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Western Road Community Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Oak: 100%

Elder: 94.2%

Willow: 92.2%

Larch: 99.2%

Cherry: 88.3%

Elm: 93.3%

Silver Birch: 95.6%



Weekly House Points

Firle Beacon: 34

Mount Caburn: 60

Black Cap: 71

Mount Harry: 40



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another 'wet week' with all this wind and rain. Hopefully this will ease over the next few weeks. My apologies for the terrible flooding at the entrance to the gate, corner of the playground, and car park. I have finally managed to secure a contractor to come and look at this for us, and hopefully we will get the job done so that we do not continue with this on-going flooding problem. I will keep you informed about this work.

Wow starters this week ... Reception, Year 1 & 2 had a great start to the week with a visit from Immersive Theatre and their mobile Planetarium. All the children went inside the 'pop-up' theatre and saw the night sky above Brighton, planets, and heard a story about the birth of a star. This links to their Learning Journeys about Space, Around the Earth and The Moon.

Key Stage Two classes have also had some exciting 'wow starters' this week- Year 3 with cooking and rune reading; Year 4 Romans; Year 5 The Antarctic and penguin study; and Year 6 had a visitor for their study about Germany.

Year 1 and 4 also had a visit from Airline Pilot Matt! Year 4 interrogated him with 'career questions' to find out what he did for a job. They wrote and asked some very interesting questions. Year 1 children also learned a lot about what it is like to be a pilot and fly a plane for 'EasyJet' around Europe!

The school will be celebrating its centennial in April this year. If you would like to be part of the planning committee for this, then please let me know - all offers of help welcome!

easyJet

If you would like to be a volunteer in school, listening to children read, helping with a specific project etc, please contact Mrs Wooler for more information about this.

After-School Club: The numbers of children attending have really picked up with week. Please contact Mrs Hasan on 07531954046 to book a place in the Breakfast Club (7.30am—8.55am) or the After-School Club (3.15pm—6.00pm) five days a week, or download and complete a booking form our website:- 'Parents / Extended School' section. As places are filling up, I do encourage you to book to secure a place. However, if you do book a place and then do not turn up, you will still be charged.

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**.

Up Coming Events and Dates:

- Monday 19th January - School Cross country (Year 4 - 6)
- Wednesday 28th January - Parents' Forum Meeting
- Wednesday 28th January - Parent / Governor Evening: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Friday 30th January - Celebration Assembly, 3.00pm
- Tuesday 3rd February - Cross Country Finals
- Thursday 5th February - World Book Day
- Friday 13th February - Celebration Assembly, 3.00pm

Please view the school website which has all dates of events for this term.

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.

- Silver Birch:
- Elm: Iris Loe & Elieh Cartland
- Cherry: Finn Leatherdale & Alice Hemphill
- Larch: Lexi Lazzati & Stanley Shelley
- Willow: Nicholas Siqueira Matos & Moses Cooper
- Elder: Clemmie Russell & Yolanda Murphy
- Oak: Elliot Symonds & Erin Hinds



Pilot Matt talking with Year 4.

Attendance: I have completed an analysis of pupil attendance for Term Two. There was a lot of illness, flu, coughs and colds throughout the Term. Thank you to all parents who do contact the school when children are too ill to come in. If you would like to speak with me for an update on your child's attendance so far this year, please feel free to come in and see me.

Great to see that considerably more children are arriving at school before the bell rings at 8.55am - if they are in after the bell, you must sign in at the office.

Mrs Winter has also asked that the Data Information Sheets (that were sent out last term) be returned to school, so that we can update our records. We are working on having our Newsletters and letters sent out via email, but to do this we need to have up-to-date information in our school database.

We now have the two new outdoor table-tennis tables in the playground. All children will have the opportunity to use these during the school day. Also, if you have any unwanted snooker / pool balls, or cues that you no longer use, and would like to donate to the school, they would be greatly appreciated.

By Lucia and Amélie in Year 2

On Monday the planetarium came to visit Key Stage One. We went into a gigantic black blown-up igloo. When we went into the exciting, dark squishy blow-up, there was a screen showing a sweet sunset and some leafy trees - it was like a cinema. We saw lots of stars on the screen and we found the North Star. We also learnt that there was more than one coloured star - there's blue, red, orange, white and yellow. The hottest star in the universe is the blue star, and the blue star is also the youngest star and the red star is the oldest one. In the end we watched a film about a little star - the pictures were amazing and astonishing. We enjoyed it!

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

I've learned that when I drop a slice of bread with jam on it, it always lands jam-side down - age 33