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## Newsletter No 4 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half-term; it is lovely to see everyone back to school this term.

We have celebrated Art Week with a focus upon the local area in Winter and have produced pieces linked to the Christmas card competition for Lewes District Council. Art work from across the year groups is on display in the main corridor of the school. Mr Ross, District Councillor for Lewes Bridge Ward, has looked at all entries and chosen a number of winning entries and those who are highly commended. He will distribute the certificates on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

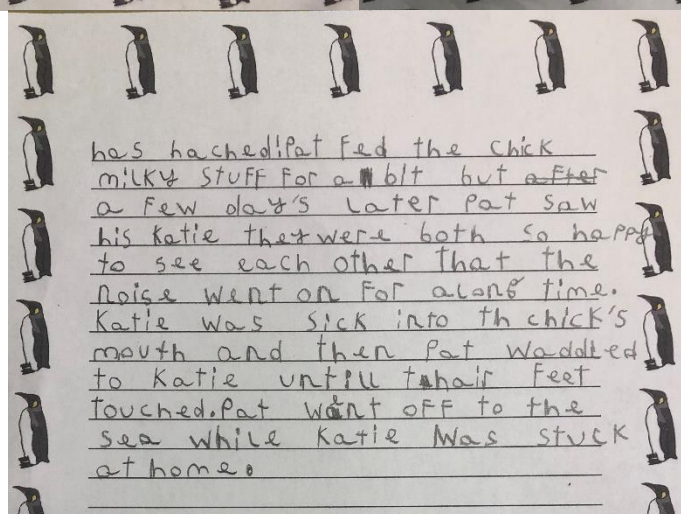
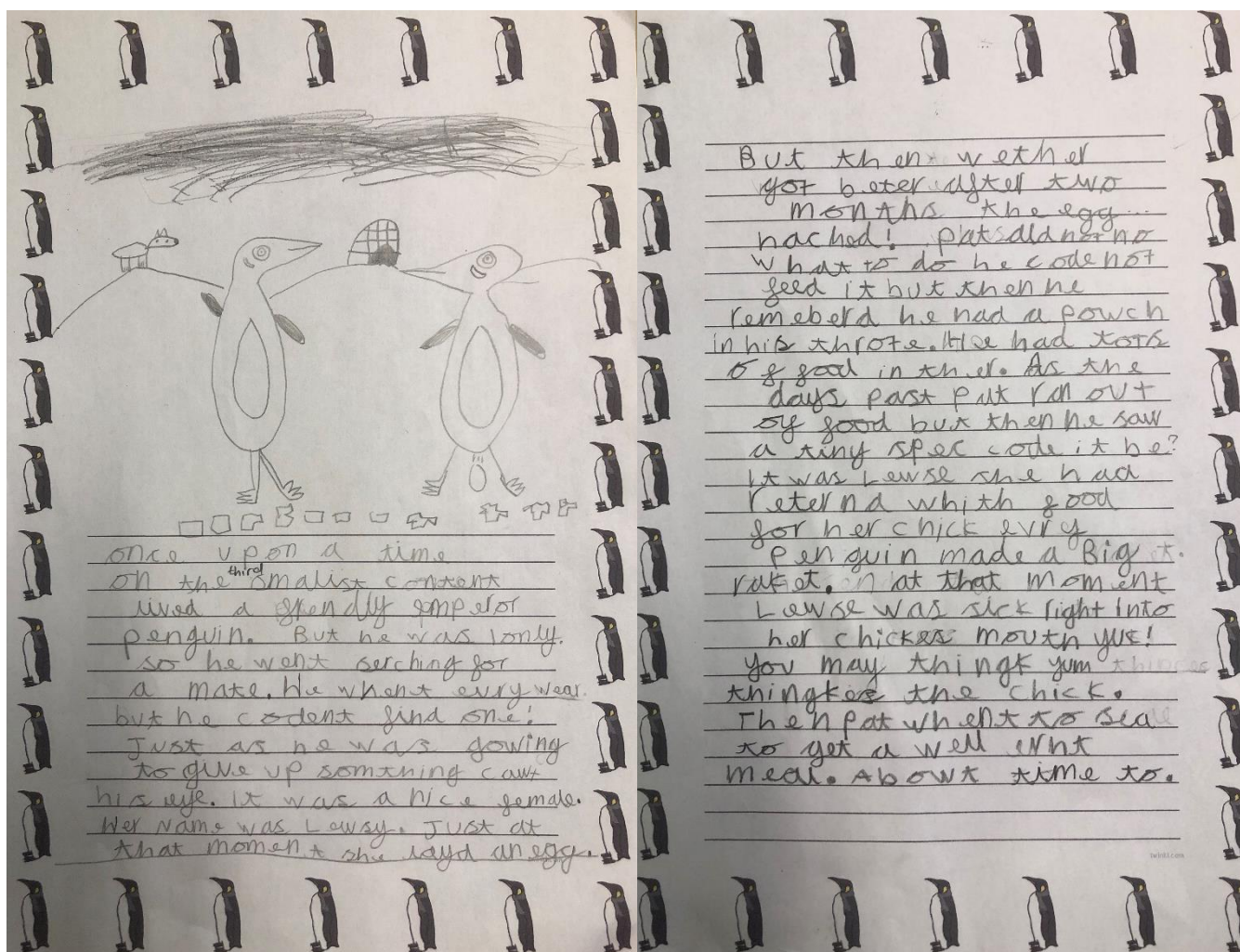


