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Newsletter No 4 – Friday, 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a restful half-term in preparation for a busy term ahead! This week has included learning about the origins of Bonfire Night and how to be safe around fireworks (please see email sent earlier this week). I hope you all have a wonderful evening celebrating the Lewes Bonfire Night. It was lovely to see so many children in bonfire jumpers today!



Next week we have Kittles Photographers visiting on Monday (please see email sent earlier this week) and Forest School will continue for Years 2 and 3.

Andrew Gunn, an ESCC computing consultant, will visit Years 4 – 6 on Friday, 12th November to hold workshops about online safety. We will sent out any relevant information following these workshops in due course.

Anti-Bullying Week – 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will be taking place during the week commencing 15th November. To signify the start of this week it we will be having 'Odd Socks Day' at school. The children will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks. This is a fun and great way to open a discussion about what makes us all unique!

Over the week we will be discussing what bullying is, where it takes place and who the children can talk to if they are being bullied. The theme for the week is One Kind Word. We will be exploring kindness and how we can show acts of kindness both in and out of school.

We are very much looking forward to taking part in the campaign and sharing our learning with you.

Children In Need – Friday, 19th November

The School Council will be taking a lead in our fundraising for Children in Need this year. All children are invited to wear their PJ's to school on Friday 19th November in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. All donations will be

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collected on the KS2 playground. We would like parents, carers and children to place their money on a giant Pudsey this will be between 8.40-9.00am.

In addition, School Council would also like to hold a cake sale after school on Friday, 19th November. We would love to receive donations for the sale on Thursday, 18th November. Please can you ensure all cakes are nut and sesame free. In addition, if you make cakes for the sale, please can you ensure you provide a list of ingredients used to ensure the safety of our school community. Please bring in change on Friday, 19th November ready to buy some delicious cakes after school. The cake sale will run from 3.15pm - 3.45pm.

We will, of course, be talking about Children In Need in our classes as well as how donations are used to support others. We hope this will raise lots of money for Children in Need as well as being a fun way to come together as a community!

RSPCA Fundraising

Jonah in Year 3 is a great animal lover and decided to hold a bake sale to raise money for the RSPCA during half-term. He helped bake, put up posters, made bunting and gave up an afternoon over half term to hold a sale outside his house. He raised £50 and we are really proud of him for having such a great idea.



Parents' Evenings

We will have our first Parents' Evenings of this academic year using a combination of face-to-face meetings and School Cloud. We will trial using both methods to facilitate the meetings following feedback from Parent Forum. These Parents' Evenings will be an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled this year and how we can work together to support them further.

The Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday, 16th November, 3.30pm – 6.30pm (in the School Hall) and Thursday, 18th November, 4.30pm – 7.30pm (via School Cloud).

The system is now live so please do log on to School Cloud <https://westernroadcommunity.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to make your appointment. A parents' guide to logging on is also attached to this newsletter. **Please do sign up for your appointment by 23.55 on Monday, 15th November, at which point the system will close to new appointments.** If you are unable to attend one of those evenings, please do email the School Office to make a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.

If your child is on the SEND register or you have concerns about your child and would like to make an **appointment to meet with Kerry Bedford, the school SENCo**, there is availability to book via School Cloud. She is available on Tuesday, 16th November, 3.30pm – 5.30pm (in the school hall) and Thursday, 18th November, 3.45pm – 5.30pm (via School Cloud). She will be giving 15 minute appointments and would ideally like you to make an appointment with

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the class teacher first, followed by herself, where possible. This will allow for an overall update from the class teacher before discussing additional concerns you may have. Concerns may relate to academic progress, emotional well-being, additional needs and possible referrals to outside agencies. She can also advise on parental and family support outside of school (please also see end of newsletter for advice and support).

Lunchtime Club – Thursdays

Thursday's lunchtime club started this week so children can come in at lunchtime for half an hour to read books, play games, draw or colour. It was very popular, even spilling out into the corridors!



News from EYFS (Silver Birch Class)

It has been lovely coming back to school and was magical to see all the children so excited to see all their friends again. The children loved sharing their holiday news and talking about the exciting things they did to celebrate Halloween. We have been finding out about the seasons and noticing signs of Autumn on a lovely crisp Autumn walk. The children have created some beautiful Autumn inspired work using pastels and exploring using printing. What an exciting start to the term!



