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Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Oak: 95.7%

Elder: 94.8%

Willow: 92.2%

Larch: 97.1%

Cherry: 94.8%

Elm: 93.6%

Silver Birch: 94.3%

TOTAL: 94.6%



Sadly, this will be my final Newsletter as Headteacher of Western Road Community Primary School. It has been an exciting 18 months, and I am most proud of being able to leave Western Road as a 'Good' School. I would like to thank all the staff for the tremendous hard work, dedication and commitment to the school during my time as Headteacher. We have a school where children are motivated and engaged in their learning. They take pride in the work they do, and are eager to make progress, and suggest ways that they can improve. I am reminded of this when I hear teachers talking so passionately about children at our Celebration Assemblies.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your support and commitment to supporting the staff to move the school forward. Your involvement in the school, and in your children's education has been a significant part of our success. I know that Mr Montebello is looking forward to meeting you all, and building on our successes.

Dates (INSET Days for 2015 - 2016): I have spoken with Mr Montebello, and can now confirm the INSET Days for the next academic year. There are five INSET Days allocated each year. As there are new members of staff starting from September, an extra training day has been allocated at the start of the term. The INSET dates are:

- Wednesday 2nd September & Thursday 3 September, 2015
- Friday 6th November, 2015
- Monday 22nd February, 2016
- Friday 17th June, 2016

These can also be found on the East Sussex County Council Website: <https://payments.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsearch/8452073.aspx>

Deputy Headteacher Position: I have great pleasure in announcing that from September 2015, Mrs Wooler will take up the post of Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Wooler is an experienced KS1 and KS2 teacher, and has supported the school for 2 years on the Senior Leadership Team, in her role as KS2 Co-ordinator. Congratulations Mrs Wooler!

Reception Appointment: It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs Karen Reed has been appointed as the Teaching Assistant in Reception from September, 2015. She is an experienced TA, and is very much looking forward to joining the team, and meeting you all.

Final Day Arrangements: A reminder that our final day for the school year is Wednesday 22nd July. Our final, farewell assembly will be at 11.00am, and we will be saying goodbye to the staff who are leaving: Mrs Perry, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Ofield, Miss Liddicoat, and Miss Ingram. All children will go back to class for 2nd registration at approximately 12.15pm, complete a final pack-up and farewell to their teacher and friends, and wait to be called for their end of term ice-cream. All children can be taken home with parents / carers once they have had their ice-cream. There will be no lunch break on the final day. It will be unbearably hot in the hall during this final assembly, so we will try and get through the programme as quickly as possible so children can get their ice-cream.

Thank You: Thank you to all the parents who have supported the school throughout the year, whether you supported the after-school clubs (Mr Warner, Mrs Edwards, Ms Murray, Ms Akehurst); Have been a class rep. on Parents' Forum; Supported F.O.W.R with fund-raising events; Helped in class - listening to children read - thank you! Your support has been appreciated.

FOWR UPDATE: Thank you to parents, carers and staff for all the support, donations, time etc that you have given over the past year. During this time we have raised a huge amount from events such as Artists & Makers, Christmas Fair, Summer Fair (close to £2,500), Nearly New Sales, Sports Day Refreshments, Book Sales, and Phil the Bag collections. Some of the things we have funded since last September: the outdoor table tennis tables (£1,050), new netball posts (£500), contributions towards class trips (£1,400), KS1 Science show (£180); Centenary Badges (£110), Art Week (£2,400); Patina (£660); Role play resources for KS1 (£400); additional Guided Reading Books (£735); Skip-Hop Workshop (£350).

End of Year Data: Western Road C.P. School has a tradition of securing strong end of year results for children, and this year has been no exception. If you have children in Year 2 & 6; Reception and Year 1, you will have received their SATS or Phonics Screening Reports. Below is a summary of our end of year results:

Year 1 Phonics Screening: 86.7%

Year 2: (L2+) Reading 90% Writing 90% Maths 93.3%

Year 6: (L4+) Reading 96.7 Writing 96.7% Maths 96.7% GPS: 96.7%

Reception: 90% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development

Year 6 Residential Trip: Year 6 arrived home on Friday after a week away on their residential trip to PGL. They had an amazing, memorable time. Thank you to Mrs Wooler and Miss Liddicoat for their organisation and attendance on this 24/7 trip - a long and exhausting week working over-and-above the normal working hours. A special thank you to Mr Simon Hasan also, who attended for the week. I know that the children really enjoyed having you there, and joining in on all the activities with them. Thank you!!



School Dinner from September:

Our catering company, Chartwells, have announced that from September 2015, School Dinners will increase by £0.01, to £2.03. A letter from the catering company has been uploaded to the website for your reference, and has also been emailed out to all families. Their meals contain no undesirable food additives or hydrogenated fats; 75% of the dishes are freshly prepared; meat comes from farms which satisfy UK welfare standards; eggs are laid by cage-free hens; and there are no GM ingredients used. All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 from September continue to be eligible for free school meals through the Government's Universal Free School Meals Scheme. Having Free School Meals saves over £400 annually per child. However, after Year 2, some children continue to be eligible to continue receiving Free School Meals - if you are in receipt of: *Income Support; Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance; Income Related Employment & Support Allowance*. See documents and application on our website under 'Parents / School Meals'.

News from the Governors: Our sincere thanks to Lynn Gayford, who is resigning at the end of the school year, for over 4 years of dedicated service as a Parent Governor - thank you Lynn. Governors look forward to welcoming Alison Teagle who received the most votes in the recent parent governor election. Governors very much appreciate the support received from parents and carers during a rather busy time.

Transition Day: Have you remembered that today is 'Transition Day?' All children will be spending the day in their new class with their new teacher - how exciting! The teachers will be out in the playground at the end of the day, so please take an opportunity to introduce yourself.



Martyn Giddens - **HEADTEACHER**

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.

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

I've learned that you learn most from people who are learning themselves (62)