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Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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News from the Headteacher:

Welcome back: It was really fantastic to see you all again at the gate Thursday morning. The children certainly looked rested, and were very keen and excited being back at school. All teachers report they have had a productive and enjoyable first two days back. We have all noticed that all children are wearing their school uniform, or school colours! They look fantastic. Having all children in uniform certainly enhances the ethos and attitudes of children towards their school, and their learning. We look forward to seeing this continue. If you do require any items of school uniform, then please contact Mrs Winter in the office.

Open Classes: There will be Open Classes for parents the week beginning Monday 15th September. These sessions will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher, and hear about some of the things happening this term (reverse for details)

Concerns: At any time during the school year, if you are unhappy or concerned about any aspect of your child's schooling, then we would like to hear from you. If the issue relates to something happening in class, then please make a time to speak with your child's classroom teacher. If the issue is of another nature, then please do come and speak with me in person.

Medical: Mrs Ofield would like to hear from you if there have been any changes to your child's medical needs. Please contact her via the office email address, or speak with her personally.

School Security: The safety and well-being of all children throughout the school day is of high-importance to us. The main school gate and main office door are locked, and all visitors to the school are buzzed in via the main office. All children continue to have easy access to the school building during their normal break times. The school gate is opened for pupils at 8.40am, and then locked again at 9.00am. At the end of the school day, the gate will be opened at 3.20pm, and then locked again at 4.00pm, allowing time for all children, parents and carers to vacate the school premises as the grounds are used by the After-School Club. Children are supervised closely by school staff in the playground and on the apparatus throughout the school day. If children are using any of the apparatus outside of school hours: 8.40am - 8.55am, or from 3.30pm—4.00pm, then I kindly remind parents and carers assist supervise your children during these times - thank you.

Items Wanted: If you have, or know of any items of office furniture that might be able to be donated to the school then please let us know e.g. filing cabinets, book shelves, office desks, unwanted scooters, or even any sofas.

Free School Meals: If you are eligible for a Free School Dinner because you receive benefits (if you are in receipt of one of the following: Income Support; Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; *Child Tax Credit *additional information available) then please register this information with the school as we receive additional funding.

Updating website: I am in the process of updating sections of the school's website - please do have a look for up-to-date information about what is happening at our school this year.

Before and Afterschool Club:

A reminder that payments for all sessions should be made in advance (for Breakfast AND After-School Club) via the school office to ensure you do not lose your place. The Booking Form can be obtained from the school office, or download from the school's website: 'Parents' Info / Extended School, or call Paul Herdman on 07531954 046. When collecting your children from the After-school Club, please use the buzzer on the main door, and your child will be brought to the main office to be signed out. You can now call the Breakfast or After-School Club between the hours of: 7.30am - 9.00am; and 3.30pm - 6.00pm by calling the school number and selecting 'option 3'.

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**.

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Open Classes: Week Beginning Monday 15th Sept.
- Thursday 11th September: Reception Children Start School
- Friday 12th September: Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 24th September: Parents' Forum
- Wednesday 17th September: FOWR Meeting
- Thursday 9th October: Harvest Assembly 10.00am

Celebration Assemblies this term:

As a reminder to all parents and carers, Celebration Assemblies take place every alternate Friday, starting at 3.00pm in the school hall. If your child has been selected to receive a Headteacher's Award, you will be sent an invitation letter during the week.

The dates for these are:

- Friday 12th September; Friday 26th September; Friday 10th October; Friday 24th October.

Who's Who at Western Road this Year: 2014—2015 Staffing

There are two new teachers at Western Road this year. We welcome Miss Mackinnon who is teaching in Year One, and Miss Ingram who is in Year Five. Some other teachers have moved to different classes too. Here's where everyone is this year.

**Reception**

Mrs McGarry & Mrs Saunders

**Year One**

Miss Mackinnon & Mrs Bowen

**Year Two**

Mrs Ofield & Mrs Bowen
and Mrs Winsor

**Year Three**

Mrs Wilson & Mrs Perry

**Year Four**

Mrs Liddicoat & Mrs Flowers

**Year Five**

Miss Ingram & Mrs Allcorn

**Year Six**

Mrs Wooler, Mrs Hill, & Mrs Hasan

**P.P.A.**

Mrs Beechey

New Children to our school this year:

- Emmanuel - Reception
- Nico & Roux - Year 1
 - Noemi - Year 2
 - Madeleine - Year 3 (who has returned to Western Road)
 - Paloma - Year 4
 - Luca - Year 6
- A huge welcome to these children ... we hope you enjoy your new school.

Open Classes:

- Monday 15th September: Year 4 (3.45pm - 4.30pm)
- Tuesday 16th September: Year 6 (3.45pm - 4.30pm)
- Thursday 18th September: Year 2 & 3 (3.45pm - 4.30pm)
- Friday 19th September: Year 1 & 5 (3.45pm - 4.30pm)

Quote for the week: (from a book titled: Live and Learn, and Pass It On!)

I've learned that people allow themselves to be only as successful as they think they deserve to be- age 51