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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to this term we have had.

Playground Equipment

As some of you may know, a small working group made up of representatives from the parent body, staff, governors and the local authority have been looking into the installation of playground apparatus at Western Road. Some time ago Friends of Western Road raised a considerable amount of money to provide the school with additional playground apparatus. At the time some concerns were raised about this project and consequently the work was only part-completed. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the working group has been able to successfully address all these concerns, and work to fully install the equipment will now take place during the Easter holidays. An image of what the playground should look like when the children come back to school will be available shortly. I would like to thank Jo Smallwood, Nicola Furner, Sherry Wilson, Sam Caughey, Jonathan Sharpe, Sarah Hamblin and Ruth O’Keeffe for taking part in the working group and successfully moving this project forward.

Year Six Maternity Cover

In the last newsletter of Term Two I was able to inform parents we had appointed an outstanding Year Six teacher to temporarily replace Mrs Wooler next term. Mr Chris Paterson is currently the Year Six teacher at Pells Primary School. He has already attended some joint training with our staff and will be coming into school later in the Term to be introduced to the Year Six children. Parents will have an opportunity to meet Mr Paterson during the Year Six SATs/PGL Information Evening on Thursday, 11th February at 5.30pm and again at the Parent Consultation meetings in Term Four.

Poppy Appeal

I am pleased to tell you that we have been informed by the Royal British Legion that Western Road’s poppy sales in November raised £199.76 – one of the best totals in the district. Thank you for your generosity.

Parent View

I would be very grateful if parents could spare a few moments to register with the Ofsted Parent View and complete the Parent View survey for the year 2015-16. You can do this by googling Parent View or following the Parent View link on our website or using the web link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Your answers will provide the school with helpful information. This is also something Ofsted will look at prior to visiting the school. Thank you in advance for taking the time to do this.

Matthew Montebello

Lewes Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the Year Five and Year Six children who participated in the swimming gala on Monday at Lewes Leisure Centre. Mr Swinney was particularly impressed with the children’s team ethic and their natural ability to organise team logistics to utilise everyone’s strengths. Well done Maddie, Francesco, Anthi, Alice, Patrick, Freya, Charlotte, Oliver and special thanks to Maya who stepped in as substitute for Yolanda due to injury.

News From Silver Birch

In Silver Birch this week we enjoyed going on a winter walk. We were detectives looking for signs of winter.



News From Elm Class

Elm Class has worked hard this week to create stories based upon 'The Three Little Pigs' and have painted pictures to show different events.



News From Cherry Class

Year Two have been busy creating a new role play area for the classroom, prior to their visit to the Grange next week!



News From Larch Class

Larch Class have been researching occupations in the Iron Age and have practised weaving using natural materials.



News From Mrs Bedford / School Council

School Council have taken an Assembly this week about hygiene, following on from discussion raised in classes. They would like everyone to take part in a competition to design a poster about hygiene and keeping clean. Final winners will be chosen by School Councillors and their posters displayed around the school (please see associated flyers going home with children and on the website).

News From Elder Class

In Year Five we have been continuing to expand our knowledge and understanding of space. To increase our knowledge further still, we are very much looking forward to our class trip to Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre.

News From Oak Class

This week we have focused our geography learning on the Berlin Wall, linked to our topic 'A Country Focus – Germany'. The children have produced some outstanding pieces of research for homework and are currently designing their own graffiti walls using the Berlin Wall as inspiration. Images of the designs will be included in the next newsletter.

Celebration Assembly



Reception: Izaac and Scarlett; Year One: Nellie and Ben



Year Two: Oscar and Agi; Year Three: Stanley and Amy



Year Four: Felix and Theo; Year Five: Ben and Esther



Year Six: Luca and Flossie

Merit Certificates



Congratulations to Joseph, Madeleine, Anna and Rianna for receiving their Bronze Awards. Congratulations also to Tom who received his Silver Award!

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday, 26 th January	Phonics Training 3.45pm (all Year One parents welcome, postponed from last week)
Thursday, 28 th January	Year Five school trip to Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre (all day)
Tuesday, 2 nd February	E-safety training 6.30pm (all parents welcome)
Friday, 5 th February	Year Three Class Celebration Assembly 9.15am (all Year Three parents welcome)
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)

Please note, all key dates are published regularly on the school website.

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, bullying or e-safety, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Ms Masters and Mr Montebello.**