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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fabulous year at Western Road and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year.

At this time we say goodbye to our wonderful Year Six students and wish them every success as they begin Secondary School. All the staff are so very proud of them - we look forward to hearing about their achievements in the future.

Finally we wish you all a lovely Summer (let's hope the weather stays like this for a while!) and look forward to seeing the children once again on September 5th.

Parent View

It's been a little while since we asked parents to complete the online Ofsted Parent View. As we reach the end of the school year, it would be very helpful to gather feedback from as many parents as possible to help us with our school's self-evaluation. Therefore, I'd be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing the Ofsted Parent View for this academic year. Please follow the link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you in advance for your help with this.

News From School Council

It has been a busy and productive year for the School Council and I would like to thank Charlie, Rianna, George, Woody, Elieh, Lola, Orson, Daniel and Abby for all their hard work and contributions.

The children have participated in a number of important discussions and decisions and we just wanted to summarise them here so you know what a valuable job they do.

Early on in the academic year we took a trip to Lewes Town Council where they met the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. They received a tour and held a mock Council session. This was very much enjoyed by children and parents, and was a valuable lesson in how a real life Council session was run.

We have taken part in a range of fundraising this year, one of which being Children in Need, where the School Council decided what we were going to do as a school to raise money. Just a reminder that this raised a brilliant total of £180.

Later on in the year, the children collaborated with Mr Montebello and myself on the revised Behaviour Policy, which included creating their own child-friendly version. This would not have been possible without their contributions and brilliant ideas! They have also supported with the current class Art Projects helping to decide what the theme would be.

And finally, they have begun a long term project focused on Reducing Plastics at school. As well as some other selected children, the School Council took part in a workshop at the Linklater Pavilion where we learnt all about how

plastics affect the environment and what we can do to help. From this, we have produced a four point long-term action plan for our school:

1. Introduce mixed recycling e.g. plastic bottles, cardboard, paper etc. (We have already received our mixed recycling bins and will begin to use them in September.)
2. Reduce the use of single use plastic bottles - school lunches, buy multi-use bottles etc.
3. Introduce Plastic Free Friday once a termly / bi-termly.
4. Organise a school beach clean.

This has been a great start to this project and make sure you keep a look out for more on this next academic year.

Part-Time Caretaker Vacancy

As some of you may know, Mrs Fisher will be leaving Western Road at the end of the year. Mrs Fisher has been the Caretaker at our school for over eight years and I'd like to thank her for all her hard work during this time and wish her every success for the future.

This means we do have a vacancy for a part-time Caretaker. The advert for this position will be on East Sussex County Council's website shortly. Should any parents be interested in this role, or know of anyone who might be, please do come and see me.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Sports Day last week. As always the children gave their all. Congratulations to all those who took part and to Mount Harry for winning the House Cup. Special thanks to Miss Hoare for organising a lovely event.

INSET Days 2018 – 2019

Monday, 3rd September
Tuesday, 4th September
Tuesday, 6th November
Thursday, 3rd January
Friday, 4th January
Monday, 3rd June

Term One 2018 – 2019 Important Dates

Wednesday, 5th September – Children return to school after Summer break
Thursday, 11th October - FOWR Second hand uniform sale in the school playground
Thursday, 18th October – FOWR Halloween disco (reception and KS1 3.30pm / KS2 5.15pm)
Saturday, 1st December – FOWR Artists and Makers Fair at Lewes Town Hall
Friday, 7th December – FOWR Christmas Fair in the school hall
Saturday, 15th June - Summer Fair in the school playground and field.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children for being awarded the Headteacher's Cup and certificate:



Amy and Shem



Buddy and Theo