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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your good wishes at my appointment as substantive Headteacher. I am truly delighted to be part of such an incredible school community.

It has been a very busy term so far. Thank you to everyone who supported our first MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 27th September – we raised £168.00 for the charity! Thank you to Mrs Adams and FWR for organising the event.

Some pupils took the train to attend the Climate March on Friday, 20th September in Brighton and have talked to their peers about the importance of climate change. Classes have also continued to discuss these issues as part of the PSHCE programme.



Staffing

As I am sure you are aware, Miss Patience is expecting a baby in mid-December and so she will go on maternity leave on 22nd November. We are also sad to say goodbye to Mr Linton who will be moving to Frankfurt at the end of Term 2. I'd like to thank Mr Linton for all his hard work during his time at Western Road. We are currently recruiting for a Year One maternity cover teacher, Year Five class teacher and Deputy Headteacher, with interviews scheduled for before half-term. I will, of course, update you as soon as I have further information.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assembly will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October at 9.15am to which you are warmly invited. During the Harvest Assembly there will be a short presentation from Debbie Twitchen from the Lewes Foodbank, to talk with the children about how a foodbank works and why donations are so important.

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**.

If you would like to make a donation to Lewes Foodbank (canned or dried goods please), please bring them into school from next week until Friday, 25th October. 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.

Parent Art Group

The Parent Art Group would like to hear from anyone who is able to support the group of parents and carers who work with classes on particular art projects, linked with curriculum topics. If you are able to offer any time and support, please do come to a meeting on Monday, 7th October at 9.15am in the Library or email Bec Garland becgarland@yahoo.com or Kate Rees reeskate@hotmail.com for more information. Thank you.

Medicines

If your child has any medication to be administered in school, please see Mrs Winter in the School Office and complete a permission form. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and have their PE kit in school every day (see the school website for further detail). Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

SENCo

Mrs Bradshaw, our SENCo, now works in school on Mondays. 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.

Healthy Eating

Last year, healthy eating was raised at Parent Forum regarding the availability of fruit for desserts and associated reduction in sugary puddings at lunchtimes. In addition, research has shown that young children find it difficult to maintain concentration if they do not have a snack mid-morning. Whilst our Reception and Key Stage 1 children are offered free fruit mid-morning, they may also benefit from also eating something more substantial. We have also seen some children bringing crisps and chocolate as their mid-morning snack. We would ask children bring healthy snacks for breacktimes, for example cheese, crackers, plain rice crackers or simple savoury sandwiches. Please do not send in chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks. Some new parents have asked about bringing in food treats, for examples sweets or cakes for a child's birthday. We have many children with dietary requirements but this is very difficult to organise. Class teachers will always celebrate a child's birthday but please don't bring anything in food treats to school for the teachers to distribute.

News from Friends of Western Road:

Funding update

- FWR are giving each teacher £50 to spend on books from Bags of Books to refresh the class book corners.
- FWR are paying for new playground seating.
- FWR are providing the reception class with new equipment for inside and outside learning.
- FWR are paying for a Voice in a Million workshop for the choir.
- FWR are paying for a new basketball hoop and play equipment for the KS2 playground.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who helped and came to the coffee afternoon last week. We raised an amazing £168 for MacMillan. Thank you!

Halloween Disco

Our disco is on Thursday, 24th October. An information sheet will be sent out this Friday but keep your eyes peeled for the poster designed by the talented Liv Bullock.

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Fancy Dress Outfits

Ahead of our Halloween disco we would like to have a sale of used (in good condition) fancy dress outfits. For children or adults! They can be Halloween themed or any dress up clothes or accessories. Have a clear out and donate to us before next Wednesday. We will have a sale on Friday, 11th October of all fancy-dress outfits donated to us, a great opportunity to buy your Halloween Disco outfit.

Kit for schools - Aldi

Aldi are running a promotion where schools can win £20,000 to kick start their health legacy. We have a poster to complete with 300 stickers in order to be in with a chance of winning. Every time you spend over £30 at Aldi you will get a sticker, please pass them onto the school. Feel free to get family and friends involved, so we can complete our poster in time. There is more information on the Kit for schools - ALDI UK website. Thanks.

Shout out for carpenters and builders

Are any of our parents or carers carpenters or builders? We have plans for the outside space and need your help making them happen. If you have the skills and the time to help, please contact us (see below) or leave a note at the school office. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Fancy Dress second hand sale in the playground – Friday, 11th October - 3.20pm - 3.45pm.

Halloween Disco in the school hall – Thursday, 24th October, more information to follow

Committee meeting (all welcome) – Tuesday, 26th November - 2.40pm - 3.20pm in the school library.

Christmas Jumper Day - wear something festive to school and bring a donation for the Christmas Fair hampers – Monday, 9th December

Christmas Fair in the school hall – Thursday, 12th December.

2020 Dates

Parents/Carers Quiz Night in the school hall – Thursday, 13th February

Easter Disco in the school hall – Thursday, 2nd April

Summer Fair – Saturday, 13th June

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

Thank you for your support.

FWR Team

Dates for Celebration Assembly

Friday, 4th October, 9.15am

Friday, 18th October, 9.15am

Additional dates for your diaries

Tuesday, 1st October Parents' Evening (3.40pm – 6.30pm)

Thursday, 3rd October Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7.30pm)

Wednesday, 23rd October Harvest Festival (9.15am)

Thursday, 24th October Halloween Disco (timings to be confirmed)