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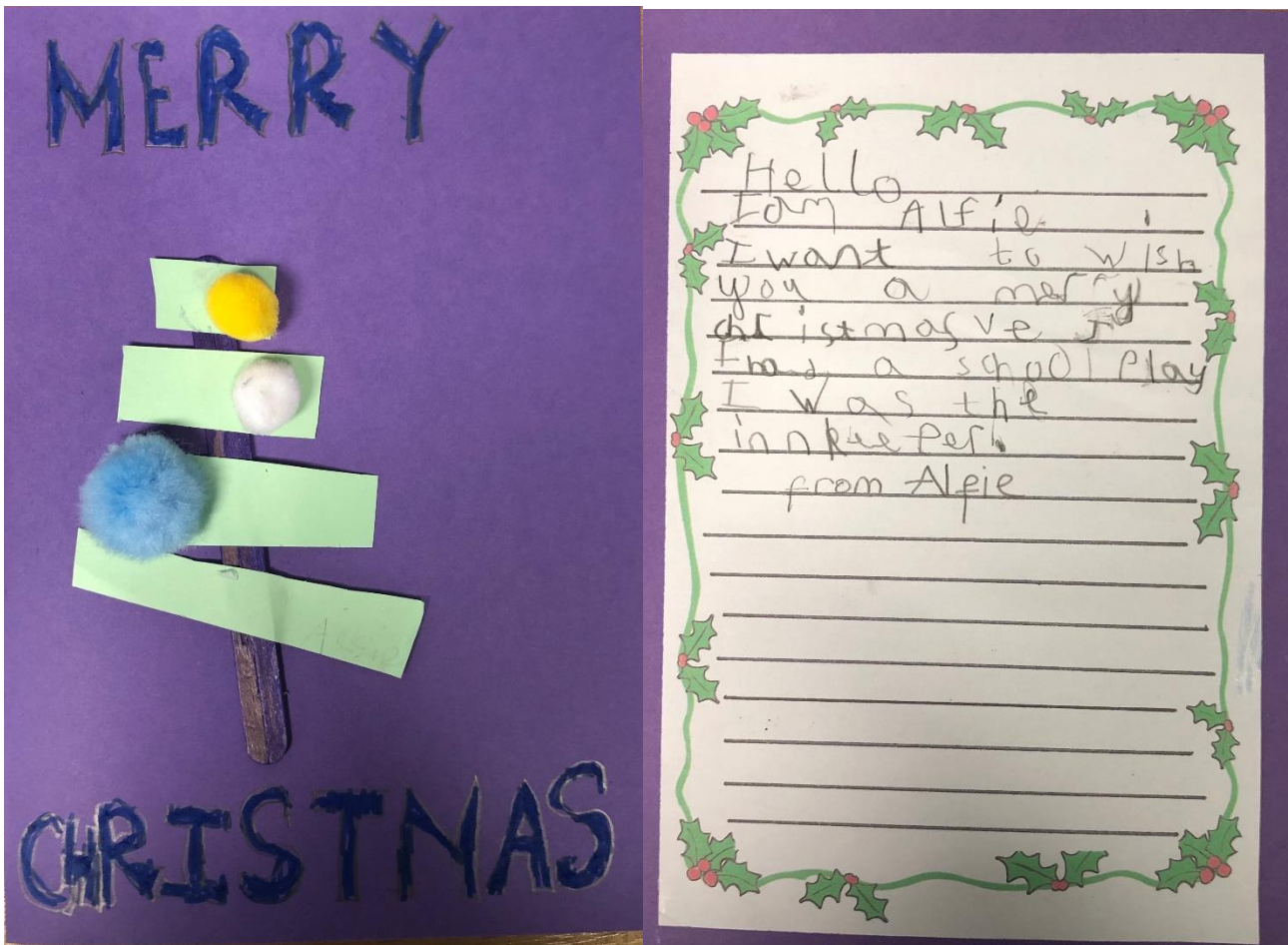
Newsletter No 6 – 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a fantastic term, culminating in their Christmas performances which were filmed on Tuesday, 15th December. Our thanks to Stefan Bracher who filmed and edited each performance.

