



Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term and were able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival on Wednesday, 23rd October. During the assembly, we heard some readings from Year 6, explaining how different Harvest celebrations are held around the world and these will form part of a display in school and relate to our Term 1 value - Well-Rounded. It was lovely to have so much support for Lewes Foodbank in your generous donations which have been very gratefully received by the team there. Thank you also to Ms Callow for all her work in leading the beautiful singing that we enjoyed in the assembly.

A huge thank you, as always, must go to our fantastic Friends of Western Road (FWR) team who worked tirelessly to organise the Halloween Discos enjoyed by so many on Wednesday, 23rd October. The decorations looked incredible and the discos were a great community event and helped to raise much-needed funds for the school. Thank you FWR!

We start this term with a bang and celebrate Bonfire Night. We had the Fire Service lead a whole school assembly today, reminding children about staying safe around bonfires and fireworks. As part of the Lewes tradition of celebrating Bonfire Night, children are allowed to wear their bonfire guernseys tomorrow (Tuesday, 5th November), along with the rest of their bonfire clothing (eg white trousers) if they wish, or wear their guernseys with their usual school uniform. Please ensure children wear suitable footwear and are able to participate in PE if they have their slot tomorrow. If you would like to collect your child early tomorrow, in preparation for marching, the children can be collected from 3pm. **Please note, there are no after-school clubs tomorrow due to the Bonfire Night celebrations and staff needing to leave the premises to get home. Wednesday, 6th November is an INSET day and the school is closed.**

As last term, I would love to continue to celebrate examples of Western Road children showing the school values each term. Term 2's value is 'resilient' and it would be super to hear of children being resilient outside of school and share those examples with the school community in the next newsletter. Examples could be all sorts of different activities including music, sports, charity work, caring for animals and our environment - the list is endless! Please do send any contributions you are happy to share to the School Office office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk by Friday, 22nd November. Thank you!

On Sunday, 10th November is Remembrance Sunday and we will mark the one minute silence on Monday, 11th November at 11am in a whole school assembly. During the assembly, we will remind the children about the significance of Remembrance Day for people affected around the world and why some people choose to wear different coloured poppies to mark the occasion. We will be selling red, white and black poppies in school this week and until Tuesday, 12th November for those who would like to purchase them. Suggested donations for items are as follows:

Poppies 50p

Wrist bands £1

Clip on poppies £1

Flip bands £2

Alternatively, any donations can be put into the collection tins too. Thank you for your support.

Whole school reminder: As the weather is so changeable, please ensure your child continues to come to school in appropriate uniform and footwear (see below for full details). **Children must come to school in their PE kit and trainers/plimsolls if they have PE that day.** Children should wear their usual black or blue school shoes/trainers at all other times. **Children should have their hair tied back if it reaches their shoulders.** Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm (preferably waterproof) coat, clearly labelled, each day. Wellies may also be needed depending upon the weather forecast. By having appropriate clothing in school, it helps everyone to enjoy the outdoors at break and lunchtimes, outdoor

learning time and the Daily Mile. Please do let me know if you need any support in sourcing coats or wellies. Thank you.

Please remember that we a nut-free and sesame-free school due to children having severe allergies. It is imperative you do not send your child to school with any items that contain or may contain nuts and/or sesame seeds. Thank you.

Reminder from Parent Forum for the whole school community:

Following on from our Parent Forum meeting at the end of last term, please could everyone work together to ensure the school site is as safe as possible by switching off car engines whilst waiting in the car park. The exhaust fumes while the cars idle affect the school site and impact on the children's wellbeing as they enter and leave the school, in addition to the adverse impact it has on the environment. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

*Also raised in Parent Forum was safety of families as they enter the black gates, are on the field and coming through from Potter's Lane. There are a significant number of people (adults and children) using scooters and bikes which do help the environment. **It would be most helpful if you and your child could walk through the field area, rather than scooting/cycling, to help everyone stay safe.***

Best wishes,

Irèna Wooler

Headteacher

School Calendar



Items added or changed from the previous newsletter will be in italic:

