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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks at school – please see details from different classes below!

Thank you to everyone for helping with the staggered start and end to the school day. If your child is late and your child's class teacher has already left the field/playground area, please ensure your child enters school through the main white gate. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please speak to a member of staff at the white gate or call or email the School Office. Please note, parents and carers are not permitted up the fire escape. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings

I am pleased to give you further details of our Parents' Evenings - these will be held virtually with online videos on Tuesday, 3rd November and Wednesday, 4th November using School Cloud. To login and book your appointment, please go to <https://westernroadcommunity.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (see attached sheet for more information).

If you are unable to take a video call on either of those dates, please do contact the School Office for a telephone parent consultation instead.

Term 2 After School Clubs

Albion In The Community will be running football club for Years 3 and 4 (girls and boys) after school on Thursdays on the school field. The club will run from Thursday, 12th November to Thursday, 10th December with a footballing coach for each class bubble.

To book a place for a Year 3 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-15>

To book a place for a Year 4 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-16>

Premier Sport will also be running an archery club for Years 5 and 6 after school on Tuesdays on the school field. The club will run from Tuesday, 10th November to Tuesday, 8th December for Years 5 and 6 on the school field with a coach for each bubble. Please visit the Premier Sport website <https://www.premier-education.com/> for more information or if you would like your child to take part.

Staffing for Term 2

I am delighted to announce Miss Patience will return from maternity leave after half-term. She will teach Year 2 and Year 3 on Thursday/Friday mornings for PPA and carry out interventions in those afternoons. Mrs Bishop will continue to teach Year 1 from Mondays to Thursdays and Mrs Adams will teach Year 1 on Fridays.

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: **Mrs Wooler or Mrs Adams.**

Young Minds

On Friday, 9th October, the children took part in the #helloyellow day to celebrate World Mental Health day through YOUNGMinds. Staff all wore yellow, jokes were posted around the school and children took part in activities to brighten up the day of the people around them. As a school we support those with mental health difficulties and want the children to feel comfortable knowing that they are not alone with their feelings and mental health. It's OK not to feel OK. For more information on feelings, conditions or to access support follow this link to YOUNGMinds <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/>

Harvest Festival

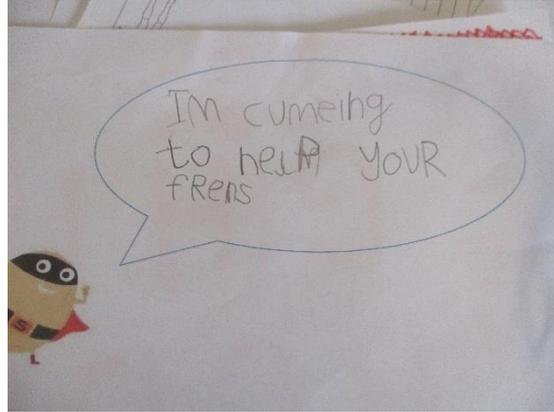
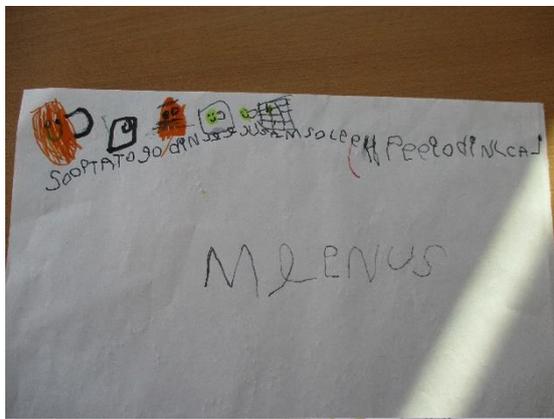
Our Harvest Festival assemblies will be held on Monday, 9th November. If you would like to make a donation to Lewes Foodbank (canned or dried goods please), please bring them into school anytime up until 11th November. Please send any donations in to either the School Office or with your child to the classroom. These donations really do make a difference to lots of local people.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

News from Year 1

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic of Superheroes - they have been busy creating their own superhero story maps, captions, speech bubbles and even making their own supertatoes out of potatoes. We have also been focusing on our reading, maths and phonics. We have had a busy but very enjoyable first term in Year 1 and the children have settled well back into school routines.





News from Year 5

Year 5 have been reading the BFG by Roald Dahl. Here are some extracts of descriptive writing by some of the children:

Otto Galloping across the derelict, dusty wasteland, where the moon shone as brightly as a block of silver, Sophie was as snug as a bug in the BFG's laid out ear. She heard a rumbling in the distance and the BFG pointed his long trumpet up.

