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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting the FWR Rudolph Run event at the weekend. It was a wonderful way to have the school community come together and start to celebrate the Festive season. Thank you to the FWR team for a great day.

As we look towards the end of Term 2, we must continue to be vigilant help to keep the school community safe. We ask that any visitors into the school building wear face masks (unless medically exempt) and maintain social distancing. We are reminding the children to use good hand hygiene and are keeping the school building well ventilated. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate layers each day and always brings their coat to school. We will continue to monitor the temperature of classrooms and infection rates across the school and locally.

At the time of writing, we are still planning to celebrate our Christmas events in person but please be aware these plans may change closer to the time if necessary. All tickets for the Nativity and Carols will be given out on Friday, 10th December. I have listed the events below with the organisational details which I hope will be helpful. Please note, there will be no after school clubs (apart from Pioneer Childcare) running in the final week of term.

Monday, 13th December, 2pm – EYFS and KS1 Nativity

This is a ticketed event. We ask that all visitors wear face masks whilst inside the school building (unless medically exempt) and maintain social distancing. We would also appreciate all visitors to take a LFT before they visit the site.

Please ensure any requests for tickets not given by today are emailed to me (head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

For those of you attending the Nativity, you are able to take your child home as soon as they have changed back into their school uniform from their costume. Siblings may also be taken at this time. For those of you not attending this performance, your child should be collected at 3.15pm as usual.

Tuesday, 14th December, 9.15am – EYFS and KS1 Nativity

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After the Nativity, the children will return to class as usual.

Wednesday, 15th December – Christmas Lunch

The children will have their Christmas lunches (pre-ordered) or home packed lunches. The children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers with their usual school uniform.

Thursday, 16th December, 9.30am – KS2 Carols Around the Tree

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For those of you attending the 2pm Carols, you are able to take your child home at the end of the performance. Siblings may also be taken at this time. For those of you not attending this performance, your child should be collected at 3.15pm as usual.

Friday, 17th December – school finishes at 1.15pm

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers with their usual school uniform. We will finish at 1.15pm to enable parents to have an early start to the Christmas holidays. This will also allow staff to tidy classrooms in the afternoon, rather than returning to school the following week.

Term 3 begins on Tuesday, 4th January for Healthy Living Week (more information to follow).

Chartwells Lunches – ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure all lunch ParentPay accounts are cleared (or in credit) so all children's lunches are paid for up until the end of Term 2. **It is imperative these accounts are settled on a timely basis as otherwise the school has to cover these costs.** Thank you.

Maths Assembly

This week we had our first Maths assembly celebrating children's achievements in Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots. We will be having whole school Maths assemblies every fortnight, however we will still hand out certificates in class on the alternative weeks. Willow Class won the trophy for the highest score and Jonah from Year 2 achieved the highest accuracy in the whole school. We are very proud of all the efforts of all of the children in Maths in and outside of school!



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News from EYFS (Silver Birch Class)

Last week the children in Silver Birch have been interested to learn about Buddhism. We then practised various mindfulness activities including yoga, observing nature, threading (our spin on sewing), listening to relaxing music and a range of painting techniques. This week we continued our topic 'Celebrations' and have been learning about Judaism and finding out about Hanukkah. The children enjoyed hearing about how it is celebrated in many homes around the world and even had a go at making their own dreidels!

In literacy we have been working hard to develop our knowledge of phonics. We have been learning to recognise many letters as well as using them to read and write 3-letter words. In addition, we have continued our Talk for Writing work based on the poem 'Give yourself a Hug' by Grace Nichols where we have innovated our own versions of the poem.

In maths we have been working on the concept of 'one more' and 'more than'. The children found this particularly fun when comparing quantities in the context of tasty food!



News from Year 1 (Elm Class)

We have been learning more about Space this week. We had the visit from the Planetarium which was amazing. The children found out lots of new information so please ask them! We created our own moon phases using black and white beans. We have built a large rocket in the garden and created our own smaller junk model rockets. We also painted our planets. We have continued to read our Talk for Writing text 'Beegu' and next week we will be innovating the story.