Monday, 4th November

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

Tuesday, 5th November

No after-school clubs due to Lewes Bonfire Night celebrations

Bonfire guernesys/bonfire attire may be worn

Children can be collected from 3pm - 3.15pm

Wednesday, 6th November

INSET 3 - School closed (INSET day in middle of the week due to Lewes Bonfire Night celebrations on Tuesday, 5th November, no after-school clubs)

Thursday, 7th November

Year 4 Brass Band

Monday, 11th November

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

STEM Ambassador to see Year 5

Tuesday, 12th November

Flu vaccinations (see email sent via Arbor 03.10.2024)

Wednesday, 13th November

9am Years 1 - 3 Maths meeting for parents/carers

Planetarium in school for Years 1 and 5

Thursday, 14th November

9am FWR AGM

Year 4 Brass Band

Monday, 18th November

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

School Council and Debating Club to visit Lewes Town Hall

Wednesday, 20th November

9am Celebration Assembly

Thursday, 21st November

9am Autism In Schools - parent/carer forum

Year 4 Brass Band

Monday, 25th November

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

1.30pm - 2.30pm EYFS Open Session (for those starting school September 2025)

Tuesday, 26th November

9.15am - 10.15am EYFS Open Session (for those starting school September 2025)

Wednesday, 27th November

9.15am - 10.15am EYFS Open Session (for those starting school September 2025)

Thursday, 28th November

Year 4 Brass Band - final session

Friday, 29th November

6.00pm - 8.30pm Artists and Makers preview night - Lewes Town Hall

Saturday, 30th November

10.00am - 5.00pm Artists and Makers event - Lewes Town Hall

Monday, 2nd December

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

Tuesday, 3rd December

2.30pm Rachel Fryer's piano students' concert

Thursday, 5th December

2pm Sussex Downs Pantomime performance (Peter Pan)

Friday, 6th December

2pm Parent Forum

Monday, 9th December

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

Final Choir Club of the term

Wednesday, 11th December

9am Celebration Assembly

4pm School Choir performance at Glyndebourne (leave school at 12.15pm for 12.45pm arrival, more details to follow)

Thursday, 12th December

9.20am Nativity

Friday, 13th December

1.30pm Nativity

Monday, 16th December

No Choir Club

EYFS Muddy Monday

Year 5 and 6 Dance

Thursday, 19th December

Polly's piano students' concert (time to be confirmed)

Friday, 20th December

1.15pm End of Term 2

Monday, 6th January 2025

INSET 4 - School closed

Monday, 2nd June 2025

INSET 5 - School closed

Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

1.15pm End of Term 6

Attendance and Punctuality



In August 2024, the Government published the statutory guidance on attendance (see link below). As per the guidance, parents and carers are expected to:

Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies;

Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness);

Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance;

Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

If you have any queries, please do let me know and you can read the guidance here:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time - the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Any child arriving after this time must be signed in at the School Office, as per our health and safety and attendance policies.

Friends of Western Road

The Friends of Western Road (FWR) are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 14th November at 9am in the School Hall. You are all welcome to come along to the meeting, find out more about what FWR and what they do to support the whole school (huge amounts!!!). There will be tea/coffee and CAKE and we look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any queries, please do email westernroad.friends@outlook.com

Artists and Makers Fair 2024 - message from Jane Morley



ARTISTS & MAKERS FAIR

**FRI 29 / SAT 30
NOVEMBER**

2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Opening Night
Fri 29th Nov, 6pm-8.30pm

Main Fair
Sat 30th Nov, 9am-5pm

80+ stalls, gifts, art, food & fun
Lewes Town Hall

Find out more at –
www.artistsandmakersfair.com

 **artistsandmakers**

The incredible Artists and Makers Fair is back on 29th and 30th November! It is sure to be a wonderful event and raises much-needed funds for Western Road.

As always we're looking for volunteers both in the lead up and on the day. If you're interested in getting involved please email artistsandmakersfair@gmail.com

Thanks

Jane

Jane Morley

Events and Special Projects

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Arbor - School Communication and Contacts



All emails go from the school are sent via Arbor. Please ensure you check your personal information carefully so we have up-to-date contact details, home addresses, medical information etc. Please ensure you keep this information up-to-date to ensure we are able to contact you in emergencies.

