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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term has started well and the children have been busy with their Term 3 topics.

Healthy Living Week

We started with Healthy Living Week where the children focussed on Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Our yoga instructor, Tamsin Dyke, ran a series of sessions during the week with a focus on mindfulness and reflection. We had rugby taster sessions from Tom's Rhinos across the school and this is now a Thursday lunchtime club for those who wish to join. Chartwells worked with each class to discuss how to make healthy eating choices and raised awareness as to the amount of 'hidden' sugar in some foods. Please do pop into school to see the display in the main corridor to see the children's work and Pupil Voice from throughout the week.

**Year Four trip to the Mandir in Neasden**

Year 4 began the year with a trip to the world famous Hindu Mandir in Neasden. Miss Sheppard recounts their trip below:

Following our topic last term on Hinduism, Year 4 had the privilege of visiting Neasden Hindu temple in North London on Thursday, 9th January. The children enjoyed watching the Arti service where they watched as prayers were offered to the Deities. We had a great day admiring the beautiful building and learned even more about the ancient religion of Hinduism for our topic work. Our thanks to all the parent helpers and special thanks to Reverend Wingate who helped to plan and organise the trip.

Attendance Update

This year we will be publishing our whole school attendance data at the end of each term. Our target for this year is to achieve 96% overall attendance. At the end of Term 2 our attendance was 96.09%. All children with 100% attendance for Term 2 have received a certificate to take home.

Staffing Update

We have welcomed Miss Jade Lester to teach Year 5 following Mr Linton's move to Germany. We would like to invite parents and carers from Year 5 to an after-school session where you can meet Miss Lester and learn about the

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upcoming topics on Monday, 10th February at 3.30pm. Mrs Bracher is currently working towards a phased return to work however Miss Chloe Sheppard, the long-term cover teacher, will continue to teach Year Four until further notice.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday, 7th February 2020**. The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse. The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern and the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme which aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect through delivery of assemblies and workshops in schools. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Thank you for your support.

Open Afternoons

We would like to invite parents and carers into classrooms to see some of the children's wonderful work. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will welcome you on Monday, 10th February from 2.30pm onwards, with Years 3 – 6 welcoming you on Wednesday, 12th February from 2.30pm onwards. Please do join us if you can.

Enrichment

We now have a number of enrichment activities at lunchtimes and after school to encourage a variety of experiences. Lunchtimes include girls' football, Mandarin, rugby, speed stacking and Quiet Club (following a request through School Council) where children are invited to read or draw or to just enjoy some quiet reflection time. After school clubs include drama, choir, gymnastics, netball and football. Miss Doone, the PE subject leader, is also looking at additional opportunities for the summer months and we will let you know of those in due course.

News from FWR

Our annual quiz and auction night is back, this time it's an Indian theme. Please note the date change of Monday, 10th February to please book your babysitters! We are looking for prizes and experiences for our auction. Do you or your business have something you can donate? If so, email us at westernroad.friends@outlook.com, contact us through social media or talk to us in the playground!

2020 Dates

Parents/Carers Quiz Night and auction in the school hall – Monday, 10th February
FWR AGM and Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 23rd March at 2.30pm.
Easter Disco in the school hall – Thursday, 2nd April
FWR Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 18th May at 2.30pm
Summer Fair – Saturday, 13th June
FWR Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 6th July at 2.30pm

Contact Us

A reminder you can follow us on Instagram @friendswesternrd and Facebook @FriendsofWesternRoad for news about our events. Or email us on westernroad.friends@outlook.com or leave a message at the school office for us.

Join Friends of Western Road

Do you want to join our committee? We are looking for people to fill several roles. Get in touch to find out more!

Thank you for your support.

FWR Team

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SENCo

In Mrs Bradshaw's absence (whilst on sabbatical in New Zealand) Mrs Suzy Bennett has taken on the role and works as SENCo on Tuesdays. If you have any queries or would like make an appointment to see her, please do email senco@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk Thank you.

Key Dates:

Celebration Assemblies:

Friday, 7th February 2020, 9.15am

Events

NSPCC Number Day

Online Safety Week

Work sharing afternoon

Work sharing afternoon

Online Safety Awareness parent session

Friday, 7th February 2020 (see previous email)

Week beginning 10th February 2020

Monday, 10th February 2020 (EYFS – Year 2)

Wednesday, 12th February 2020

Thursday, 13th February 2020, 9.15am School Hall

INSET Day

Term 4 begins

Monday, 24th February 2020

Tuesday, 25th February 2020