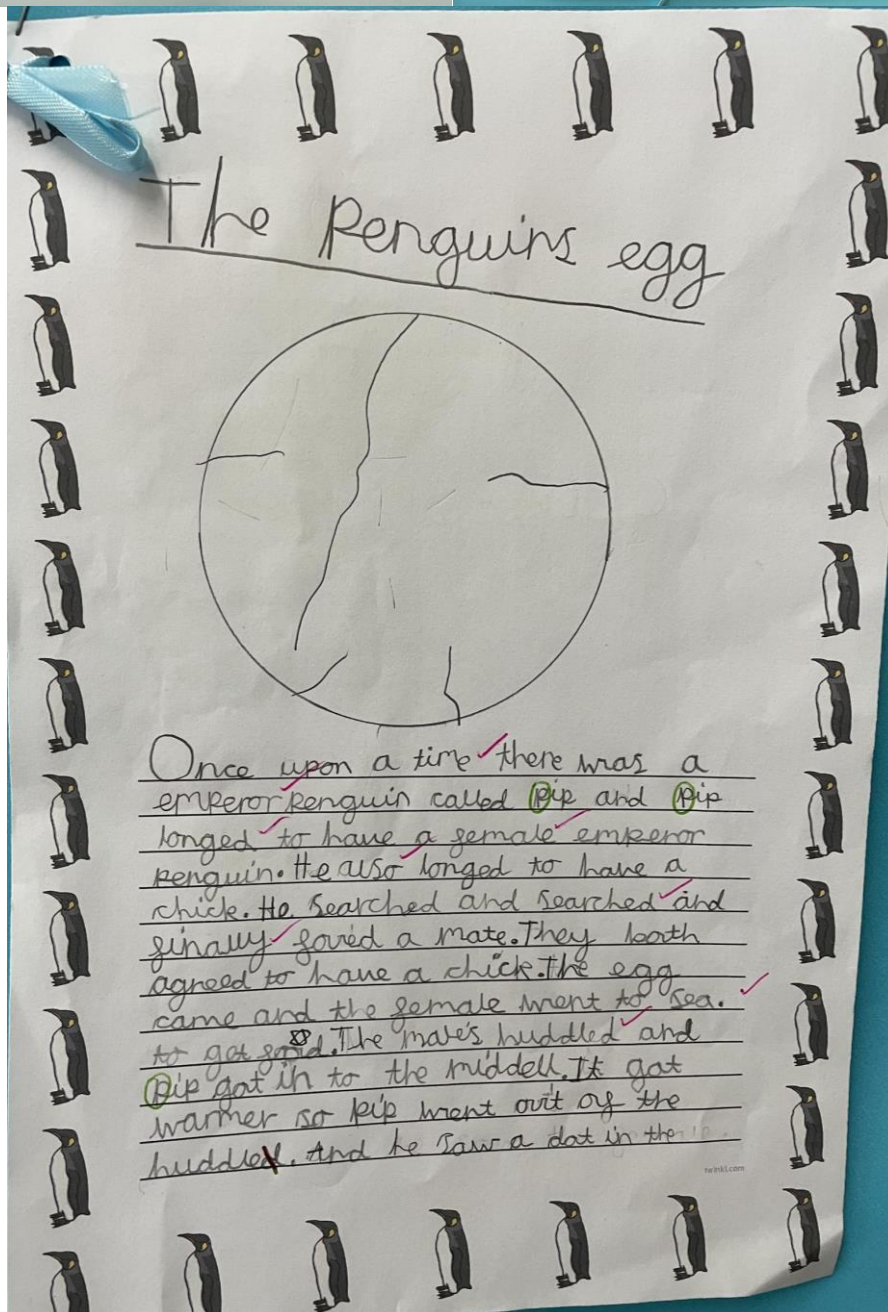


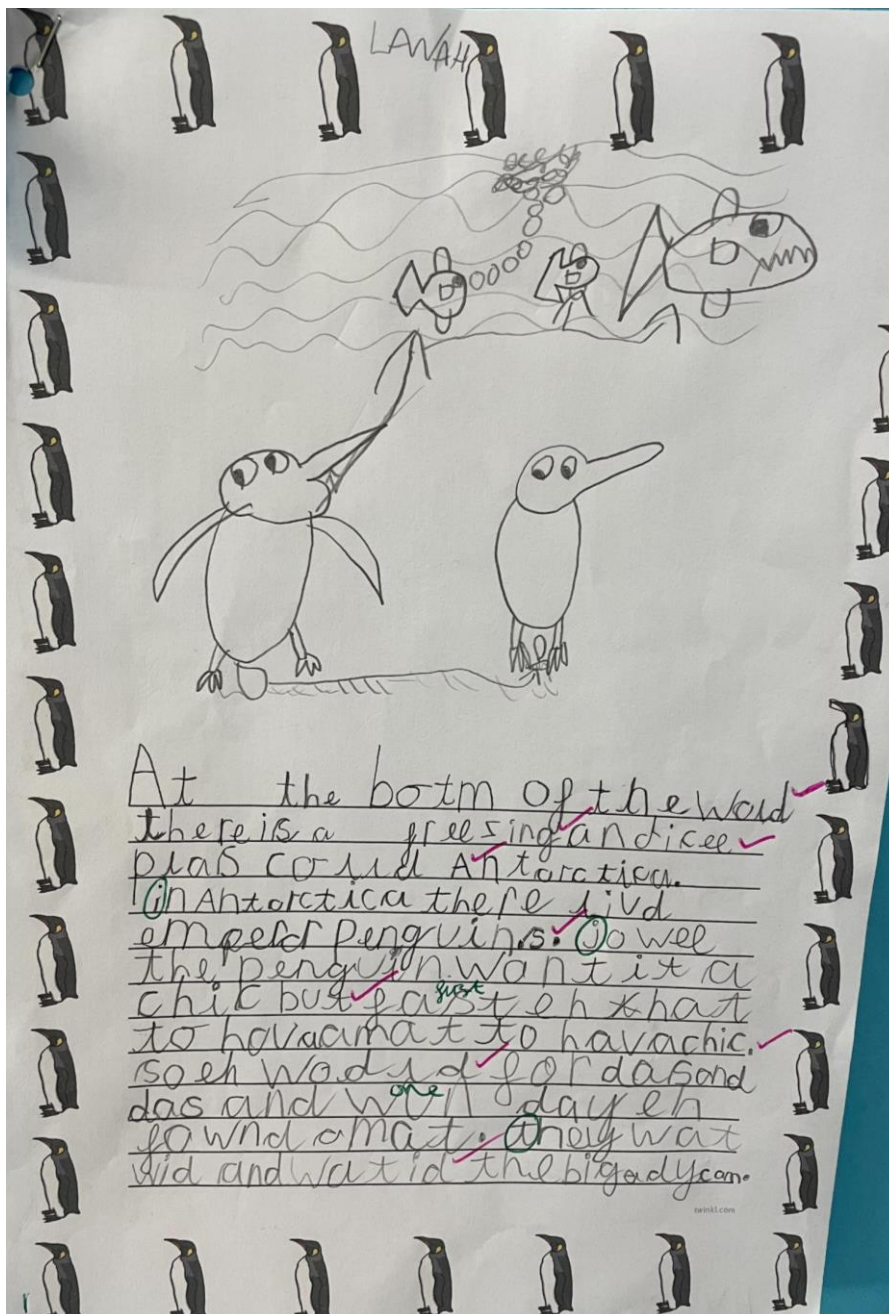
News from Year 2 (Cherry Class)

I want to start off by saying a big well done for the children in Year 2 who have completed their amazing homework pieces. We have really enjoyed showing these and learning new facts about Arctic animals! We have also finished our stories and have been creating lots of art work based on our topic. All in between nativity rehearsals which is looking better and better everyday! Keep up the good work Year 2!



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News from Year 3 (Larch Class)

In Year 3 we have been thinking about what 'rural' means and landscapes this week. We were inspired by Monet to create our own landscapes using finger painting!