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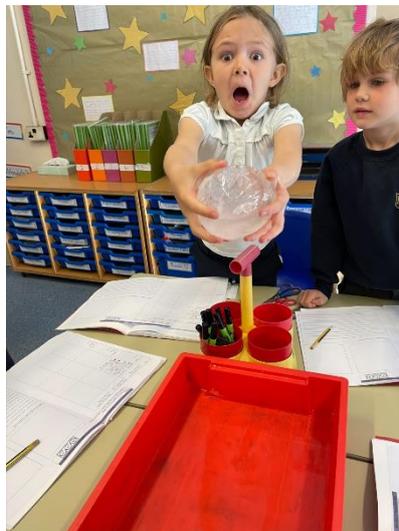
News from Year 1 (Elm Class)

In Elm Class this week we have been learning about the 5th November and Guy Fawkes. We created our own firework pictures using different media such as paint, glue, glitter, chalks, crayons and much more. We have made our own Guy and have our very own pretend bonfire in our outside area. In PE we have been pirates and played pop up pirate whereby we balanced as many bean bags as we could on our friend before they 'POPPED!' We have also been very busy practising our number skills using the part whole model to help us solve addition number sentences. It has been a very busy week!



News from Year 2 (Cherry Class)

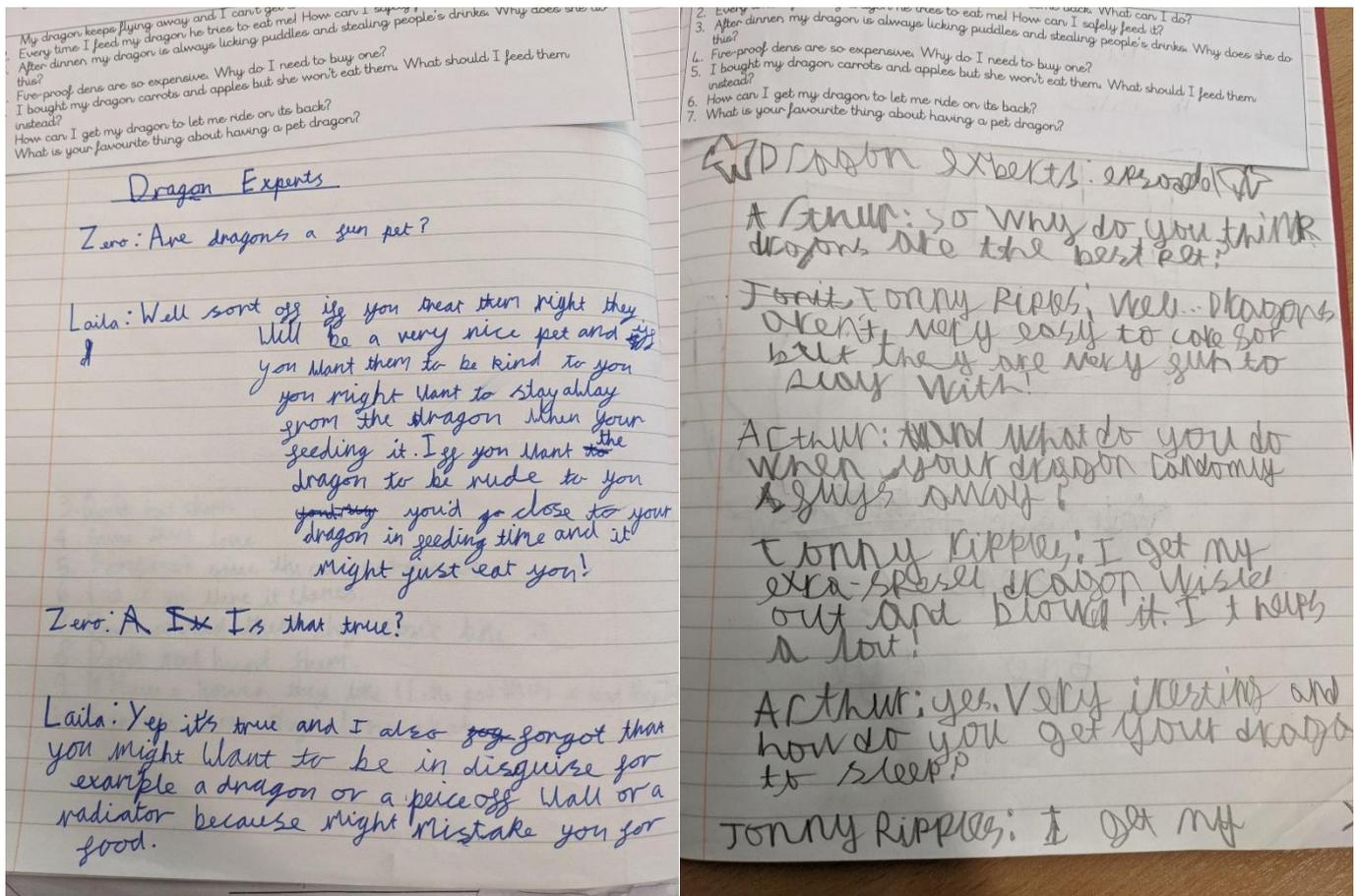
Year 2 have spent 2 days becoming ice explorers. We conducted an experiment to see what happens to ice when it is put in different places and developed our observation and recording skills. We have also been looking at maps and globes to find places in the world and have started our learning of the polar regions. I know it is early but we have also begun learning a few Nativity songs. I will be giving out speaking parts for the children to practise at home next week!



