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Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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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**.

Celebration Assembly

The following children have received a Headteacher's Award this week; well done to all of you for your continued hard work and effort.

- Elm: Oaka Clowser & Harry Frost
- Cherry: Noemi Monroe & Dillon Board
- Larch: Henry Gibbs & Isobel Morgan
- Willow: Alice Symonds & Solomon Aston-Field
- Elder: Niamh Gearey & Freddie Gorman-Strong
- Oak: Menna Hicks & Samuel Gayford

School Attendance

Oak: 97.3%

Elder: 94.1%

Willow: 98.7%

Larch: 99.7%

Cherry: 99.3%

Elm: 95.3%

Overall School
Attendance is 97.4%.
Well done everyone!



House Points

Firle Beacon: 214

Mount Caburn: 166

Black Cap: 195

Mount Harry: 156

New Children

Tommy - Year 4

Heidi - Year 2

Ivy - Year 1

News from the Headteacher:

Communication with Teachers: I have asked all teachers to try and be outside by 8.50am each morning, 5 minutes before the bell rings to speak with parents. Please feel free to speak with them then.

Governor Elections: We have an exciting opportunity and vacancy for a Parent Governor to support our hard working Governing Body. Please see documents which are being sent home today. These will also be available via the school's website: <http://www.westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk>

School Photos: Many parents have requested that we have school photos this year - which we have done. All photos will be taken on the one day (Individual, Family, Class) and you will all then have the opportunity to purchase these - they will make lovely Christmas gifts! Please mark this day on your calendar (see over).

Parents' Open Evening: The first open evening for the year will be held on Tuesday 11th November from 3.45pm - 7.00pm divided in 5min blocks of time. These short meetings will be information sharing meetings - for teachers to find out more about the children they are teaching.

Late to School: Thank you for making sure that children who arrive after 8.55am sign in at the Office. I am monitoring these late marks, and I will be contacting any families at the end of the term if necessary.

Harvest Assembly: What a fantastic Harvest Assembly we had yesterday. Thank you everyone for your generosity - supporting The Lewes Food Bank and The Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

School Library Books: Do you have any school library books at home? If so, please return them to school as soon as possible - many of these books are on loan for use from the School's Library Service.

Car Park: With the recent wet weather, it has again highlighted the need for another urgent reminder: please only use the 'dropping off' bays provided in the Staff Car Park. **Do not** park in allocated Staff Parking Bays, double park, on the yellow lines, or in the driveway - on Wednesday this week, our emergency access was completely blocked and seriously compromises pupil safety.

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Friday 17th October: 2.30pm Black History Month Performance Assembly
- Tuesday 21st October: 10.30am Black History Month 'Guest' Assembly
- Tuesday 21st October: 6.00pm - Teaching & Learning Governors Meeting
- Friday 24th October: Last Day of Term One
- Monday 3rd November: First Day of Term Two
- Thursday 6th November: INSET Day - School Closed for Children
- Friday 7th November: School Photos
- Tuesday 11th November: Open Evening for Parents - 3.45pm - 7.00pm
- Week beginning Monday 1st December: School Visits for Reception places for September 2015
- Saturday 6th December: Artists and Makers - 10.00am - 5.00pm



Michael Bond and Friend!

Michael Bond

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23rd July 2014

Dear Elsa,

Thank you very much for your letter. It's very nice to learn that you enjoy reading both the *Olga da Polga* books and *Paddington* as I certainly enjoy writing them.

I do think guinea pigs are in many ways the nicest of all small pets, and over the years I have had a number of *Olga*'s. In the beginning they were all illustrated by Hans Helweg, who hailed from Denmark. Sadly, he died, and Catherine Rayner has now taken over. She is now working on a bumper coloured edition of the first book in the series with lots of new art work.

I am currently very busy with *Paddington* because there is a film being made which comes out in the cinemas towards the end of November, and before that a book called *Love from Paddington* which contains all the letters to his Aunt Lucy in the Home for Retired Bears over the years. I am also working on a longer *Paddington* book for publication in 2015, but that has yet to have a title.

I had my first short story published in 1947 when I was serving in the army in Egypt, and carried on writing when I was a BBC television cameraman until I took to full time writing in 1965.

I have written over 200 books in total, and that includes a series for grown-ups about a retired French detective called Monsieur Pamplemousse and his dog Pommes Frites, and the eighteenth one is due out this week.

Why do like being an author? I ask myself that question sometimes when I come up against a problem! But on the whole I enjoy it and I don't have to retire!

Thank you again for taking the trouble to write. I'm glad you like marmalade.

But wishes Michael Bond

Children in Year Three last year, wrote to some authors - and here is one of the replies, from Michael Bond! Well done!

Sports Leaders: At the end of last year, these children applied and were interviewed for one of the Year 6 Sports Leader roles. They have already been working hard to undertake the duties of their role by helping out on Sports Day, ensuring PE equipment is kept tidy and looked after and keeping us up to date with news from matches. From Monday the Sports Leaders will be running activities in the playground, which will be available for all children to join in with. Check the PE display to see the friendly faces you can expect to see running activities each day!



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

I've learned that kindness is more important than perfection - age 70