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Dear Parents and Carers,

Global Climate Change Action Day

On Friday, 15th March John Parry, the celebrated environmentalist, led an assembly about climate change, with a special focus on our local area. Afterwards he led a workshop with Year Five and Six pupils, exploring ways in which they can make changes to help improve the environment. Throughout the day the children carried out a number of climate-related activities which culminated in a demonstration with Southover on our school field. Thank you to all who supported these events and helped raise awareness of this important issue.

Red Nose Day

On the same day the school supported Red Nose Day by wearing something red, painting noses red and giving a donation to the charity. The children also held a cake sale and a total of £212 was raised. Thank you to Mrs Bedford who co-ordinated the event and to all of you who supported it.

Science Week

Thank you to everyone to come to see the children's work from Science Week on Monday, 18th March. It was lovely to have so many different activities taking place during Science Week on the theme of 'Journeys'.

**EYFS Trip to Plumpton College**

The Reception children had a lovely day on Wednesday at Plumpton Agricultural College as part of their learning journey, 'Down on the farm'. We saw cows and their calves and we all had a chance to hold a young lamb. Thank you to the Reception team for organising the day and to our parent helpers, without whose support the trip would not have been possible.



Year Two Trip to Wakehurst Place

This week Year 2 went to visit Wakehurst Place. They had a brilliant time learning about plants, potting seeds, and exploring nature. The children even had the opportunity to go on a 'story stick trail'! The children used their foraging skills to find interesting leaves and flowers to attach to their story stick. This stick could then be used to tell a creative, imaginative story and could also be taken home. What a great day and thank you to all our parent helpers who accompanied the children.



Staffing in September

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Bedford and Miss Jones are each expecting a baby in September. I know that you will want to join me in congratulating them on this happy news. We are in the process of recruiting temporary staff to cover maternity leave for both Mrs Bedford and Miss Jones from September 2019, and will update you as soon as we can.

Miss Phillips, one of our teaching assistants, is moving to Bexhill this Easter and will not be returning to school after the break. I would like to thank Miss Phillips for all her work at the school and wish her the very best for the future.

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 and Mrs Wooler.**

I am also very sorry to inform you that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hoare at the end of this year, who will be leaving to pursue teaching opportunities abroad. Miss Hoare has worked at the school for over three years and has made a very significant difference, especially in the areas of PE and music. The development of our school Choir, taking part in 'Voice In A Million' at Wembley Arena and the 'Big Sing' at Glyndebourne Opera House are just some of her amazing achievements. Miss Hoare will be missed massively by colleagues, by parents and by the children and I know you will want to join me in wishing her every success in the future.

Important Dates (including Celebration Assemblies)

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| Thursday, 4 th April (split into Key Stages) | FOWR Bunny Bop Disco |
| Friday, 5 th April, 3.20pm – 3.45pm | FOWR Second-hand uniform sale |
| Friday, 5 th April, 3.30pm | End of Term Four |
| Tuesday, 23 rd April | Term Five begins |
| Friday, 26 th April, 9.15am | Celebration Assembly |
| Monday, 6 th May | Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| Week beginning 13 th May | Year Six SATS week |
| Friday, 17 th May | Year Six trip to Hollywood Bowl, Brighton Marina |
| Friday, 17 th May, 9.15am | Celebration Assembly |
| Week beginning 20 th May | Year Six trip to PGL Windmill Hill |
| Friday, 24 th May, 3.30pm | End of Term Five |

Remaining INSET Days 2018 – 2019

Monday, 3rd June

INSET Days 2019 – 2020

Wednesday, 4th September 2019
Thursday, 5th September 2019
Wednesday, 6th November 2019
Monday, 24th February 2020
Friday, 22nd May 2020