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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. I do hope you found them helpful. If you were not able to come but would like to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact the school to make an alternative appointment.

Maths Evening

I would like to thank Mr Paterson for organising and running our Maths Evening last week. Mr Paterson talked about how we teach maths at Western Road and gave parents lots of helpful tips on how to support children with maths at home. We also sent home our calculation policy which explains the methods we use for the different mathematical operations. If you have any questions about maths or would like to find out more about how to help your child with maths, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Paterson, our school Maths Leader.

Friends of Western Road

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Western Road who have very generously agreed to support the school in the following areas:

- 1) To increase their support for educational visits from £200 per year to £500 per year for each class. This will allow class teachers to plan additional and even more exciting trips this year. Some of the trips teachers are already planning are:

Year 1 Shoreham Airport and the Sealife Centre

Year 2 Wakehurst Place and Brooklands Motor Museum

Year 3 Forest School and the Globe theatre in London

Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Place and the Hindu Mandir in Neasden, London

Year 5 Herstmonceux Museum and one other to be confirmed

Year 6 Imperial War museum and bowling in Brighton after SATS

The idea is that these trips will support the topic work in class and provide an additional wow factor! Please see attached grid showing class topics and planned trips.

- 2) £1000 towards resources for Curriculum enrichments weeks e.g. Art Week, Maths Week and Science Week which have been planned across the year. Please see below for more information about Art week (you should already have received a letter about this from Miss Mackinnon, our school Art Leader).

- 3) £5,000 to purchase two new interactive whiteboards for two classrooms. Our old white boards are now over 12 years old and badly need replacing. These new boards are much more versatile and will allow teachers to use a range of interactive resources with the children. Members of Friends were shown a demonstration of the new boards! With these new purchases every class, except Year 6, now has a wonderful new interactive board. (Year 6's board is one of the newer models and does not yet require replacing).

Finally, I would like to thank Stephen Docherty (father of Holly and Georgie) who undertook some work in return for a charity donation of £1000 and very kindly nominated FOWR to receive the donation.

Yoga for children

Many studies have shown that yoga is not only beneficial for adults, but improves concentration and wellbeing in children too. To this end we have decided to begin children's yoga classes at Western Road, initially as a pilot with two year groups. From next Friday Year 3 and Year 4 will take part in a 40 minute yoga class at the beginning of the day (Year 3 at 9.05 and Year 4 afterwards at 9.45). The class will be led by Tamzin Dyke, a specialist children's dance and yoga teacher. Year 3 and 4 children are very welcome to come to school in their PE kit to save time changing in the morning, but they will need to bring their uniform with them to change into after the class. These classes will continue until Christmas and if we feel they have been successful we will try to extend them across the whole school. The year 3 and 4 teachers will be taking part in the class too!

Parent Forum and the Car Park

The Parent Forum met last week and we were very pleased to welcome a number of new parent representatives. Mr Watkinson, our governor responsible for Finance, Health and Safety and the Premises, spoke to the Forum about the car park. He recognised that the current arrangements are unsatisfactory. He explained that the car park is in the process of being transferred from the Local Authority to the Trust and that once this land transfer is complete both schools (Western Road and Southover) will be in a better position to look at solutions to manage the traffic in the carpark at busy times of the day. In the meantime we would like to thank parents for not parking on the double yellow lines outside the school and for using the carpark responsibly.

Art Week

Next week is Art Week. The children will be working on a range of art projects in their classes and parents are most welcome to come in and help. Please let your child's teacher know if you have a little spare time next week and would like to help with gluing, painting, cutting and sticking. The children's art will be exhibited in the hall next Friday afternoon and parents are invited to come into the school at 2.45pm to look at their children's art work before taking their children home. For more information please see Art Week letter sent out by Miss Mackinnon last week or contact the school.

Harvest Assembly

Finally I'd like to thank you for all the kind donations of food we have received for our Harvest Festival. I'd also like to thank our Year 6 students for leading our harvest assembly this morning. Volunteers from the Lewes Foodbank came into school to talk about their work and how your donations will be put to such good use. We will continue to collect donations of food until Thursday 13th October should you wish to make a donation.

Matthew Montebello

Halloween Disco – a message from FOWR Halloween Working Party

Tickets will be on sale in the playground several times up until the 19th, there will also be information sheets available in case you didn't get one in your book bag.

