

West Green Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school on the morning of the 8th June for our final 'Come and Share our Learning' of the year. Please note the change of date for this. We have altered it as Year 6 will be starting swimming on Thursday morning shortly, and we wanted them to join in be able to join in. The theme this time will be 'Road Safety', something that we are all very keen to make sure that the children have a good understanding of.

Later in this newsletter you will find details of how you can help us out with our forthcoming Summer Fair on the 22nd June. The Summer Fair was very successful last year raising nearly £1000, and we are hoping to top that this year. The money raised went towards improved ICT equipment in school, which is something that is very much needed in these days of funding challenges for schools. On the subject of ICT, we will shortly be getting a new class set of iPads that the children will be enjoying using in lessons.

The other exciting development that is in the pipeline will be appearing at the front of the school next week. We don't want to spoil the surprise, but we know that it is something that all children will get a lot of enjoyment from. Literally... watch this space.

Car Parking

As you will be aware, parking during school drop off and pick-up is very challenging. Despite several reminders there are still parents/carers that are stopping on the yellow zigzag lines at the front of the school. Furthermore, the car park at the front of the school is becoming very congested, this poses a serious risk to the safety of pedestrians and road users.

In order for children to come in to and out of school safely, parents/carers are encouraged not to use the front car park for drop off/collection of their child/children. If you do need to drive to the school there is parking at the parade of shops at the top of West Green Drive and in the surrounding residential roads. The school can also be accessed by the back gate via Town Barn Road.

Road Safety

Please can all parents/carers remind their child/children to take care when crossing the road outside of the school, this includes stopping at the road when on their bike/scooters and getting off their bike/scooter to cross the road.



Summer Footwear

Please be aware that children are to wear flat, plain, black shoes/trainers, even in warm weather.

For the safety of your child, open toed sandals, crocs, flip-flops and high heels are not allowed.

New School Website

The new look West Green Primary School website has been launched. The website provides all the information you need about the school, its learning profile and school policies. You will also be able to download letters and find an up-to-date calendar.

Please provide any feedback on the new website as this will help to improve the site.

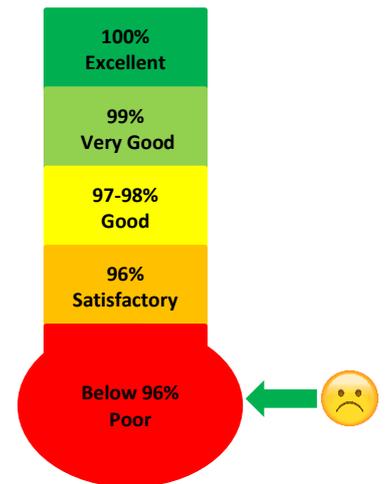
Attendance Matters

At West Green Primary School we reward the effort our children put into learning, this includes rewarding the students for their attendance. Each week, the class with the best attendance for that week are awarded the attendance cup, which the class keeps in pride of place in their classroom.

Student attendance for March was 95.5%, this is below the 97% target of the school. Attendance below 96% has a negative impact on your child's ability to learn.

By working together, we can reach the target of 97% attendance. Your child needs to be in school every day. If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason you must inform the school office by 9:00am. You can do this by phone, 01293 526679, or email, admin@westgreen.w-sussex.sch.uk.

If your child arrives late to school on a regular bases their learning suffers. Did you know that being just 10 minutes late each day adds up to 33 hours of missed learning? That's 7 days of learning lost! This has a huge impact on your child's future success. It is important that your child arrives at school by 8.45am each day, ready to learn.



Crossing Patrol

It is with great disappointment that I inform you that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) have still not been able to employ a crossing patrol person for outside the school.

Should any parents/carers be interested in applying for the crossing patrol vacancy, the school will do everything we can to assist in making it easy for you, including looking after your child/children before the start of the day and for extra time at the end of the day. Please contact the office for more information.

Sumdog

Sumdog is an app that provides a fun way for children to practice their math skills while playing games against friends, classmates, or students from around the world. Sumdog helps to build children's confidence in their math ability by individualising the games to each child's ability level. This means users can play against opponents who have the same skills. The activities adapt and continue to challenge as the child builds skills in each subject.

Sumdog is provided for your child/children free of charge. Each child is provided with a unique username and password. Please ask your child's teacher for more details.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU

School Crossing Patrol needed at

West Green Primary School
Approx. 08:00 – 09:00 & 14:45 – 15:30

West Sussex County Council employ a large team of dedicated men & women who provide safe passage for children across busy roads on their way to and from school.

Would you like to join our team as a Lollipop Lady or Lollipop Man?