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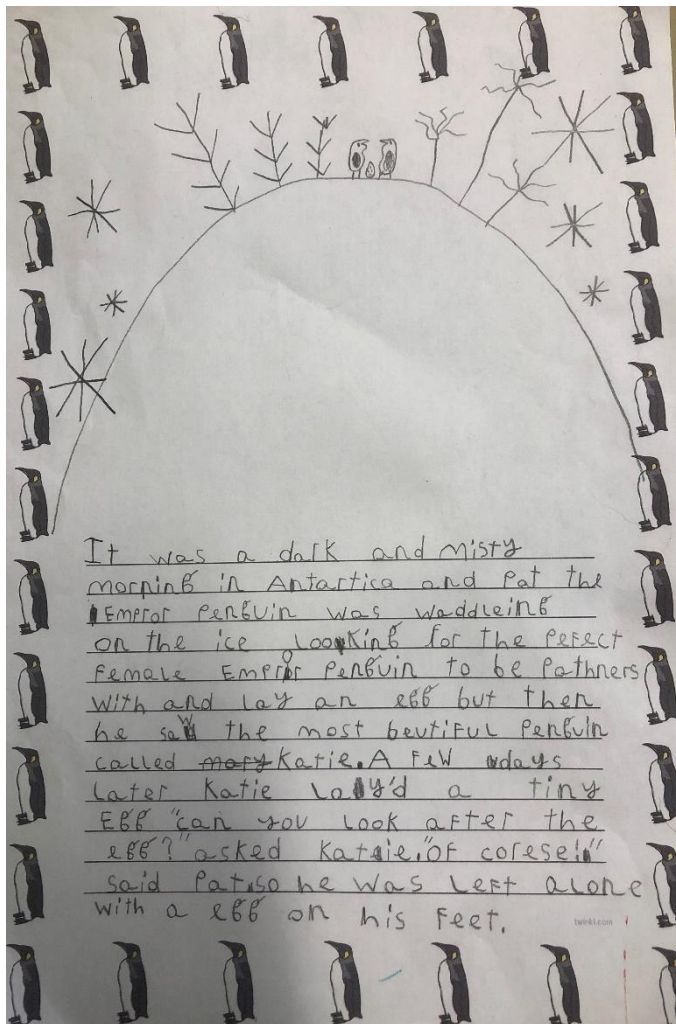
Thank you for participating in the Parents' Evenings via School Cloud or telephone this term. We hope the appointments were helpful. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher, please do contact the School Office to arrange a telephone appointment.