The disco is for students of Western Road only and younger siblings are welcome at the KS1 and Reception disco. The KS2 disco is for children in KS2 classes only.

Don't forget to start planning your outfits and pumpkin carvings!

Writers Visit – a message from Mrs Wilson, School Reading Leader

On Thursday, 13th October, award-winning scriptwriters, Mark Huckerby and Nick Ostler will be talking to Years 3 to 6 about their first exciting, superhero adventure book, Defender of the Realm. We are looking forward to a lively, interactive talk, which will aim to inform and inspire children to write their own stories. If you already have a copy of their book, children are welcome to have them signed by the authors on the day. Additionally, if you would like to purchase a book, order forms will be sent home with the children on Thursday.



Year Six Trip to the Imperial War Museum

Year Six travelled to the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. They had a fantastic day filled with exploring exhibitions about World War II to support this term's learning journey. Highlights of the trip included being able to sit in a genuine Anderson shelter and studying propaganda posters which will assist Art Week next week.

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: **Mr Montebello, Mr Paterson and Mrs Wooler.**

Artists & Makers Fair 2016

Saturday, 3 December, 2016

10am – 5pm

Lewes Town Hall

Dear Parents and Carers

It's that time of year again.....this year's Artists & Makers Fair will take place at Lewes Town Hall on Saturday, 3 December, 2016.

For those of you who are new to Western Road this year, the Artists & Makers Fair is a professionally run art fair organised by a group of parent volunteers. We are now in our 14th year. It raises money for the Friends of Western Road (FOWR) and last year raised a staggering £6,500. The funds raised were used for supporting creativity at the school, the school's Art Week and other art projects.

The Art Fair features affordable art and contemporary crafts by local artists and makers including painting, prints, jewellery, ceramics, textiles and much more. There will be a café, as well as children's art activities and an art exhibition by the children of Western Road.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with a whole range of things such as handing out leaflets at the Farmers Market, helping in the café on the day and even just displaying a poster. We will put up a noticeboard in the playground in the weeks beforehand and we would be most grateful if you could sign up to any jobs you think you could help with.

We will also be asking for donations to for the café. The café raises a lot of money due to the generous and very delicious donations that are given by you.

So put the date in your diary, it truly is a highlight in the Lewes autumn/winter calendar! Tell your friends and family. It's a great day, great atmosphere and the perfect start to your Christmas shopping.

If you have any questions about the fair, please contact one of the team.

Many thanks

Artists & Makers Team

artistsandmakersfair@gmail.com

Kirsten Norbury (Holly, Yr 4, Georgie, Yr 3)

Antonia Jewels (Isabel, Yr 5, Josie, Yr 1)

Leonora Mannering (Finlay, Yr 5, Joseph, Yr 2)

Naomi Ross (Ben, Yr 2, Clara, Reception)

Miriam Navarro (Pau, Yr 2, Sergi, Reception)

Anna Leatherdale (Finn, Yr 4, Oscar, Yr 2)

Key Dates for Terms 1 and 2 (please note all key dates are published on the school website)

w/c Monday 10 th October	Art Week
Friday 14 th October from 2.45pm	Celebration of Art Week in Hall
Monday 17 th October 6 – 7pm	KS1 Reading and Phonics Evening for Parents in Hall
Thursday 20 th October 3.30 – 5.00pm	EYFS/KS1 Halloween Party
Thursday 20 th October 5.30 – 7.30pm	KS2 Halloween Party
Friday 21 st October 3.00pm	HT assembly
Friday 21 st October	End of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 2 nd November 6 – 7pm	KS2 Spelling Evening
Wednesday 2nd November	Individual photographs by Kittles Photography
Friday 4 th November	Newsletter
Friday 11 th November 3.00pm	HT assembly
Friday 18 th November	Newsletter
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need (Pennies on Pudsey)
Friday 25 th November 3.00pm	HT assembly
w/c Monday 28 th November	Prospective Parents Visits Week
Friday 2 nd December	Newsletter
Saturday 3rd December	Artists and Makers Fair
Friday 9th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December at 2pm	Infant Nativity to Parents
Tuesday 20 th December at 2pm	Carols Around the Tree for Parents
Wednesday 21 st December	Newsletter
Wednesday 21 st December	End of Term 2

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2017	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3rd January 2017	Start of Term 3
Friday 6 th January 2017	Inset Day

Highlighted dates have been added/amended.