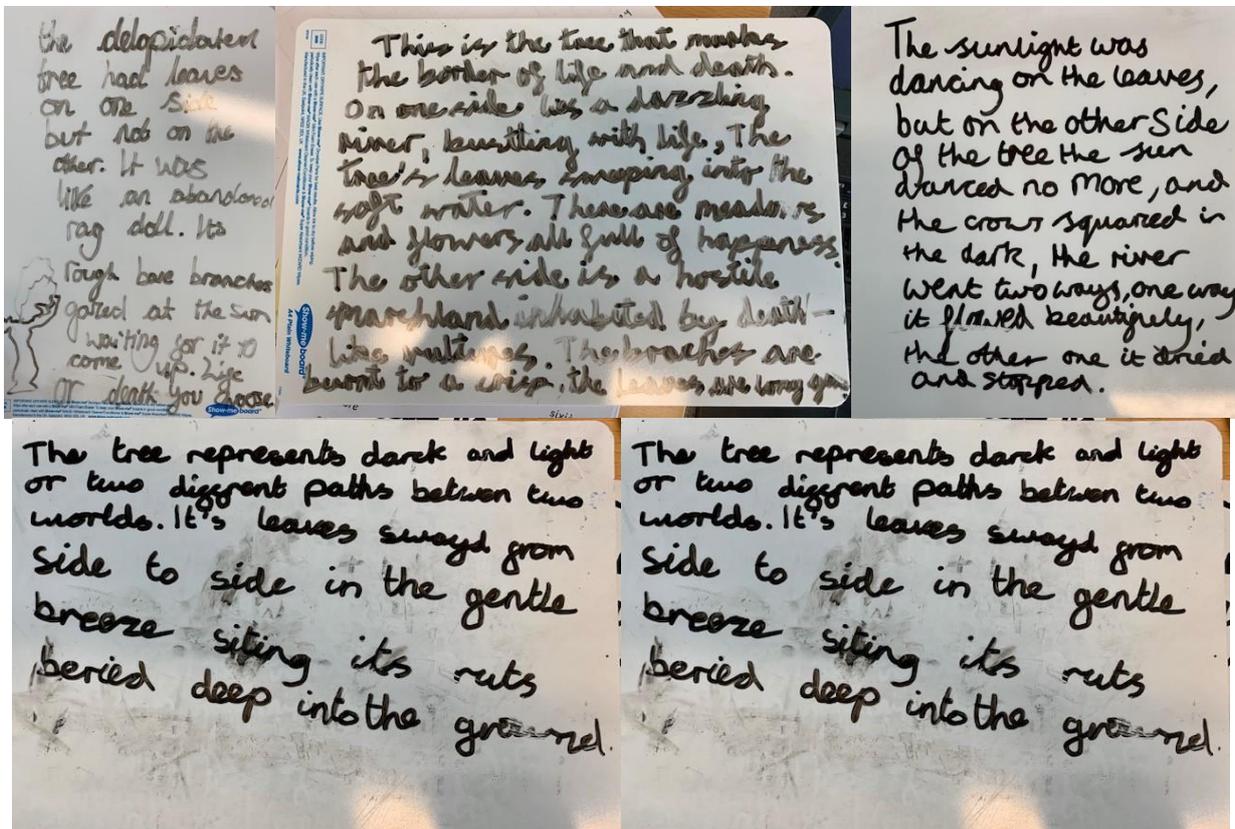
Neave The BFG and Sophie galloped across the dark and dusty wasteland. The moon shone brighter than ever. Up ahead, Sophie could see the nine horrible, hairy giants stampeding across the yellow landscape. The BFG and Sophie travelled as fast as lightning, probably faster! Sophie was so comfortable in the BFG's soft, smooth ear, she started to fall asleep.

Iona Galloping across the dusty wasteland, where the shimmering moon shone on the ground, Sophie slept in the BFG's ear. He ran as fast as a rocket. She was protected by the corner rim of the BFG's ear. Suddenly they could hear the thumping sound of the other giants coming back from places. Sophie hid and curled up tighter in the BFG's ear as they went by.

Theo Running across the blue, rocky plain, Sophie snuggled into the crevice of the BFG's ear. He ran so fast that Sophie had to duck down. Then she saw them. The other man-eating giants were on their way home and their bellies were as pot-bellied as a pups! Sophie was scared.

News from Year 6

Year 6 were challenged to create some descriptive writing as a lesson starter this week:



Skipping Workshops

On Tuesday 6th October, the whole school took part in skipping workshops throughout the day with Lee from SkipHop. Everyone had a lot of fun learning new styles of skipping! It was also great to see lots of the children purchasing ropes of their own which can then be used to help keep active at home and at break and lunchtime.



Remaining INSET Days

Friday, 6th November
 Monday, 22nd February
 Friday, 28th May

Reminder - Advice and Support

CLASS+ are a service that supports families and carers of children and young people with autism. They have a twice weekly advice line open Mondays 10am - 1pm and Fridays 12noon - 3pm. Please do call CLASS+ on 01273 336887 and ask for the CLASS+ advice line.