If you have any queries once you have logged in and checked your child's details, please do email me (head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk). Thank you.

Reminder - Lewes Foodbank Donations



Thank you so much for all the donations given for Lewes Foodbank for Harvest Festival last term.

We continue to support the Foodbank this term and Debbie Twitchen has asked that we focus on collecting tinned products: meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables and pulses. They also ask that we donate children's drinks and snacks too.

Please do bring any donations to the School Office and we will arrange for a delivery at the end of this term.

Thank you in advance.

Reminder - school uniform



Western Road Community Primary School's Uniform consists of:

- Navy school fleece with school logo (optional but these are very warm and ideal for Winter and Spring)
- *Navy school jumper with or without school logo or navy or mid-grey cardigan*
- White shirt/blouse with long or short sleeves with or without logo or
- White or navy blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Mid-grey or navy trousers or smart shorts, or
- Mid-grey or navy skirts (or skorts), pinafore dresses or school summer dresses (blue/white check)
- White/navy/grey socks or tights
- ***Plain black or navy school shoes (or plain black or navy trainers with no logos); plain sandals in the Summer terms only.***
- Plain hair accessories (optional and in school colours preferably). **Long hair (past shoulder length) must be tied back.**

PE kit:

- White T-shirt or polo shirt with school logo (or plain)
- Grey or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (plain with no logos)
- Trainers or plimsolls

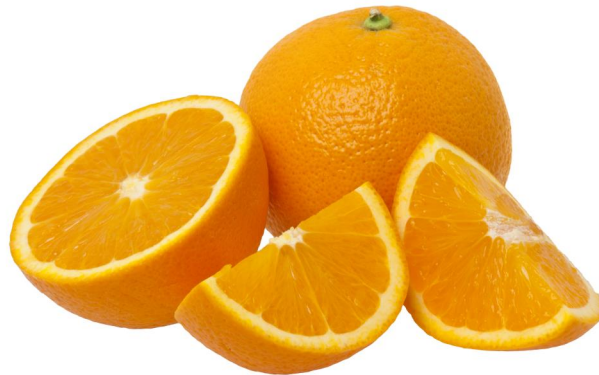
Please note, hoodies and jewellery (apart from a wristwatch when appropriate or stud earrings that can be taken out for PE) are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn in school.

The school also has school caps, rucksacks and book bags available. Please ensure all items of clothing are named including shoes or trainers.

Navy blue polo shirts, fleeces and sweatshirts with the school logo on are all available from Intersport http://www.gameforlife.co.uk/section.php/781/1/western_road_cp_school.

Second-hand items are regularly available at low cost at school fairs and events.

Reminder - Message from the Bursar, Sarah Clifford



Please ensure your ParentPay accounts for dinner money are cleared at the end of each week, or (ideally) are in credit by a small amount. **School dinners cost £2.97 per day for children in Years 3 - 6.**

Children under 5 are entitled to free school milk each day, given at morning snack time (this is in addition to milk given to children who have school lunches). If you would like your child to receive milk, either as they are under 5 or at an additional cost, please do visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> for more information and to register your child.

If you think your child might be entitled to **Free School Meals** (regardless of their age) through the **Pupil Premium Grant**, please do look at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals> for more information. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and/or the Pupil Premium Grant, the school will receive additional funding to support them with their learning and enrichment activities.

From this term, we will put all school trips and school-run clubs (for example Sewing Club) through Arbor so please do make sure you are able to login. We will continue to use ParentPay for Chartwells payments.

Please do speak with me, Sarah Clifford, or email me bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk if you have any queries. Thank you.

Reminder - Bikes and scooters



Please ensure your child collects their bikes/scooters at the end of each school day. There are a number of bikes and scooters that have been in the bike shed for some time and I'm sure they are missed at home! If you would like to check the bike shed for any missing bike/scooter, please do speak with a member of staff at the white gate at drop-off or pick-up.