## News from Year 2

We have been learning all about emperor penguins in Year 2! We read 'The Emperor's Egg', acted it out and then wrote our own versions of the story. I was so blown away by everybody's stories, all of the children worked so hard. Here are a couple of examples from Indy and Edie. Miss Blackwell







It was a dark and misty morning in Antarctica and Pat the Emperor penguin was waddling on the ice looking for the perfect female Emperor penguin to be partners with and lay an egg but then he saw the most beautiful penguin called ~~mary~~ Katie. A few days later Katie laid a tiny egg "can you look after the egg?" asked Katie. "Of course!" said Pat so he was left alone with a egg on his feet.

but after that she felt like she had a tummy ache. The male was said Pat. Pat didn't know how how Lewis should get food. After a while she felt better. So she left to get food. Leaving Pat with the egg on his feet. Lewis wasn't be back for two months. If the egg touched the ice it would die. So as carefully as possible she gave it to Pat the penguin. They said goodbye Pat felt nervous. What if he dropped the egg but he had to stay on the ice for two months. As the days went by the ice got colder. So the penguins huddled together.

Pat started to cry as he watched Katie waddle over to the sea. Pat was getting very hungry as the mist was going away but just then he saw lots of male Emperor penguins all getting together. "hello!" "hi!" "Good afternoon!" skwaked all the penguins. Pat started to get very shy but he still waddled to the huddle. He saw that thousands of penguins were in the huddle. It took months for the male penguins to get in the huddle but finally all the male penguins were in the huddle. The huddle moved slowly over into the distance but just then the huddle stopped at a very slippery slope and they couldn't huddle down it so everyone got onto their tummies and slid down the slope. After a while Pat heard a chip chip chip and at last chip! Pat could not believe it! At last his fresh new egg!