Full Training given
Uniform Provided
Regular Monthly Pay
A Rewarding and Satisfying Job

For More information
Telephone: 0330 222 2134
or
Search West Sussex County Council
School Crossing Patrol

www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries West Sussex Reads

STORY MAGIC

Join a multi-sensory story time session specially for children and young people with additional needs.

We know all children love multi-sensory stories, so siblings and others are welcome too.

Please and carers are asked to remain with their child for this session.

First Saturday of the month 2.30 - 3.15pm

Crawley Library
Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG
01293 651751

Back Gate Summer Opening Times

With summer just around the corner, it is time to open the back gate accessed via Town Barn Road. The back gate (leading into the Reception outdoor play area) will be open Monday – Friday, at the following times:

- 8:30–9:00am
- 3:00–3:15pm

C. S. Clifford Book Signing

West Green Primary School
Tuesday 8th of May 2018



Don't miss your opportunity to get a copy.

At just £6.99

School Fair: We Need You!

The Summer Fair is fast approaching and we need your help to make it a great success. The Summer Fair would not be able to run without the help of parents/carers.

We need your help to man the stalls. Volunteers are needed to help set up the stalls (1:30–3:15pm), and to run the stalls (3:15–4:15pm and 4:15–5:00pm). Ideally, each stall needs between 2–4 volunteers per time slot. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front office from Monday 4th June.

We will shortly be sending out a request for donations of the following:

- 1) teddies for the tombola (please can we ask where possible that these are freshly laundered, thank you)
- 2) bottles for the bottle tombola, this can be anything from bottles of shampoo/shower gel to bubbles to squash to wine.

Don't forget to drop off old uniform (usable condition and freshly laundered) to the office for the second-hand uniform stall.

Finally, if you or anybody you know runs a small business and would like to hire a stall at the school fair please contact the school office for details.

Volunteering

Have you thought about becoming more involved with school by offering your time to listen to the children read, helping teachers in the classroom by working with small groups of children or helping with trips? If you would like to be a volunteer helper at the school please contact Mrs Tomsett via the office, 01239 526679 or admin@westgreen.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Reading Cloud

Reading Cloud is a fantastic online literary community that aims to encourage reading for pleasure. Reading Cloud allows your child to download books to read. It is also a great introduction to social media, as it provides a safe place for children to chat online with fellow users about books and authors, blog about them, recommend books and write and record video book reviews.

Reading Cloud is provided for your child/children free of charge. Each child has their own unique login and password, which can be obtained from their teacher.

Snapchat

Snapchat is a fun mobile app that allows users to capture and send short videos, pictures and messages that self-destruct after a few seconds. Once the image self-destructs it is history - probably!

Even though Snapchat doesn't support saving received images, Smart devices allow for screen capture or another camera (such as another mobile phone) can be used to take a photo of the image. Although Snapchat tries to notify the person sending the image that a screen-shot has been taken it does not always work.

Other problems with Snapchat are:

- It shares your location if you do not use 'ghost' mode.
- Getting messages or request for inappropriate images (involving sexual, violence/hatred, self-harm, drink/drugs/crime).
- Is used for bullying (as messages normally disappear this means the bullying is hidden).
- Deleted files can be undeleted.

The age restriction for Snapchat is 13+. Children younger than this that are using Snapchat are being put at considerable risk. Having open, regular conversations with your child will enable you to really understand and explore the online world together, helping you to keep them safe online.

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Royal Wedding
with Chartwells

Order and eat a school meal on Friday 18th May
and collect our Royal Wedding themed wordsearch
from your service counter.

The lucky winner will receive
a family ticket to Arundel Castle.

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or by phone on 01243 836110.
For more information on special diets please contact
westsussexspecialdiets@compassgroup.co.uk
Order online by Midnight Sunday 6th May.
Terms and Conditions apply.

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Chartwells

Encouraging a Sense of Community

As a school we are committed to teaching the children the value and importance of being part of the wider Crawley Community. It has been shown that children who are connected to other people in their extended family, friends, neighbourhood and community have:

- increased confidence
- increased empathy by encouraging children to think of others
- a sense of belonging to a network, place and community
- opportunities to learn about getting along with others

Not only is fostering a sense of community a positive experience for our children, it is also hugely beneficial to the wider Crawley Community as a whole. Examples of the schools involvement with the local area are the regular visits to Carey House by Year 1, connections with local businesses such as Tesco and Patmans, and links to local churches such as Crawley Baptists who helped to paint our benches.

