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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.

- Reception: Silver Birch: Nellie Ashton & Ben Ross
- Elm: Nico Vial-Montero & Georgia Docherty
- Cherry: Shem-Tov Salaman-Serper & Mirren Hicks
- Larch: Rianna Walker & Hayden Furner
- Willow: Tiegan Smith & Nicholas Siqueira Matos
- Elder: Rose Rowland & Oliver Goodwin
- Oak: Lily Harding & Edward Leyton

Weekly Attendance

Oak: 94.0%

Elder: 98.0%

Willow: 92.2%

Larch: 97.7%

Cherry: 90.7%

Elm: 91.3%

Silver Birch: 94.0%

Overall School Attendance for Term One is 94.0%.



Weekly House Points

Firle Beacon: 228

Mount Caburn: 197

Black Cap: 403

Mount Harry: 227



News from the Headteacher:

Sardinian Exchange: Some parents have been asking about this annual event; and yes, we will be participating with this again this year. The agreed dates for families to visit The Chatterbox School in Sardinia are: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May, 2015. Chatterbox School pupils will visit us from Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June. If you are interested in being part of this exchange, please come and speak with Mr Giddens for more details.

F.O.W.R: AGM - This will take place on Monday 8th December 3pm in the school library. All welcome to attend. Christmas Fair - Friday 12 December after school - 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Dress-Down Day: We will be having a **dress-down day** (non uniform day) on Friday 5th December to assist with donations for the Christmas Raffle. All children to wear something Christmassy and bring a Christmassy donation for the raffle hampers at the Christmas Fair!

After-School Clubs: Round Two (Term 3 & 4): I will be sending out the information about the after-school clubs for terms 3 & 4, which will run up until the end of the week beginning Monday 16th March. If you have not already spoken with me about offering a club, then please do so if you are interested or available to do so. Unfortunately, Sarah Akehurst is not able to continue with the Choir Club - if there is someone interested then please do let me know. Thank you to Sarah for her hard work and commitment to this popular club. Also wanted, parents who might be keen to help with Lego club. There will be changes to what is on offer, due to weather, availability of tutors etc. It will be expected that payment for all Clubs is made in advance. Keep an eye out for the letter next week.

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Friday 28th November: Celebration Assembly 3.00pm
- Week beginning Monday 1st December: School Visits for Reception places for September 2015
- Friday 5th December: Artists and Makers: Drop-off your delicious donations
- Saturday 6th December: Artists and Makers - 10.00am - 5.00pm
- Monday 8th December: Full Governors' Meetings 6.00pm
- Friday 12th December: FOWR Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 16th December: Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
- Thursday 18th December: Carols Around the Tree - 2.30pm
- Friday 19th December: Last Day of Term
- Monday 5th January - INSET Day - Children back on Tuesday 6th Jan.

Cross Country: On Monday, Western Road's legendary runners participated in the annual Ham Lane cross country trials. Eighteen contestants ran in the race, which was one mile long. The girls ran first; out of 60 girls, Erin came 5th, Sapphire 6th, Freya 7th, Clemmie 8th and Rosie came 35th. After that, the boys ran. A well fought boys' race of 82 people with Luca Buckley McDonald leading for 2/3 of it. In the end Patrick over-took Luca along with 13 others. Patrick came 8th, Luca 15th, Max 34th, closely followed by Luca Hawes in 35th place and Lanark in 36th Place. Overall the girls came 1st with 23 points (lowest points wins). The boys came 5th with 92 points. An excellent effort by everyone!!

By Max & Luca in Year 6



News from the Headteacher:

Termly Attendance: All schools have a legal obligation from the DfE and E.S.C.C to closely monitor and report on pupil attendance and punctuality. I mentioned in a previous newsletter that letters would be sent out for the first term at school, and this was for any attendance figure that was below 95%. It was very pleasing to see that most absences from school are authorised - which means that parents / carers have contacted the school due their child's illness or appointment. In most cases, the letter was 'for your information'; to keep you informed of the current attendance figure for term one. There are times, due to illness, you will need to keep your child at home, and this might cause their attendance to drop slightly below that which is expected - this is normal, and please don't worry about this. Please do come in and speak with me if you have any questions about this.

ARTISTS AND MAKERS



The Winter Warmer Café makes a significant contribution to the funds raised for the school by Artists & Makers. We cannot make this contribution without your delicious donations!

So it's that time of year when we ask you to....Ready, Steady.....Bake!

- Small Cakes and Tray Bakes
- Large Family Cakes
- Savoury Tarts and Quiches
- Scones

...in fact anything tasty you wish to donate and we will sell it!

Please leave your donations by Friday, 5 December in the Library.

Remember.....All profits from Artists & Makers will go towards creativity at Western Road School.

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

I've learned that you shouldn't look back except to learn - age 70