News from Silver Birch (EYFS)

We have had a fantastic few weeks in Silver Birch class. We have continued to settle well and develop our friendships.

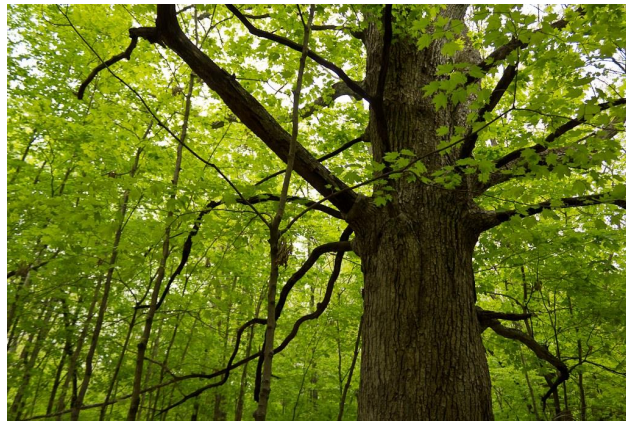
We have been thinking about people who help us both in school and in the community. We have found out about the different roles of people in school including Mrs Wooler and Mrs Fisher (our school caretaker). We were keen to invite them into our class to answer some of our questions about their jobs.

We then extended our discussions thinking about the different roles people have in the community and were excited to have a Nurse Jos into our class.

We have been thinking about how we help people around us. We said it helps others if we are kind and caring, talk about our feelings as well as practical ways such as tidying up after we have been playing and even helping others by holding doors open for others.

We have been enjoying our PE lessons developing team work and collaboration. We have also been exploring a range of creative activities including music, art and drama.

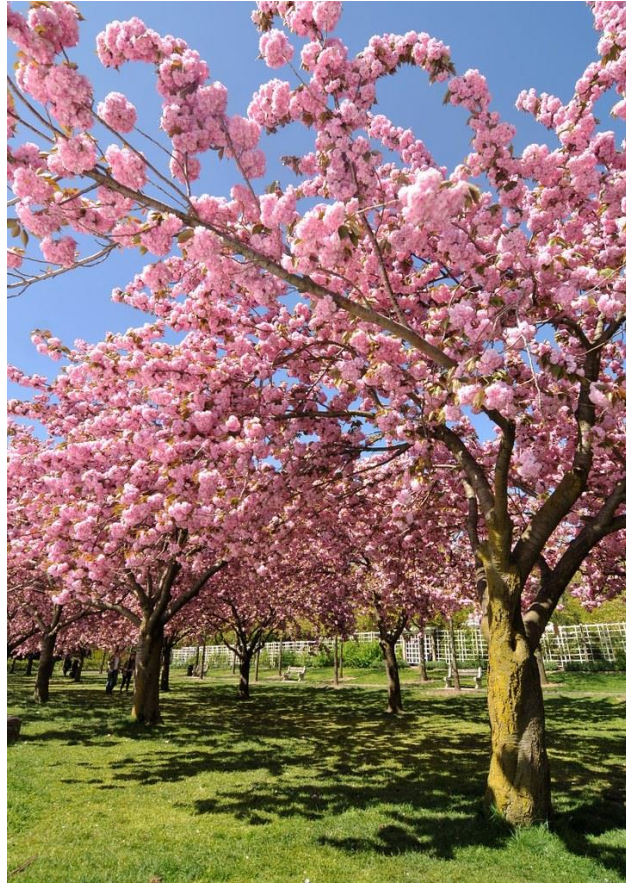
News from Elm Class (Year 1)



Year 1 have had a jam packed last few weeks of Term 1. In RE we went on our trip to St John Sub Castro Church where we learnt about different aspects of the church. The trip also linked into our Geography learning as we used maps to look at which route we had taken to get to the church. In Science we carried out simple floating and sinking tests and recorded our predictions and results. In our learning environment we have all learnt how to use the tools needed in our woodwork area. We have begun our long-term project of making our Christmas houses which we have all individually designed with different features.

