

West Green Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

West Green Primary School feels like a very positive place to be right now. We have come a long way since our Ofsted inspection in 2016, and the recent visit by HMI confirmed that we are on our way to being judged to be a 'Good' school at our next full inspection. Our recent events for parents – Come and Share Our Learning, and the extremely popular Quiz Night, showed that we really do have the support of you all as parents. It's something that we really appreciate.

In a few weeks we will be sending out the mid-year school reports. We sent out a survey last year and received an overwhelming response that parents would prefer a mid-year report in order to be able to work with the class teacher before the end of the year to help the children to make even more progress. Once these have gone out and we have had the follow-up parents' evenings, we would appreciate any feedback you have regarding this. There will also be a short progress report at the end of the year to complement the mid-year report.

E-Safety Information Evening for Parents 5th March

The school is hosting a Parent E-Safety Information evening being held on 5th March (time to be confirmed). This meeting will be run by Ms French of Ifield Community College. Ms French has a wealth of knowledge about this frightening aspect of parenting in the 21st century. The internet is a wonderful resource that children need to be able to access. However, it is our responsibility to ensure that children are equipped with the skills to navigate safely around the internet, recognise where and when they are straying into dangerous territory and where to find help when they need it. This meeting will provide you with the opportunity to learn about how to keep your child safe in the increasingly complex digital world. With the increase in use of Social Media and the perils and pitfalls that children can fall into, this is an essential evening for parents of children of all ages.

Ifield Community College staff will also be available on the evening to answer any general questions you have about secondary school.

Charis Centre Easter Workshop Friday 26th March

As part of their Religious Education learning, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will be attending an Easter workshop hosted by the Lighthouse Project at the Charis Centre on 26 March.

Parents Evening

Parents' meetings are scheduled for:

- 14th March 3.30 – 6.00pm
- 15th March 4.30 – 7.00pm

Appointments will last 10 minutes and will take place in the child's classroom. Appointment signup sheets will be available from Monday 5th March and will be located in the front entrance to the

World Book Day Fancy Dress Friday 2nd March

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity to spark children's imaginations and embrace their love of books. As a school we are hoping to replicate the success of last year, where we saw many wonderful costumes.

The children are looking forward to dressing up as their favourite book characters.



Quiz Night

Quiz night was an amazing success with £610 raised. This could not have happened without your support. The money will be used to purchase much need IT equipment that will be of immense benefit to the children.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Moore, Miss Bailey and Miss Ruse for doing such a fantastic job in organising the quiz. Their dedication to the school and its children was demonstrated by their efforts, from encouraging parents to join in the fun even on the coldest of mornings to compiling an entertaining list of questions. Miss Bailey deserves a special well done for her Quiz Master skills demonstrated throughout the evening.

The feedback from the evening has been overwhelmingly positive. To quote a number of attendees, it truly was the 'best evening the school has held'!



Email Communications

You should have received a letter requesting that you provide the office with your up-to-date email address. As stated in the letter, the email address that you provide will be used as the primary email address. If you require more than one primary email address please state this on the form and provide the addition email address.

If you have already returned the form to the school office, thank you. If not, please return the completed form as soon as possible. If you have not received the letter or require another copy of the letter please drop by the office.

Come and Share Our Learning

Thank you to all those that participated in the Come and Share Our Learning session. The focus of the session was maths reasoning and 39 parents/carers from all year groups visited classes and joined in with the maths activities, puzzles and games provided.

We have received some excellent feedback from the session that we will be incorporating into the next event. All feedback is welcome, please drop by the office to let us know what you thought of the event.

FAMILY MUDDY FUN IN Dorking

JOIN US FOR 3KM OF MUD, OBSTACLES AND FUN ON 22ND APRIL AT PIPBROOK MEADOWS, DORKING

MUD KIDS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WWW.MUDKIDS.CO.UK

Safeguarding

As a school it is important that we keep your children safe. As parents/carers and members of our community, you also play an important role in keeping the children of the school safe. If you have any safeguarding concerns at all you can report these either to the school office (admin@westgreenprimary.com) or via MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub). The details for MASH are as follows:

- Website: <http://www.westsussexscb.org.uk/2016/04/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash>
- Email: MASH@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk
- Telephone: 01403 229900
- Out of Hours: 0330 2226664

West Sussex Schools Recruitment Fair

Are you or is someone you know interested in training to be a teacher? Are you a teacher looking for a new post? Are you interested in the new Teaching Apprenticeships? Want to know more about being a school bursar, teaching assistant, learning mentor, working in SEN roles or clerk for a governing body? Are you interested in working for our Adult Education team? Have you considered being a school governor?

West Sussex CC is holding a Recruitment Fair on Saturday 24th February at Ifield Community College in Crawley, RH11 0DB. The event will run from 10.00 – 2.00pm, you can drop in at any time. Come along and meet schools, universities and others organisations to find out about the many roles in West Sussex schools. For more information go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobsinschools where you can also find details of who will be at the event.

Reporting Absences

I would like to remind parents/carers that all child absences from school must be reported to the office:

Telephone: 01293 526679
Email: admin@westgreenprimary.com

When reporting your child's absence please provide the office with your child's name, year group and, if possible, the reason for the absence.

If you fail to report any absence your child has from school this will be logged in the school records as an unauthorised absence. Unauthorised absences can lead to a fine of £260 per child per parent, for example a family consisting of two parents that have two children absent (and not reported) could face a fine of £1040 (4 x £260).

Uniform Orders

School uniform orders, placed via the school, will be ordered once a term. The order dates are as follows:

- 23rd February
- 23rd April
- 25th June

Alternatively, you can order West Green Primary School uniform from Tesco.

Spring Term Dates

23 rd February	Year 1 visit to St Peter's Church
26 th February	Year 5 Buddhist Temple visit
2 nd March	World Book Day – children to dress up as book character
5 th March	E-Safety Information Evening
9 th March	Mid-year pupil reports home
14 th March	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
15 th March	Parents' evening 4.30 – 7.00pm
26 th March	Year 2, 4 & 6 Easter Workshop (hosted by Lighthouse Project)
27 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly (parent/carer invite)
27 th March	Year 3 Wilderness Wood visit
Easter Break: 30th March – 13th April (school closed)	
16 th April	Children return to school
Advance Notice: Year 6 SATS 14 th – 17 th May 2018	

Yours sincerely
Mr A Hodgson - Headteacher