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News from Year 4 (Willow Class)

Year 4 have been focusing on The Great Wave in Art, linking to their weather topic. They learnt to create the outline of the waves using a tutorial. After this, they spent a morning used mixed media (bubble wrap and paint, tissue paper and glue, and chalk/pastels) to create their own versions of the picture. They look amazing, and some children have even had a go at making another version at home too.



News from Year 5 (Elder Class)

Year 5 have created a class poem about Mercury, as part their Space topic. The children worked together to write the poem, thinking of ideas and editing throughout the process:

Mercury

Her face is crisp like toasted crumpets,
 silent crackles and muffled trumpets.
 Bumpy like a volcano rim,
 her heart is bright but her light is dim.
 She helps the stars to find their way,
 All along the Milky Way.
 She is a warm crackly fire,
 her popularity soars even higher.
 Silently, sneaky she tiptoes past,
 Venus's glare and silky mast.
 She is old and kind,
 but still has a good mind.
 She plays hide and seek with the planets and stars,
 behind Venus she hides from Mars.
 A metallic tweed skirt and silvery top,
 hair so wild like a scruffy mop.
 Young in face and old wrinkly eyes,
 Down in the dark she sometimes cries.

She dislikes Saturn because he has rings,
and so many other fantastic things.
Like an armadillo her shell is strong,
she quietly sings her midnight song.

We had a fantastic experience, learning all about our solar system and the properties of the planets. These were brought to life in the incredible 3D planetarium dome!



News from Year 6 (Oak Class)

Year 6 have been very busy learning all about the famous historical invasions from the Vikings back in 793AD, especially focusing on the invasion on Holy island, Lindisfarne. In order to make the learning embed and spread across the curriculum, Year 6 have been making animations on Scratch 3 which demonstrates the invasion at Lindisfarne. They are working really hard to accurately program and time their animations and are still a working progress.. but here is a sneak preview of Agatha's scratch animation which is looking fabulous: click link to watch her brilliant work: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/609849916>

Healthy Living Week – week beginning 4th January 2022

Our Healthy Living Week will take place at the beginning of Term 3, with the theme 'Healthy Me'. We would love to have any guest speakers come in and visit the children to discuss being healthy, for example dentist, dental nurse, yoga teacher, personal trainer, nutritionist or anyone that thinks they may be able to offer something useful that week. Please do email the School Office office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk and your details will be passed on to Mrs Bedford and Ms Jones (PSHE subject leaders). Thank you.

News from Friends of Western Road

Christmas raffle

We have some lovely prizes for the Christmas raffle, tickets will go on sale soon. (We hope to sell these online.)

Tea towels

The school tea towels are back! They went like actual hot cakes last year. We will let you know when they're available.

End of term Christmas visitors

In the final week of term some festive magic will be spread across school...a few Christmas visitors will be arriving to give your children a present from FWR.

The Books & Uniform sale made £277! Thanks for all of your donations & purchases - we hope you enjoy your bargains!

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The Rudolph Run (in place of the Christmas fair) raised over £1400! Thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the fun, especially the choir (led by Miss Doone) who sang so beautifully. And huge thanks to every parent who volunteered on that rather chilly day; the event could not have happened without you. Big shout out to Anthea for running the obstacle course, Holly C for working so hard to help Katie organise the event, Chester's grandad Kevin for running the sound system and of course Team Grotto and Mr Young for arranging Santa's visit!



Thank you for all of the generous toy donations for Elfridges. We were lucky enough to receive grotto donations from Lewes Garden Centre in Kingston, cakes from Tesco & Waitrose Lewes, and the beautiful Christmas tree from Paradise Park Garden Centre.

Thank you to the FWR committee

Terms 1 & 2 are always the busiest for FWR. I'd like to say a massive thank you to the whole committee for their dedication and hard work to organise events that the children have loved and that also have raised vital funds. We'd love more people to join us in the new year, so if you're setting any resolutions please consider FWR.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Katie & the FWR team

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 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/

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- 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 - 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 9.15am	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday, 15 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday, 16 th December	Carols Around The Tree Years 3 – 6, 9.30am EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, 2pm
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

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