



## **West Green Primary School Newsletter**

### START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It feels like normal... well nearly. We've been very glad to have all the children back for the first half term, and it's been great to feel like a school again. We've seen fabulous standards of effort and behaviour from the children in getting back into their learning again, and thank you to all of you for your efforts with their learning over lockdown. We know it wasn't easy!

We will be putting in place new plans for home learning over the coming weeks in case we should need it, but fingers crossed we won't. Nevertheless, it is important to be prepared, so if you need any help accessing IT at home, do come and talk to us to see if there is anything we can do.

The last thing I should mention is that there is a new version of the risk assessment on the school website. We are reviewing this regularly, and sharing it so that you can be reassured by the measures we are taking in school.

Kind regards,

Mr A Hodgson

### RECEPTION

Our new Reception class have settled in really well. They are loving being in school, and have got the hang of what to do at lunchtime, which can be very confusing at first!

Mrs Whitlock and Mrs Spence are really pleased with their progress. Keep it up Reception. Well done!

### FACE MASKS

Please make sure that if you come to the school office, or enter the school at any time, that you bring a face mask with you. This is not an unusual request, and you are having to do this now in many shops. School is no different. It does not matter if you are only 'popping in', you still need to wear a mask (unless you are exempt). Many thanks.

### HARVEST ASSEMBLY

You will by now have received the letter that was e-mailed out to all parents that we will not be having a harvest assembly this year. If you would like to make either a food donation to a charity, or an online donation, please feel free to do so. There are many charities out there that would be grateful to receive anything you have to offer. We will not be asking for donations of any kind as we understand that in the current climate many people are struggling and we do not want to add any additional worries to our families.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The children who were in school on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020, had their school photo taken. The proofs have been sent home for you to order copies if you wish to do so. We know there was a problem with the Year 1 class proofs, but we have now sent out the reprints of these. Hopefully you will have received them by the time you read this newsletter!

### MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have reintroduced after school clubs on a limited basis. Currently we run clubs for KS2 only, and they are running successfully. These are multi-sport clubs with a maximum limit of 18 per club. If your child wanted to attend but was not offered a space, we will ensure that they are offered a space next term if the club is still running.

### PE KITS/EARRINGS

Stud earrings may be worn to school (no dangly earrings or large hoops), but must be removed for P.E. Where new piercings cannot be removed, children must bring micro-pore tape to school to cover them. This is your responsibility as a parent. Failure to follow this rule may possibly result in your child not be able to take part in their PE lesson.



### HOME LEARNING

In line with government advice we have now set up a system where your child can carry on with their schoolwork, even if they are having to isolate from home. You will have recently received a letter regarding this, and we would be grateful if you could return the slip attached to that letter so that we can make sure we have the right help in place for each child. If you have any concerns at all regarding home learning please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

### BIRTHDAYS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade for obvious reasons. Thank you.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

### UNIFORM

We no longer take school uniform orders via the school office. When you require new uniform for your child you can order it from: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)  
Tel: 0800 069 9949

### SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

We all try our best to protect our children when they go online. In the current climate it is vital we stay extra vigilant as children may be accessing the internet more than usual. Please try to monitor how much screen time your child is having, and monitoring what websites they are accessing should be your priority. We cannot expect our children to be fully aware of the dangers that the internet may pose to them. It is up to us, as their parents, to ensure that the sites they are accessing are suitable (and safe) for their age. If you need any advice then BBC Bitesize has some great resources in helping children stay safe online.

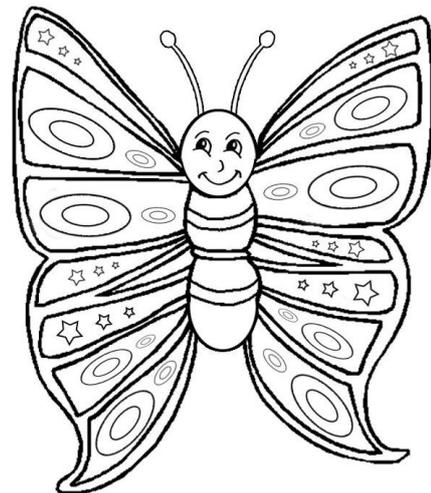
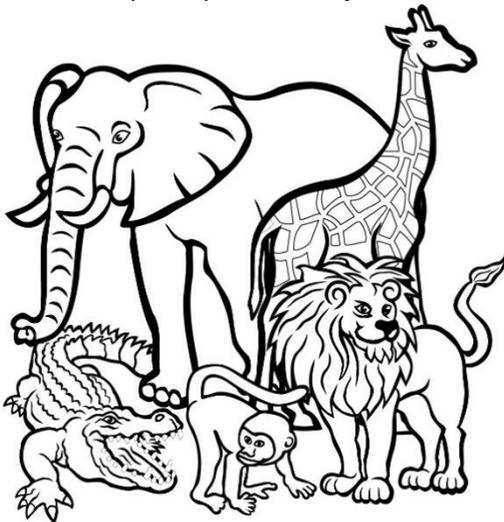
### MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is either Calpol paracetamol 6+ sachets or meltlets (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. If you have already signed a permission slip you do not need to do anything else.

### ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, please be aware that we need two, one in the classroom, and one in our medical room. When that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

Here are a couple of pictures for your child to colour in before you recycle this newsletter.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020/2021**

23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Last day before half term
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	INSET DAY
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Back to school
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Catch up clubs start
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Flu vaccinations (if consent form was returned)
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Festive clothing/Christmas jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Chartwell's Christmas dinner day
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Autumn term
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 – 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Christmas holidays
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Back to school – start of Spring term
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Year 6 Bikeability week - TBC
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Catch up clubs finish this week
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Last day before half term
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half term
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	INSET DAY
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	End of Spring term
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Good Friday
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Easter holidays
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Back to school – Start of Summer term
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Last day before half term
w/c 31/05/2021	Half term
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Back to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Last day of school.
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	INSET DAY – End of Summer term
w/c 26/07/2021	Summer holidays