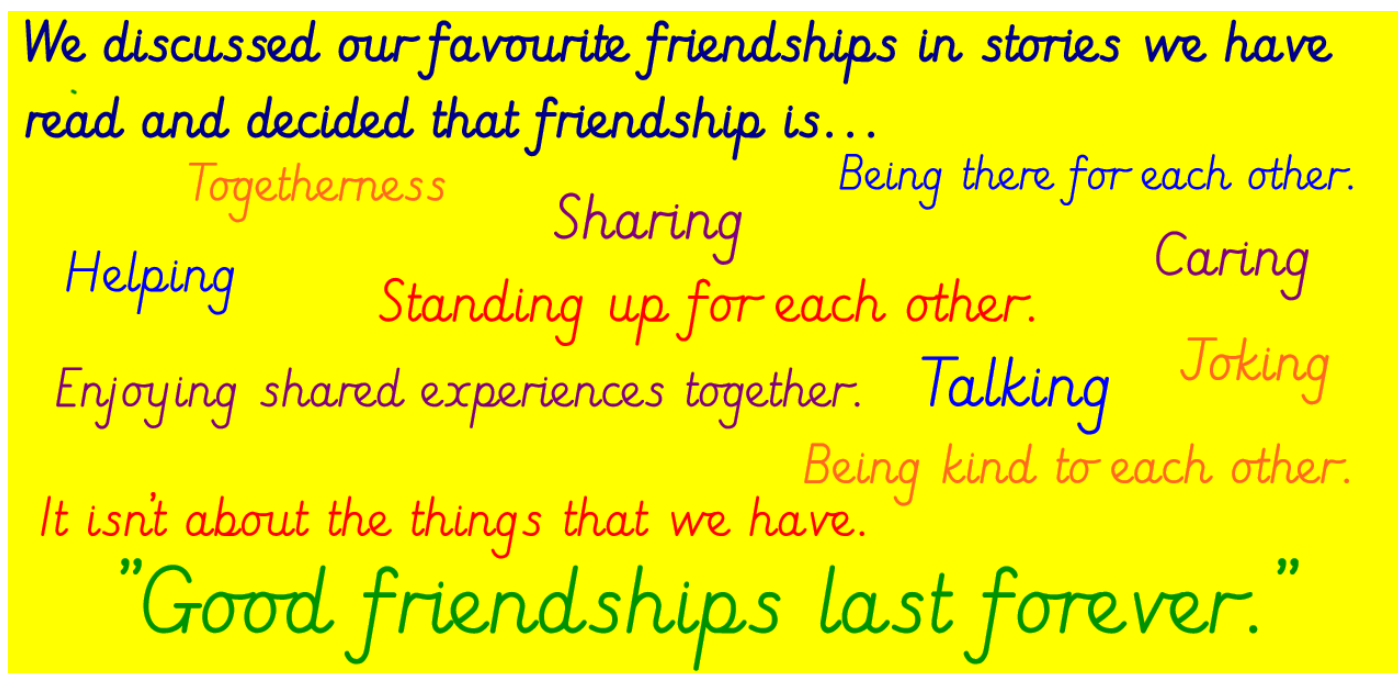
### Harvest Festival

On Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November the school held class assemblies to celebrate Harvest Festival. Thank you all for your kind donations to Lewes Foodbank which were very gratefully received by Debbie Twitchen. The donations will help a number of families in our local community. Thank you for your support.

### Children In Need and Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you for supporting Children In Need on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. It was lovely to see so many children with spotty clothing, accessories or face paints or wearing yellow. We raised £195.08 for the charity.

This week we have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Examples of the children's work will be on display around the classrooms and school. Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks for the week!



Year 4

### News from FWR

The Halloween Disco and Creepy Cake Sale took place in the last week of Term 1 and raised £900 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the events – we really appreciate your generosity in these tricky times. It was a real pleasure to see so many children enjoying their class discos and party food and the costumes, as always, were spectacular. Thank you to the FWR team for organising both events.

Due to current restrictions, the Artists and Makers Fair will not take place in the Town Hall in December but will take the form of a virtual fair. It will be called the **Artists & Makers Virtually There Fair** and is planned to take place Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a raffle with sales running from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December with raffle draws taking place at 6pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday that week. The Artist and Makers Fair supports local artists and raises much-needed funds for the school so please do support the event as much as you can. Thank you.

FWR have been looking for other ways to raise money for the school and you can help when you shop online. *Easyfundraising* turns your everyday online shopping into free donations with no cost to you or the school. Simply follow this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westernroadpta/?invite=8GW4C4&referral-campaign=c2s>

You could even download the free app to make it even easier. It would be really great if you and your friends and family could help the school raise money in this way, especially in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

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## Term 2 After School Clubs

Albion In The Community are running football club for Years 3 and 4 (girls and boys) after school on Thursdays on the school field. The club is running from Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December with a footballing coach for each class bubble. There are still spaces available so please do follow the links below if you would your child to join:

To book a place for a Year 3 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-15>

To book a place for a Year 4 child, please visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-WRCPS-16>

Premier Sport are also continuing the run Archery Club for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday and we are currently looking into other after-school club provision for Term 3 onwards. I will let you know more details as soon as I can.

## Reminder - Remaining INSET Days

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Reminder - Advice and Support

CLASS+ are a service that supports families and carers of children and young people with autism. They have a twice weekly advice line open Mondays 10am - 1pm and Fridays 12noon - 3pm. Please do call CLASS+ on 01273 336887 and ask for the CLASS+ advice line.

## Reminder - Communication

Please ensure that you tell your child's class teacher or email/call the School Office **as early in the day as possible** if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourselves. We will not allow a child to go to a different adult without parental permission. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like your child to walk/cycle home without an adult, please email the School Office to confirm that in writing.

