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Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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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: Ivy Thompson & Ethan Cottrell
- Cherry: Tamm Brinklow & Tilly Brooks
- Larch: Stanley Westaway & Arthur Gearey
- Willow: Luca Scriven & Saul McGowan
- Elder: Freya Hinds & Ben McGillivray
- Oak: Elias Allen & Madaleine Ward



Term One Attendance

Year 6: 98.2%



Year 5: 96.6%

Year 4: 96.7%

Year 3: 98.1%

Year 2: 98.2%



Year 1: 96.4%

Overall School Attendance for Term One is 97.2%.

House Points

Firle Beacon: 280

Mount Caburn: 302

Black Cap: 210

Mount Harry: 238



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**.

News from the Headteacher:

The Term in Summary: It's hard to believe that term one is over already, and what a busy term it's been. We have implemented a new curriculum with new and exciting Learn Journeys; had our new Reception children start school; had four Celebration Assemblies with well deserving star pupils for Headteacher Awards; Harvest Celebration and all the learning contributed with that; The author visits from Brian Moses and David Fuller, and of course, our recent Black History Month Celebration Assembly. Having my friend Carol Grey come to school was the highlight. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along. There will be a link on the website for you to view the video clips.

Playground: After some recent Risk Assessments, discussions and consultation with the School Governors, it has been decided that in the interests of Health and Safety, the school gate will close at 3.45pm daily after half-term. The playground and apparatus will not be available at this time (3.30pm—3.45pm) Please do make use of the fantastic facilities at both The Grange and Covent Field. Moreover, this will enable our limited space to be utilised by our After-School Clubs and Club for the many outdoor activities that are on offer.

Speaking with Teachers: Having trialled teachers being in the playground from 8.50am - 5 minutes before the bell rings - it has proved successful. This will continue after half term, so please do speak with them if you need to pass any messages on, ask any questions etc.

School Photos: Many parents have asked about school photos and these have been booked - a letter was sent home earlier this week. Family photos will begin from 8.30am on Friday 7th November. Both individual, and class photos will be taken throughout the day. Please make sure all children are in full school uniform. Proofs

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- 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
- * There will be NO Breakfast or After-School Club on this day.
- Friday 7th November: School Photos
- Tuesday 11th November: Open Evening for Parents - 3.45pm - 7.00pm
- 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

Black History Month: Carol would like to thank all the children and parents from Western Road for their hospitality on Tuesday 21st October - she truly had an enjoyable morning with us singing, and hearing our children sing!

After-School Clubs: The After-School Clubs will again continue after half term. There are still some spaces in the Thursday Football, and the Multi-Sports Clubs. As we come to the end of Summer Time this weekend, it will be getting darker much earlier, so after half term, the Football Clubs will begin at 3.15pm and finish at **4.15pm** - please note the earlier pickup time.

INSET Day and General Arrangements: There will no Breakfast or After-School Clubs on the INSET Day, OR After-School Club on Wednesday 5th November as the school will close early in preparation for Bonfire Night.

Reporting to Parents: There will be various opportunities for parents to meet with teachers throughout the year:

1. Term One - Open Classes / Meet the Teacher
2. Term Two - Open Evening - 5 minute appointments (information sharing)
 - *Tuesday 11th November: 3.45pm—7.00pm*
3. Term Three - Mid-Year Reports sent home / Open Evening - 10 minute appointments to discuss Reports.
 - *Mid-Year Reports go home: Friday 20th March*
 - *Open Evening: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March: 3.45pm—5.30pm*
4. Term Six: Open Classes

Data Collection: Early in Term Two we will be sending home a copy of the current contact and information we have for children at school - please check these carefully, update if necessary, and return in the envelope provided.

Authorisation and Information Forms: Recently Authorisation and Information sheets were sent home to parents. If you have not completed yours yet, then please do so and return to school.

On Wednesday, Alice Mara visited Willow Class for a very special Greek themed day. We made Ancient Greek clay pots, using a potter's wheel. The potter's wheel was a round wooden wheel that had water all around it. We had to put a ball of clay in the centre of the wheel and surround it with our hands, while Alice pressed the pedal. We used our fingers to shape a hole in the middle of the clay. Even Miss Liddicoat made a pot! We also made Greek clay tiles; we rolled the clay with a rolling pin, making sure we flipped it over every now and then so that it didn't stick to the board. We used slip to paint a shape in the middle of the clay tile and other utensils to decorate it. Our Ancient Greek day was very fun and thank you very much to Alice for coming into our class.

By Gus Adams



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

I've learned that you should always take time to answer young children when they ask 'why?' - age 28