The links to the school's You Tube channel will be emailed to you this afternoon and I do hope you enjoy seeing them. We also managed to persuade Miss Hoare (currently in Doha, Qatar) to make an appearance with each class so we could continue our tradition of singing 'Rudolph'!

Each class has taken time to create cards and letters for people in local care homes in our community and these will be delivered next week, in time for Christmas, as part of an initiative run by the TES.



Thank you all for your kindness and support this term. We hope you have a restful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 4th January 2021.

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Prize-Winning Writing in Year 6

Congratulations to Rupert in Year 6 who was the first-place prize winner of The Foundation Stage Forum's first annual Children's Story Writing Competition. Rupert won £150 book voucher for the school which will be spend on enriching texts for each classroom. Rupert's story will also be published on The Foundation Stage Forum's website www.eyfs.info so please do take a look!

Cross-Country Success

Congratulations to the children who were in the top 25 of our local schools for the School Games cross country. Iona came tenth and Agatha came 17th out of all the girls. Sander came second out of all the boys, Wilf eighth, Jacomo 12th and Ivar 13th.



Friends of Western Road – Christmas Festival 2020

Huge thanks to the Friends of Western Road with fundraising this year. It has been wonderful to see the children's wishes flitting in the breeze on the Tree of Wishes. We hope some of those come true! Father Christmas visited the children during their Christmas lunch. All the children received a gift from him to take home as a celebration on the last day of term. All the classes have been busy crafting cards and decorations. We hope you have enjoyed those as they have made their way home. Tea towels have been a roaring success this year. Thank you for supporting this fun fundraiser. Thank you too for treating yourselves and the children at our festive cake sales.

You have raised a mighty impressive £560 for FWR during this festival month, much needed and appreciated funds for the school. We hope the ten lucky raffle winners will enjoy their Sussex goodies and books!

Merry Christmas from Friends of Western Road.



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Swimming

Years 5 and 6 will begin swimming at Wave Leisure Centre on Fridays in Terms 3 and 4 as part of the PE curriculum. Years 3 and 4 will swim in Terms 5 and 6.

Term 3 After School Clubs

Albion In The Community will continue to run football club for Years 3 and 4 (girls and boys) after school on Thursdays on the school field. The club is running from Thursday, 14th January to Thursday, 4th February with a footballing coach for each class bubble. There are still spaces available so please do follow the links below if you would your child to join:

To book a place for a Year 3 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-15>

To book a place for a Year 4 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-16>

Premier Sport will continue to run Archery Club for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesdays. This will be on the school field so please ensure your child has appropriate wet weather clothing if necessary. Premier Sport will also be running a Gymnastics Club for Years 1 and 2 in the school hall on Tuesdays. Please see flyers sent out last week if you would like to book the sessions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday, 25th September, we held the Macmillan Coffee Morning to support the incredible work of the Macmillan. Thank you to everyone who supported the event – we raised £113.27 for the charity – thank you.

Reminder - Remaining INSET Days

Monday, 22nd February 2021

Friday, 28th May 2021

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - Hot School Lunches

Chartwells continue to supply hot school lunches 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.

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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	3.15am	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)

A copy of the latest COVID-19 risk assessment can be found on the school website. It includes information on the wearing of face masks following current Government guidance.

As part of the risk assessment, we ask that you avoid 'gathering' on the school grounds and adhere to the above timings of the school day to ensure everyone 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 ensure you exit the field as quickly as possible once you have collected your child.

Reminder - Healthy Snack and Lunchbox Guidelines

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

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- Processed food (e.g. Pepperami)
- Food high in fat/salt content (e.g. sausage rolls)

Reminder - Attendance and Illness

School attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of Term 1. 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. If your child has a stomach bug, please ensure they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness to prevent the spread of infection.

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 by contacting 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 also self-isolate for 10 days (**changed 14.12.2020**).

Updated COVID-19 information from the DfE (9th December 2020) for during the Christmas holidays

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. We ask that you contact head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk if a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 between the end of term and 24th December.

Thank you for your support in keeping the school community safe.

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