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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been very busy over the last two weeks - please see some examples of learning below. Over the next fortnight the children will also be participating in a cross-country event and different activities on the school field (photos to follow in the next Newsletter).

You will also receive a letter regarding the skip-hop workshop taking place across the school on Tuesday, 6th October. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit and trainers on that day.

News From FWR

Thank you to all who donated and bought at our recent second-hand uniform sale on the field. Together we raised an impressive £429 for FWR. Please add our next sale date to your diaries – the summer uniform sale will be held on Thursday, 25th March 2021.

Fab-Bricks

Thank you to everyone who ordered a Fab-Bricks LEGO bag-tag/keyring, you helped raise more than £240 for Friends of Western Road. We hope the tags will be delivered before the October half-term. Azure was the standout favourite colour for the brick but all the different fonts got almost equal amounts of love; can't wait to see some of them on school bags! We might do another LEGO based fundraiser in the future, watch this space...

Date for your diary: Halloween Disco Thursday, 22nd October

We are very pleased to announce that we will be going ahead with the Halloween Disco this year with an adapted format in order to be COVID-safe. The event will be pupils only and we will be keeping everyone in their year group bubbles. The safety of the pupils, staff and parents is of utmost priority so we have been working closely with FWR to plan an event that is both safe & fun and brings some further normality for the children. More detailed plans for the event will be shared with you next week.

Year 2 English

Year 2 made our own dream jars based on the story 'The BFG'. We wrote out two of our biggest dreams/aspirations and attached them to our jars ready to be mixed.



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Year 3 History

On Tuesday Year 3 learned all about mummifying . We thought it was so interesting that we wanted to have a go ourselves. Thankfully there were no dead bodies around! So we used an orange and copied the steps that the Ancient Egyptians took! It was loads of fun and we can't wait to see what they look like in two weeks time.



Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been exploring how temperature alters states of matter. This week, we conducted a fair experiment to see which type of chocolate changes from a solid to a liquid (melts) the fastest when heated up. White chocolate melted the fastest, in only 1 minute and 52 seconds, whereas milk chocolate took a whopping 4 minutes to melt!



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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NSPCC

Thank you to our Safeguarding Governor, Hilary Turner, who came in and worked with children from Years 1-6 on the NSPCC theme of 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. The children were reminded of what to do and how to help others in a range of different scenarios and also revised how to find help using Childline. EYFS will have their session in Term 2.



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.

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

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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 also 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 Guideline

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)

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has healthy snacks and lunches.

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 via 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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