We had an incredible Superhero Day on Friday before we broke up, the children took part in the Superhero Olympics, made their own superhero characters as inspired by Fred's make earlier in the term and made and ate protein balls for energy!

News from Cherry Class (Year 2)



We were super proud of Year 2 on Monday for our trip to Brooklands. The children were super excited however showed brilliant behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm the whole day sharing what they had learnt with the volunteers who ran the day.

Throughout the term the children have been combining their writing and history knowledge to produce a biography of Amelia Earhart and took part in an investigation to find out what happened on 17th December 1903. They found out all about The Wright Brothers and the first flight which lasted 12 seconds! We have been busy testing current products, designing and building our own cars in the last couple of weeks of term. The children learned how cars are made with a chassis, axle and wheels so used these to create the base of their car. We will then test and evaluate our creations.

News from Larch Class (Year 3)



Year Three have been studying line and colour, looking specifically at the work of the English painters, Eric Ravilious and David Hockney. The term's art culminated in a final piece where the children turned a local landmark into an artwork using the styles of one the two artists studied.

News from Willow Class (Year 4)



Last term in Science, Year 4 have been learning about the states of matter. We have focused specifically on the evaporation and condensation of water. We learnt that both of these processes are important for

the water cycle. To demonstrate our learning, we created our own mini water cycles in a cup using compost, cress seeds and clingfilm. We placed a layer of compost in a clear plastic cup to represent the earth and then sprinkled cress seed on the compost to represent plants. Next, we poured enough water on the compost to make it damp, but not soaking. Lastly, we stretched the clingfilm over the cup to form a lid, which represented the Earth's atmosphere. Over the next few days, we could observe the process of evaporation and condensation - the water cycle - in action.

In dance, we worked on a set of 6 or 7 routines relating to inventions. We then combined them to create a dance, which showcased the skills we have worked on, such as coordination, balance, creativity and control.

News from Elder Class (Year 5)

Last term, as part of our topic "What Story Does Every Picture Tell? Year 5 children learned all about the history of photography, cameras and the very first moving pictures. In computing we worked on stop motion animation, taking multiple images of scenes that the children have created, and stitching these together digitally to create an animated movie. We hope to share the finished animations with you very soon!

News from Oak Class (Year 6)



Last term in Year 6, the children have been publishing the myths they have written over the course of Term 1. They used their knowledge of other myths - such as Jason and the Golden Fleece and Daedalus and Icarus - to inspire their own work, picking them apart to figure out what features their own myths needed to include. From morals to magical objects, Year 6 have worked tirelessly to produce myths they are proud of, and it has certainly paid off!

Reminder - football kits (Thursdays)



Children who attend Albion In The Community after-school club on Thursdays should come to school in their usual school uniform and school shoes/plain black trainers. The football coaches arrive with plenty of time to supervise the children getting changed into their kits before the club starts at 3.15pm. Please ensure all kit (including boots, shin pads etc) are clearly named. Thank you.

Reminder: Child Protection and Safeguarding



At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take child protection and safeguarding children very seriously, both in person and online. All staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, bullying or e-safety, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DLSs): Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Wooler.

During Assemblies, we have reminded all children that if they are worried or anxious at any time, they can talk to any trusted adult in school and who the DSLs are too.

As a school we are also part of Operation Encompass which is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child. To find out more information, please see: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Reminder: Health Service



We are pleased to be part of East Sussex Health Group. East Sussex Schools Health Service is a team of public health practitioners, led by school nurses who work with children, young people aged between four and 19 and their families. **They provide support and advice for a variety of physical, sexual and emotional health and wellbeing issues, and will refer to specialised services when needed.**

For full details about the service they offer please visit the website: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/school-health-service-east-sussex/

How can you use the service?

- Contact the School Health One Point on **0300 123 4062**, available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5pm
- Make a referral online at
- Visit the School Health virtual drop-in, Mondays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm at <https://nhs.vc/east-sussex-school-health> They can offer support and advice to children, young people and families virtually, face to face or via the phone as well as brief interventions and packages of care where appropriate.

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