

Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you all regarding changes and new arrangements for the school from the beginning of September 2015; the new school year. As you will already know, I will be moving on to take up the Headteacher post in a bigger school in Brighton. It will have been a short, but exciting 18 months as Headteacher at Western Road Community Primary School.

The Governors, in consultation with East Sussex County Council have been working hard to find an Interim Headteacher and are pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Montebello, to lead the school from September.

Mr Montebello trained to teach in the primary phase over twenty years ago. He has always taught in East Sussex, holding senior posts in both primary and secondary schools. In June 2012 Matthew successfully completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH), for which he undertook a month-long placement in a large primary teaching school in Brighton. In October 2013 Matthew was seconded to Northiam CEP School as Head of School, working with an Executive Headteacher and became the Headteacher in September 2014, a position he currently holds. Earlier this year, Matthew led the school through a very successful Ofsted review. Matthew grew up in Lewes and is very much looking forward to working in the town and being a part of the life of the town once more.

In addition, there will be some further staff changes. Miss Ingram will be moving to a new school to be closer to home. As she has loved teaching Year 5 so much, she will be teaching Year 5 in her new school too. We wish her all the very best. Although she has only been at the school for a year, she has made an enormous contribution to the children she has taught, and the school in general.

Miss Liddicoat will be moving to London, and has been successful in winning a teaching position in a school in South London. She has been at Western Road for nearly 3 years, completing her PGCE placement here. She has led on P.E. and provided the children at our school with many exciting sporting opportunities in recent years. We wish her every success in her teaching in London.

Sadly, Mrs Ofield, our Deputy Headteacher will be moving on after 14 years dedicated hard work to Western Road Community Primary School. She has contributed to many areas of the school, teaching across all age ranges, covering the SENCo position, Assessment, leading Early Years, Key Stage One and Two. She has been a tremendous support during my time at the school. In her new post Mrs Ofield will be a class teacher, teaching Year 4; which she is very much looking forward to. We wish her all the very, very best.

Mrs Bowen, our Year 1 Teaching Assistant and Mrs Saunders from Reception, will also be leaving at the end of this school year. Both are long serving members of staff, Mrs Bowen has been at Western Road for 14 years, and Mrs Saunders for 19 years. They are two extremely dedicated and hardworking members of staff, and are popular with both parents and children. We wish them well as they prepare for some well earned rest, and time to enjoy some of the finer things in life.

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, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Mr Giddens** and **Mrs Ofield**.

The 8th May Newsletter mentioned the appointment of Mr Luke Swinney to a Key Stage 2 teacher position. We also have been fortunate to appoint another experienced teacher, Mrs Kerry Bedford, who will also be teaching in Key Stage Two. Mrs Bedford has been teaching for 7 years, and will bring considerable experience to the English Curriculum, School Council, and Child Protection.



Mrs Bedford

Mrs Judith Beechey and Mrs Sherry Wilson have also been appointed as permanent members of staff as a 'job-share', meaning they will each teach half the week, covering one class. Together, they will cover their own planning and preparation time (PPA), so there will be no other teachers covering the class during the week. They will be teaching in Key Stage Two.

Zoe Hurlock, currently an experienced teacher at Wallands Community Primary School, has been seconded to Western Road C.P. School for a year, and will lead Key Stage One, and Foundation Stage. She will be part of the Senior Leadership Team. We are looking forward to her joining the school in September.

Mr Neil Passingham will be staying on at Western Road, and will provide PPA Cover for all teachers in the school and the management time to the senior members of staff. We are pleased to have him returning to the school in September.

The Governors have also recently appointed a new Bursar, Joanna Salanson, to the school. Mrs Tanya Fitzgerald has been our temporary Bursar now for the past 10 months, and has provided the school with an enormous amount of time, energy, skills and expertise. During this time, while Mrs Fitzgerald has been supporting Western Road, she has also been doing her normal day job as Bursar of Alfriston School. I'm am sure they will be pleased to have her back full-time. The new Bursar will take up the post in September.

The school is now in the final stages of appointing a SENCo, and we will let you know the outcome of this in due course, along with a list of which teachers will be teaching particular year groups next year. New teaching staff will be in school for Transition Day, Monday 20th July, to get to know their new classes, and will be available in the afternoon to meet with, and speak with parents in the playground.

The past 18 months has been a time of considerable change for Western Road Community Primary School. With the hard work of all staff, the school is currently in a very secure position and Western Road will continue to move forward in a positive direction.

Martyn Giddens

HEADTEACHER

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Friday 19th June: INSET Day: School Closed to Children
- Week Beginning Monday 22nd June - Art Week
- Friday 26th June - Art sharing assembly (TBC)
- Saturday 27th June - Summer Fair: 12.00pm - 3.00pm
- Tuesday 30th June - School Sports Day and Centenary Picnic
- Wednesday 1st July - Reception 2015 (September Intake) School Visit (9.15am - 10.15am)
- Thursday 2nd July - L.C.L.P (Lewes Cooperative Learning Partnership) Launch: 6.00pm - Lewes Town Hall
- Friday 3rd July - District Sports Day
- Week Beginning Monday 6th July - Year 6 children preparing for Patina

- Wednesday 8th July - Reception 2015 (September Intake) School Visit (9.15am - 10.15am)
 - Thursday 9th July - Full Governors Meeting: 6.00pm
 - Friday 10th July - Year 6 Patina (All Day)
 - Friday 10th July - Celebration Assembly: 3.00pm
 - Week Beginning - Monday 13th July: Year 6 PGL Visit
 - Thursday 16th July - Reception 2014 - 2015 & 2015 - 2016 Teddy Bear's Picnic: 11.30am - 1.00pm
 - Monday 20th July - Transition Day (all day)
 - Tuesday 21st July - Class Parties / Year 6 Graduation & Prize-Giving: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
 - Wednesday 22nd July - Last Day of Term
- 11.00am: Final Assembly
- 12.15pm: Registration and ice-cream van (children go home with their parents once they have received their ice-cream)