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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: Olivia Hasan & Oscar Leatherdale
- Elm: Roux Jex & Anna Kroos
- Cherry: Amelie Pickup & Stanley Rowland
- Larch: Maillie Gauntlett & Aisha Birch
- Willow: Kyle Hughes & Sam Smallwood
- Elder: Ollie Wilkes & Maud Wotherspoon
- Oak: Lorcan Allardyce & Sasha Browning

### Term One Attendance

Oak: 92.5%

Elder: 95.8%

Willow: 93.3%

Larch: 96.3%

Cherry: 90.4%

Elm: 97.1%

Silver Birch: 92.6%

Overall School Attendance for Term One is 94.0%.



### Weekly House Points

Firle Beacon: 72

Mount Caburn: 104

Black Cap: 101

Mount Harry: 82



### News from the Headteacher:

**Sickness:** As you will see, our attendance figures are lower than usual - there is a lot of sickness going around presently, and we have been contacting parents to come and collect their children from school during the day. Children should not come back to school until 48 hours after the last period of sickness or diarrhoea.

**Parent Consultation Evening:** Thank you to all parents who attended. The teachers have said that this was a very informative evening, with parents sharing a lot of useful information about their children. The Term 4 Consultation appointments will be to discuss your child's Report and progress made so far during the year.

**Data Information Sheets:** These were given out to parents at the Parent Consultation Evening. Please check the information, and update if necessary, and return to school as soon as possible in the envelope provided.

**INSET Day:** The teachers had a really productive day - we visited another school, looking at working environments and class displays, and came back with new ideas that we can develop and implement at Western Road.

**Italian Visits / Exchange:** Many of you will know that we have developed close links with the Chatterbox School in Sardinia. Families from Western Road spend a week at Chatterbox, and we reciprocate by hosting some of their students. I have been in contact with the Headteacher at Chatterbox School, and we would like to do this again this school year - Term 5 & 6. If you are interested in going to Sardinia as part of this exchange, then please come and see me so that we can discuss it further.

**Christmas Fair:** Jingle bells, jingle bells! This year's Christmas Fair, run by FOWR, will be after school on Friday 12 December. Come and buy some Christmas presents, see Santa and relax in the cafe! If anyone is making any preserves or pickles in the run up to Christmas and would be prepared to make an extra jar for us to sell at the fair, that would be wonderful. Please let us know if you can at [FOWR.school@gmail.com](mailto:FOWR.school@gmail.com)

## Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Friday 14th November: Celebration Assembly 3.00pm
- Wednesday 19th November: School Governors Visiting the School
- Friday 28th November: Celebration Assembly 3.00pm
- Week beginning Monday 1st December: School Visits for Reception places for September 2015
- 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.

**Viva Lewes:** Some of our talented pupils have had work published in Viva Lewes along with some competition winners too. Well done all of you!



## COMPETITION ★ WINNERS A special place in Lewes

Some might say this place is actually not in Lewes, but really I believe it is. One sunny Saturday morning my dad and I went on a walk along



the river. First of all we went over to Tesco and walked along the path that ran beside it. We kept walking when we came to the park and reached the bridge. When we got to the end of this, instead of going straight ahead we turned right and walked along the River Ouse. After about an hour of chatting, walking and blackberry picking my dad and I came to a small bench opposite the train track. We rested here, watching runners come speeding past and dog walkers trotting alongside their pets until suddenly a train came rumbling past. I spun round and waved to the passengers and three waved back! My dad and I walked on until we came to a gate; we climbed over the gate and saw the thing that this whole story is about. I stood still, I called my dad and we stared. What we saw was a swing, the swing was tied to a bridge and it dangled over a stream. It was a home-made swing. The seat was a ring that life guards would use to save people and it was tied with a piece of rope. At first I was a little scared and it took my dad a lot of persuading until I agreed to get on. Even then I refused to actually swing but guess what, my dad let go and gave me a push. I was screaming and laughing at the same time. I soon fell in love with the swing. That is why the swing is my favourite place in all Lewes.

*Yolanda Murphy-Cload, age 9.*

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# BONFIRE

Lots of children who entered our children's writing competition wrote about what they like best about Lewes. Many chose Bonfire. These are all from Year 6 children at Western Road.

Great carts of fire illuminated the streets as the fireworks ignited the starry sky. Later my dad asked me, over the din, if I wanted to see the firework show. I had to think about this because I knew there would be bangers there and I never liked bangers. Despite my fear I agreed to go. An hour later we set off, the orange light from the fire glowing on the wall and pavement.  
*Elliot (aged 10)*

Every Sunday from September to Bonfire Night is a hassle. Downstairs by eight o'clock, out by 9:30. However, the rest is fun. Torch making! Whatever the weather, we walk down to the place where it is being held, and then the wrapping, holding and stapling begins. Last year, I made 20 in one day! It is fun to set yourself a challenge to make as many torches as you can... BANG! CRASH! BOOM! The chundering noise of bangers rings in my ears. Torches flaring with cascades of golden light, the air is lit with a magic twinkle. The road is littered with marching feet, climbing the roads with joy and happiness, creating the atmosphere into bundles of tumbling excitement. *Sarba (aged 10)*

As the parade moved on, people followed and cheered on, until silence. Everybody had gone. We followed on too, into the night... suddenly we saw a flashing of light and the parade was back and so were the drums. *Menna (aged 10)*

Dressed-up people were towing big barrels of spitting, sizzling fire behind them. It crackled like a car on gravel... There were bits of red confetti scattered across the sides of the road that made a loud BANG! because they had dynamite in them. *Lily (aged 10)*

Bonfire Night is exciting and always fun, despite the fact that we have done it most years, I have never got bored of it. There are massive processions all round Lewes, the last one leading to an enormous bonfire and spectacular fireworks... included in the processions are models which are blown up in the fire at the end. Last year's models were David Cameron and Guy Fawkes (we always do him). *Madalaine (aged 10)*

Suddenly, the sky exploded with hundreds of thousands of fireworks, colours shooting off in every direction, some changing colour as they went up and then exploding in a different colour all together... the best Bonfire Night I ever had was when I was seven, and a man marched by holding a torch high in the air, and the torch struck a bony branch, like a finger, and it set fire to the tree, leaving the fingers outstretched and shrivelled like prunes!  
*Sebastian (aged 10)*

**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