After School Clubs

The Summer Term after school clubs are up and running. As you can imagine the school clubs are heavily subscribed to. Each club is restricted to the number of children that can attend, as a result each club has a long waiting list.

So that each place in the clubs is used effectively and fairly, if a child misses three sessions of a club they will lose their place and the place will be given to the next child on the waiting list. Furthermore, if a child does not behave as expected during the club they will also be at risk of losing their place. Please note, this does not apply to the invite-only clubs.

Club times:

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| Monday | 15:05–16:00 | Karate |
| Tuesday | 15:05–16:00 | Multisport Years 3–6 |
| Wednesday | 15:05–16:00 | Multisport Years 1–2 |
| Thursday | 15:05–16:00 | Cricket/Rounders |
| Friday | 15:05–16:15 | Football Club Years 1–4 |
| | 15:05–16:15 | Football Team Years 5–6 |

Thank You Homebase

Mr Tattersall and members of the student council had an exciting morning of collecting plants for Year 2's 'Dig for Victory' topic and for the flowerbeds at the front of the school. West Green Primary School owes a big thank you to our local Homebase for their generous donation. I am sure they will be appreciated by pupils, staff and parents/carers alike.



Crawley Hockey Club's Open Days

WHEN:

Six sessions, every Thursday
7pm - 8pm, for all ages (8+)

From **Thursday 10th May**

To **Thursday 14th June**

WHERE:

Oriel High School,
Maidenbower Lane, Crawley,
West Sussex, RH10 7XW

CONTACT:

Web: pitchenro.com/clubs/crawleyhockeyclub

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Crawley-Hockey-Club/23680848842

Twitter: twitter.com/CrawleyHockey

Email: agjc07@gmail.com



More info:



Just bring yourself,
no special gear
needed, we will
provide hockey
sticks

IT'S
FREE!

Come and Share Our Learning 8th June

You are invited to attend the Come and Share Our Learning event. This term the theme is Road Safety and will be a great opportunity to see the work that the school is doing with your child/children to help make them aware of road safety. Please note that the date for this event has been changed and will be held on **8th June** at 9:00am in your child/children's classroom.



Bikeability Free

Level 2 Cycle Training Holiday Course



30th July – 2nd August 2018
9:00am–11:00am

Course Venues: Oak Grove College, Horsham
Forest School, Horsham
St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

For further information please contact Cycle Training, West
Sussex: 03302226709 or 0330 2226746
cycle.training@westsussex.gov.uk

Summer Term Dates

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| Easter Break: 30th March – 13th April (school closed) | |
| May | Year 2 assessments |
| 3 rd May | Reception health screening |
| 7 th May | Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| 8 th May | Visiting Author: C.S. Clifford book signing |
| 10 th May | Year 6 Leavers Hoodie order deadline |
| 14-18 th May | Year 6 SATS week |
| 25 th May | STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) rocket workshop for Year 3 and Year 5 |
| Half-Term: 28th May – 1st June (school closed) | |
| 4 th June | Children return to school |
| 7 th June | Year 6 swimming lessons start |
| 8th June | Come and Share Our Learning: Road Safety theme, 9:00am (date change) |
| 11-15 th June | Year 1 Phonics testing |
| 18 th June | Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park |
| 19 th June | Sports Day: Morning, 9:30am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Afternoon, 1:30pm Year 3 – Year 6 |
| 22 nd June | School Fair, 3:15 – 5:15pm |
| 25 th June | Orders for school uniform deadline for June order |
| 25 th June | Year 3 trip to Broadfield Mosque |
| 27 th June | Year 6 trip to The Big Bang Fair (Ardingly) |
| 28 th June | Year 1 class assembly (parent/carer invite), 9:00am |
| 29 th June | Year 5/6 football team Football Tournament, 4:00-5:00pm |
| 29 th June | End of year progress reports to parents |
| 2nd – 6th July | Year 6 Bikeability CANCELLED |
| 3 rd July | Reception class assembly (parent/carer invite), 9:00am |
| 4 th July | Whole school transition morning |
| 5 th July | Parent/carer drop-in meeting, 3:15-5:45pm |
| 13 th July | Summer Disco: 3:45 – 4:45pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 5:00 – 6:00pm Year 3 – Year 6 |
| 17 th July | Year 6 Production, 3:15pm |
| 18 th July | Year 6 Production, 6:00pm |
| 20 th July | Year 6 leavers assembly, 9:00am |
| 20 th July | Fish & Chip Takeaway Lunch |
| 23 rd – 24 th July | INSET day (children not in school) |
| Summer Break: 25th July – 3rd September (school closed) | |

Yours sincerely
Mr A Hodgson - Headteacher