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News from Year 3 (Larch Class)

In Year 3 we have really enjoyed looking at the text 'How To Look After A Pet Dragon'. We have been imagining that we are dragon experts! Some of us have answered some 'Agony Aunt' style questions and some of us created a play script of an interview with a dragon expert.



News from Year 4 (Willow Class)

Year 4 have begun their new topic, which is all about the weather! We have been watching the weather forecast each day and updating our class display with the temperature and wind speed. We have also learnt about ways to measure different weather, and have made paper windmills to help us understand the direction and speed of the wind. We have put them outside the office so that we can see them each day.



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News from Year 5 (Elder Class)

Year 5 and Year 4 enjoyed a shadow puppet workshop yesterday, led by Wishworks. They started by learning about how light refracts through a prism, before going on to make shadow puppets to re-tell the story of Rama and Sita to mark Diwali, which was yesterday. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs, which are focus religions in Year 4 and Year 5. This week, Year 5 also had a fantastic time with the Year 6s at Branching Out. They all challenged themselves and built on their resilience. It was lovely to see how supportive they all were of each other too. We were very proud of the conduct of all the children who took part. We have also enjoyed starting our new Earth and Space topic this week. We have begun by taking part in a webinar about space travel, and the class has also started a new unit of space-themed poetry, featuring poems by Pie Corbett and Walter De La Mare.



News from Year 6 (Oak Class)

Year 6 have begun Term 2 reaching for the sky - and quite literally! On Tuesday both Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic visit to Branching Out which was focused on their current term's school value: resilience. The children were extremely supportive of one another, offering buckets of encouragement to their peers as well as facing their own challenges. The children had so much fun, the autumnal weather was stunning and most of all everyone came back beaming with happiness and achievement.

This week, Year 6 are learning about the key enquiry question: 'What is History?'. There were some lovely elements of discussion whereby children challenged the different ways in which we speak about the past. Key language like: happened, ago, past, previous and even then vs now become debatable topics. Children were then allowed to draw on the tables (in washable pen!) to complete timelines based upon: people, dates, evidence, place and events. It was lovely to the children engaging and challenging the diversity and equality of their timeline, adding in areas like the equality act, equal pay act and the right for women to vote. It was clear the children were quite shocked and surprised at how recent these dates were. Overall, it was a really powerful lesson to be a part of and it was lovely to see the children challenging diversity and equality as a part of history- reaching beyond the curriculum.



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Green United Depot Film Project

A huge well done to Liam and Oliver (Year 6) and Joseph and Jacomo (previous Year) who were chosen, along with a small group of other children across Lewes, to take part in the Depots Green Film Project. The children made four short films, using a range of techniques to educate and publicise a range of environmental issues. After several weeks of very hard work, these films were premiered at a special screening at The Depot last Sunday. You can see them by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcPKEnTqebfrbxyUa3-ZYd1xgdFHcmlwN>

Hedgehog Visits

We were lucky enough to have a hedgehog visit for school led by Graham Bowring of Saint Francis Animal Care – Hedgehog Rescue this morning. Children from EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 met some hedgehogs and learned about this endangered species, also discussing things like hibernation, dangers of bonfire night etc. The visits happened in the school hall - children sat in a circle around a Perspex enclosure so that they could all see the hedgehogs clearly. Everyone learned lots, and the children behaved beautifully, ensuring they were quiet so the hedgehogs were not stressed. Ethan from Year 6 presented Graham with the donations for Saint Francis Animal Care – we raised an impressive £128! A big thank you to everybody who contributed.