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Reminder - Communication

Please ensure that you tell your child's class teacher or email/call the School Office **as early in the day as possible** if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourselves. We will not allow a child to go to a different adult without parental permission. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like your child to walk/cycle home without an adult, please email the School Office to confirm that in writing.

Please ensure your child's school uniform and belongings are clearly named so that any misplaced items can be returned to their owners. If your child brings home an item which does not belong to them, please return it to school as soon as possible.

Reminder - Hot School Lunches

Chartwells will be supplying hot school lunches from the beginning of Term 2 for EYFS – Year 6. These can be ordered by the children in the usual way in class each morning and paid for using ParentPay. If you have any queries regarding your ParentPay account, please contact the Bursar, Angi Samuels, bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk Children in EYFS – Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Reminder - The School Day

Thank you for helping by ensuring your child is on time for their class' staggered start at the appropriate entrance to the school site and for collecting them at the staggered exit times.

Year Group	Arrive Time	Departure Time	Entry/Exit Point
EYFS	8.45am	3.15pm	White gate
Year 1	8.35am	3.05pm	White gate
Year 2	8.30am	3.00pm	White gate
Year 3	8.40am	3.10pm	Green gate (in Key Stage 2 playground)
Year 4	8.40am	3.10pm	Fire escape (around side of white fence)
Year 5	8.30am	3.00pm	Green gate (in Key Stage 2 playground)
Year 6	8.30am	3.00pm	Fire escape (around side of white fence)

We still need to avoid parents and carers 'gathering' on the school grounds and therefore **it is vitally important that these timings are followed**. We need to ensure that the children can enter and exit the school safely and in a socially distanced manner. **Please ensure you enter and exit the field as quickly as possible for drop off and collection times**. Please do not bring dogs onto the school field at any time, including when carried. Dogs must remain the car park side of the black gate at all times.

As we must maintain social distancing on the school site, Year 4 should continue to line up on the white line nearest the fire escape in the mornings. Miss Lester will be on the field to receive the children from 8.35am for their 8.40am entry up the fire escape. Similarly, Year 6 should continue to line up at the white line (shown to them) near the fire escape. Either Miss Doone or I (Thursdays) will be on the field to receive the children at 8.25am for their 8.30am entry up the fire escape.

We also ask that you do not allow your children to climb the trees nearest the swimming pool as they are becoming very damaged. Additionally, the bank on the field must not be used before or after school as the paths are very slippery and there are a number of broken branches that may cause harm.

In addition to these measures, we will continue to be closing (and locking) the black gate immediately after school due to a number of trespassers coming onto the school field and damaging the site.

Please ensure you exit the field as quickly as possible once you have collected your child.

Reminder - Healthy Snack and Lunchbox Guidelines

At Western Road School we encourage a healthy, balanced diet. As such, we ask that **all** children bring a named water bottle to school to ensure they are hydrated throughout the day. Juice/smoothies can only be drunk at lunchtimes. Milk is provided for children on request (please see www.coolmilk.com for more information). Fizzy drinks are not permitted on the school site.

At breaktime, only fruit/vegetables, a healthy cereal bar, bread sticks or rice cakes should be eaten. Free fruit/vegetables for EYFS and Key Stage One is available daily.

Packed Lunches

Please find below a list of suggested foods for lunch boxes and a list of foods that are not appropriate. We ask you to please follow these guidelines so your child is best prepared to concentrate and learn in the afternoon.

Foods we encourage

- Sandwiches/rolls/wraps with meat, cheese, fish, marmite, salad (no chocolate spread or jam)
- Salads: pasta, rice, couscous, potato
- Dairy products – cheese, Baby Bel, etc
- Fruit yoghurts (no chocolate content)
- Fresh fruit/dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Seeds
- Healthy cereal bars (low sugar/fat content)

Foods not appropriate

- Confectionary (chocolate, including chocolate biscuits, or sweets)
- Products which contain nuts (we have some children with nut allergies)

Only one of the following on any day

- Bag of crisps
- Small pack of biscuits
- Cake
- Processed food (e.g. Pepperami)
- Food high in fat/salt content (e.g. sausage rolls)

Reminder - Attendance and Illness

School attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of this term. Children's absence must be recorded in the usual way, by telephoning the School Office on the morning of absence and giving a clear reason so we may put the correct mark in the register. It is usual at this time of year for children to suffer from common coughs and colds and the BBC have produced a helpful video which gives information about whether to send your child to school:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>

If a child or member of the household is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms:

a high temperature;

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

the child should not attend school and we must be informed of this immediately by contacting the School Office.

In accordance with current Government guidance, if there is a case of Coronavirus in school, the person with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days. The people they live with must self-isolate for 14 days. Thank you for your support in keeping the school community safe.

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