

**WESTERN ROAD C.P.SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the last couple of weeks of term and are looking forward to our Christmas activities, including the Nativity play, Carols Around the Tree, the Christmas Fair and the Artists and Makers Fair this Saturday. These are such lovely events, I do hope you'll be able to come. Please see below for a full list of end of term arrangements.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is on Monday, 9th December. The children are invited to wear something Christmas themed to school (if they would like to) and bring a donation for the FWR Christmas Fair hampers or a £1 donation.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Friday, 13th December (see previous letter and email). The children are welcome to wear a seasonal jumper with their usual school uniform.

Carols Around The Tree

This year, we will be celebrating Christmas with our 'Carols Around the Tree' concert on Friday, 20th December at 9.15am, to which you are all warmly invited. The children will sing traditional Christmas songs and there will be a selection of poems and readings. The School Choir will also be performing some special Christmas carols. For health and safety reasons, this event will need to be ticketed - please see separate letter.

Class Parties

Each class will have their own class party on Thursday, 19th December in the afternoon. The children may like to bring in their own clothes to wear for the party, some food to share and board games to play. Please note, children should come to school in their school uniform on this day.

Last Day Of Term

The last day of term is Friday, 20th December at 3.30pm and Term 3 begins on Monday, 6th January 2020.

Big Sing

Yesterday the School Choir performed at the Big Sing at the King's Centre in Eastbourne. The event was attended by many local schools and involved a great amount of preparation and rehearsal. I would like to congratulate the School Choir on their wonderful performance as they sang beautifully. My thanks to Miss Doone, Mrs Hamblin and Mrs Turner (Vice Chair of Governors) for accompanying the children to this event.

New Football Kit

We have been very fortunate and have had new football kit (socks, tops, shorts, shin pads, gloves, and t shirts!) sponsored by and given to us by MJ Zara Ltd, a local land surveying company. We are very proud to wear it for our upcoming events!

TT Rock Stars

We were pleased to launch TT Rocks Stars with children from Year 2 and above. Your child may already have come home with instructions of how to log on. This website is incredibly successful and used with many local primary and secondary schools to improve their knowledge of times tables which are fundamental to so many areas of life. The programme builds on children's successes, addressing areas of weakness in a systemic way. If you have any queries about TT Rock Stars, please see Mrs Adams.

Poppy Appeal 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion by purchasing poppies. The school raised £126.45 for the charity, with a total of £19,223 raised by the district – thank you for all your support.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including a coat with a hood/hat now the weather is turning cold, and have their PE kit in school every day (as below and on the school website). Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

- Navy school fleece with school logo (optional but these are very warm and ideal for Winter and Spring)
- Navy school jumper with or without school logo or navy or mid-grey cardigan (not hoodies)
- White shirt/blouse with long or short sleeves with or without logo or
- White or navy blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Mid-grey or navy trousers or smart shorts, or
- Mid-grey or navy skirts (or skorts), pinafore dresses or school summer dresses (blue/white check)
- White/navy/grey socks **or** tights (not leggings)
- Plain black or navy school shoes (or plain black or navy trainers with no logos); plain sandals in the Summer terms only
- Plain hair accessories (optional and in school colours preferably). We recommend that long hair be tied back

PE kit:

- White T-shirt or polo shirt with school logo (or plain)
- Grey or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (plain with no logos)
- Trainers or plimsolls

Playground use after school

Please could I remind children, parents and carers that the Key Stage One playground is closed to everyone as of 3.40pm. Children who are supervised by an adult are welcome to play on the Key Stage Two playground each day until 4pm, except for Wednesdays when the playground is used for Netball Club. **However, as previously stated, children are not permitted to ride on scooters or bikes on the playground and should not be playing any ball games. The playground closes promptly at 4pm, in-line with our safeguarding procedures.**

SENCo

Mrs Bradshaw, our SENCo, 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.

Reminder - 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 breaktimes, 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

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**.

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 (FWR)

Artists and Makers - is on Saturday, 7th December with a preview evening on Friday, 6th December. Please make cakes or bakes for the cafe and sign up to the volunteer sheet in the playground to help.

School Christmas Fair:

Christmas jumper/wear something Christmassy day - is on Monday, 9th December - wear something Christmas themed to school (if you want to) and donate a gift for our hamper or £1 at the gate that morning.

School Christmas Fair - is on Thursday, 12th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall.

DONATIONS - we need toys and books in good condition to sell at our fair. Drop them into school anytime over the next 2 weeks.

Christmas Cards - thank you to the 104 parents or carers who bought cards, you raised £331.80 for the school! Cards went home in book bags this week.

Dates for your diary:

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 and auction in the school hall – Thursday, 13th February
FWR AGM and Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 23rd March at 2.30pm.

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

FWR Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 18th May at 2.30pm

Summer Fair – Saturday, 13th June

FWR Committee meeting (all welcome) – Monday, 6th July at 2.30pm

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 or leave a message at the school office for us.

Join Friends of Western Road

Do you want to join our committee? We are looking for people to fill several roles. Get in touch to find out more!

Thank you for your support.

FWR Team

Dates for Celebration Assembly

Friday, 13th December, 9.15am (final one for this term)

Additional dates for your diaries

Prospective EYFS parent meetings	Week commencing 2 nd December
Late night shopping in Lewes	Thursday, 5 th December
Artists and Makers	Preview night Friday, 6 th December Saturday, 7 th December
Christmas jumper day	Monday, 9 th December
Sussex Downs pantomime (in school)	Monday, 9 th December
FWR Christmas Fair	Thursday, 12 th December, 3.30pm
School Christmas lunch	Friday, 13 th December
Drama Club showcase for parents/carers	Monday, 16 th December, 4.15pm
EYFS/Key Stage One Nativity	Tuesday, 17 th December, 2pm (see letter) Wednesday, 18 th December, 2pm (see letter)
Carols Around The Tree	Friday, 20 th December, 9.15am (see letter)
End of Term 2	Friday, 20 th December, 3.30pm
Start of Term 3	Monday, 6 th January 2020