News from Friends of Western Road

Power-Up Wednesday healthy snack sale

Our new healthy snack sale is on Wednesday, 10th November. Delicious, home-baked & healthy snacks will be on sale after school to power your kids through the midweek energy slump! Brought to you by parents who have somehow perfected the art of creating healthy snacks that children want to eat, parent and nutritional therapist Nicole Silver will also be sharing some of her yummy recipes. See you there!

Book Sale and Uniform Sale

There will be a children's second-hand book and uniform sale in the school hall on Monday, 15th November. Come along and grab a bargain! EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents are invited from 2.45pm and Key Stage 2 from 3.15pm. We are staggering time slots to prevent crowding. School asks that you please wear a mask unless medically exempt.

Painting and Decorating

A small group of parents led by Emma Davidson have kindly been painting some areas of the school interior with a much needed fresh coat of paint. If you could join them for a few hours one weekend, please email WesternRoad.friends@outlook.com as they could really do with some more help. Huge thanks to everyone who's helped so far.

Thanks all
FWR Team x

Reminder - Healthy Schools

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

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issues, and will refer to specialised services when needed. For full details about the service they offer please visit our website: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/school-health-service-east-sussex/

How do 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 www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-east-sussex-referral-form/
- 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.

Reminder - Chartwells Lunches

If your child is in Years 3 – 6, they are able to order a daily lunch through Chartwells. Each meal costs £2.15 which is payable in advance via ParentPay. If your child orders a school lunch, particularly on a daily basis, please ensure your ParentPay account is kept either cleared or in credit each week (as would happen as your child moves on to secondary school). It is taking a lot of time to ensure all parents and carers pay their lunch bills on a timely basis each week. Thank you.

Reminder - Advice and Support

CLASS+ are a service that supports families and carers of children and young people with ASD, children on the pathway to a diagnosis or children who struggle to regulate their emotions and may need further strategies at home. Please contact CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk, message on their Facebook page or call 01273 336887 for more information.

ISEND Parents and Carers Helpline on 01273 481967 who can offer advice and support on a range of areas.

East Sussex School Health Team which is led by registered, qualified nurses. They provide support and advice for a variety of health issues, and can also signpost to other specialist services where appropriate. For more information please go onto <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health-service-east-sussex/> where you can find text, phone and email support information or an online health referral form which is quick and easy to complete.

East Sussex Parent Carer Forum - A forum for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in East Sussex to raise awareness of children's needs and work together to strengthen support to local families.

<https://www.espcf.org.uk/>

Amaze SENDIASS - the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service for East Sussex and Brighton and Hove. If you are a parent of a child or young person with SEND, you can call the Amaze SENDIASS helpline for information and advice on 01273 772289 or email sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk. Use the link for more information.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-carers/services-and-support/sendiass-advice-line/>

Dates for your diaries

Please see below planned dates for upcoming school events. However, please be aware these events are very much in the planning stage and permitting parents and carers into the building may need to be altered depending upon Government guidelines and the school risk assessment nearer the time. For any events happening in school, including the school hall, all parents and carers should wear masks (unless medically exempt). Thank you.

Monday, 1 st November	Term 2 begins
Wednesday, 3 rd November 2.00pm	Phonics workshop (school hall, for EYFS parents and carers)
Monday, 8 th November	Kittles Photography – individual photos
Wednesday, 10 th November	FWR Power Up Wednesday
Friday, 12 th November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Week commencing 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday, 15 th November	FWR Book and Uniform Sale
Tuesday, 16 th November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Thursday, 18 th November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Friday, 19 th November	Children In Need (please note change of date)
Friday, 26 th November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Friday, 3 rd December, 6.30pm – 8.00pm	Artists and Makers' preview evening (Town Hall)
Saturday, 4 th December, 9.00am – 5pm	Artists and Makers' (Town Hall)
Friday, 10 th December 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday, 13 th December 2.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Tuesday, 14 th December 9.30am	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday, 15 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday, 16 th December 2.00pm	Carols Around The Tree
Friday, 17 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday, 4 th January	Term 3 begins, Healthy Living Week
Monday, 21 st February	INSET (4) – school closed
Friday, 27 th May	INSET (5) – school closed