to the school over the last few years.

And finally, I should like to thank you for a most enjoyable first term at Western Road. I have very much enjoyed getting to know the children, families and staff. I wish you all a very restful break and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday 2nd November.

Matthew Montebello

News From Year Three

Over the past term, Larch Class have ventured back to the Stone Age. Highlights have included collaborating in a 'cave wall' of art, inspired by the cave drawings in the Lascaux cave, using their fantastic creativity in designing and making models of Mesolithic houses and shaping arrowheads using clay and sandpaper. Next term, our adventures will continue into the Bronze Age!



News From Year Six – a continuation from ‘Blitzed’ by Rose...

I wake up to the sound of a spluttering mix of German and English. Immediately my eyes shoot open. Mr Rags! I curse myself for being such a fool and dive behind a chocolate-brown crate, hardly daring to breath. Perhaps he'll leave, think he's losing his marbles, that there's no intruder (that's what he's saying) but – no. He rams a huge fist against the brick wall, bringing an avalanche of rubble tumbling down. One hits my squeezed body; I bite my lip with such force an impeccable arch of blood leaps on to my grimy top. All is silent, so tense I can hear muffled breath, smell his characteristic reek of mould and moss and death. He calls out in a soft, slinking voice that slithers up my spine and entwines itself around my neck.

"Oh, Freckles?" at this my heart leaps into my mouth. How does he know my name? "Come out. You know I'll find you..." His voice is almost hypnotic but only if you're lucky enough not to know him. Then disaster strikes. A shadowed figure looms threateningly above me. The game is up...

To be continued...

News From Year Four

Year 4 have been exploring Roman poetry particularly linked to battles and soldiers. In our 'Big Write' session last week our 'Star Writers' were Lexi, Amos and Liberty (although it was very hard to choose!) Specific criteria had to be met, but all the poems were very powerful and I really enjoyed reading them!

Dead Soldiers,

Falling for Rome's glory.

Choked with sick and dirt.

Tossed alongside the battlefield.

Fighting for loving honour.

Killing to live! by Liberty

Burning feet.

Collapsing soldiers all around.

Blood spraying everywhere.

Generals are fighting for the power of Rome. by Amos

Crunching bones,

Snapping swords.

Tossing spears, digging holes.

Shields defending soldiers.

Jagged armour.

Hungry, cold, poor Celts! by Lexi

Netball News

I had the pleasure of taking the netball team to a competition this week at Priory. They all played brilliantly, despite some players not having taken part for a while. We won the first match (1-0) and drew the second (3-3) although this was very close. A big well done to the girls – they made us very proud with their team spirit and dedication towards the game! Mrs Bedford



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!



Reception – Stella



Reception - Wilf



Year One - Lola



Year One - Sonny



Year Two – Mia



Year Two - Lila



Year Three – Shem



Year Three - Noemi



Year Four - Liberty



Year Four – Tom



Year Five – Paloma



Year Five - Moses



Year Six - Clemmie



Year Six – Sonny

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.**