Please ensure your child's school uniform and belongings are clearly named so that any misplaced items can be returned to their owners. If your child brings home an item which does not belong to them, please return it to school as soon as possible.

## Reminder - Hot School Lunches

Chartwells continue to supply hot school lunches for EYFS – Year 6. These can be ordered by the children in the usual way in class each morning and paid for using ParentPay. If you have any queries regarding your ParentPay account, please contact the Bursar, Angi Samuels, [bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
Children in EYFS – Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

The school Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure your child's Christmas Lunch order is returned (with payment in a named envelope if necessary or via ParentPay) as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Reminder - The School Day

Thank you for helping by ensuring your child is on time for their class' staggered start at the appropriate entrance to the school site and for collecting them at the staggered exit times.

Year Group	Arrive Time	Departure Time	Entry/Exit Point
EYFS	8.45am	3.15am	White gate
Year 1	8.35am	3.05pm	White gate
Year 2	8.30am	3.00pm	White gate

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Year 3	8.40am	3.10pm	Green gate (in Key Stage 2 playground)
Year 4	8.40am	3.10pm	Fire escape (around side of white fence)
Year 5	8.30am	3.00pm	Green gate (in Key Stage 2 playground)
Year 6	8.30am	3.00pm	Fire escape (around side of white fence)

A copy of the latest COVID-19 risk assessment can be found on the school website. It includes information on the wearing of face masks following current Government guidance.

As part of the risk assessment, we ask that you avoid 'gathering' on the school grounds and adhere to the above timings of the school day to ensure everyone can enter and exit the school safely and in a socially distanced manner.

**Please ensure you enter and exit the field as quickly as possible for drop off and collection times.**

**Please ensure you exit the field as quickly as possible once you have collected your child.**

### **Reminder - Healthy Snack and Lunchbox Guidelines**

At Western Road School we encourage a healthy, balanced diet. As such, we ask that **all** children bring a named water bottle to school to ensure they are hydrated throughout the day. Juice/smoothies can only be drunk at lunchtimes. Milk is provided for children on request (please see [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) for more information). Fizzy drinks are not permitted on the school site.

At breaktime, only fruit/vegetables, a healthy cereal bar, bread sticks or rice cakes should be eaten. Free fruit/vegetables for EYFS and Key Stage One is available daily.

### Packed Lunches

Please find below a list of suggested foods for lunch boxes and a list of foods that are not appropriate. We ask you to please follow these guidelines so your child is best prepared to concentrate and learn in the afternoon.

### Foods we encourage

- Sandwiches/rolls/wraps with meat, cheese, fish, marmite, salad (no chocolate spread or jam)
- Salads: pasta, rice, couscous, potato
- Dairy products – cheese, Baby Bel, etc
- Fruit yoghurts (no chocolate content)
- Fresh fruit/dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Seeds
- Healthy cereal bars (low sugar/fat content)

### Foods not appropriate

- Confectionary (chocolate, including chocolate biscuits, or sweets)
- Products which contain nuts (we have some children with nut allergies)

### Only one of the following on any day

- Bag of crisps
- Small pack of biscuits
- Cake
- Processed food (e.g. Pepperami)
- Food high in fat/salt content (e.g. sausage rolls)

### **Reminder - Attendance and Illness**

School attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of Term 1. Children's absence must be recorded in the usual way, by telephoning the School Office on the morning of absence and giving a clear reason so we may put the correct mark in the register. It is usual at this time of year for children to suffer from common coughs and colds and

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the BBC have produced a helpful video which gives information about whether to send your child to school:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>

If a child or member of the household is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms:

a high temperature;

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

the child should not attend school and we must be informed of this immediately by contacting the School Office.

In accordance with current Government guidance, if there is a case of Coronavirus in school, the person with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days. The people they live with must self-isolate for 14 days. Thank you for your support in keeping the school community safe.

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