

**WESTERN ROAD C.P.SCHOOL**

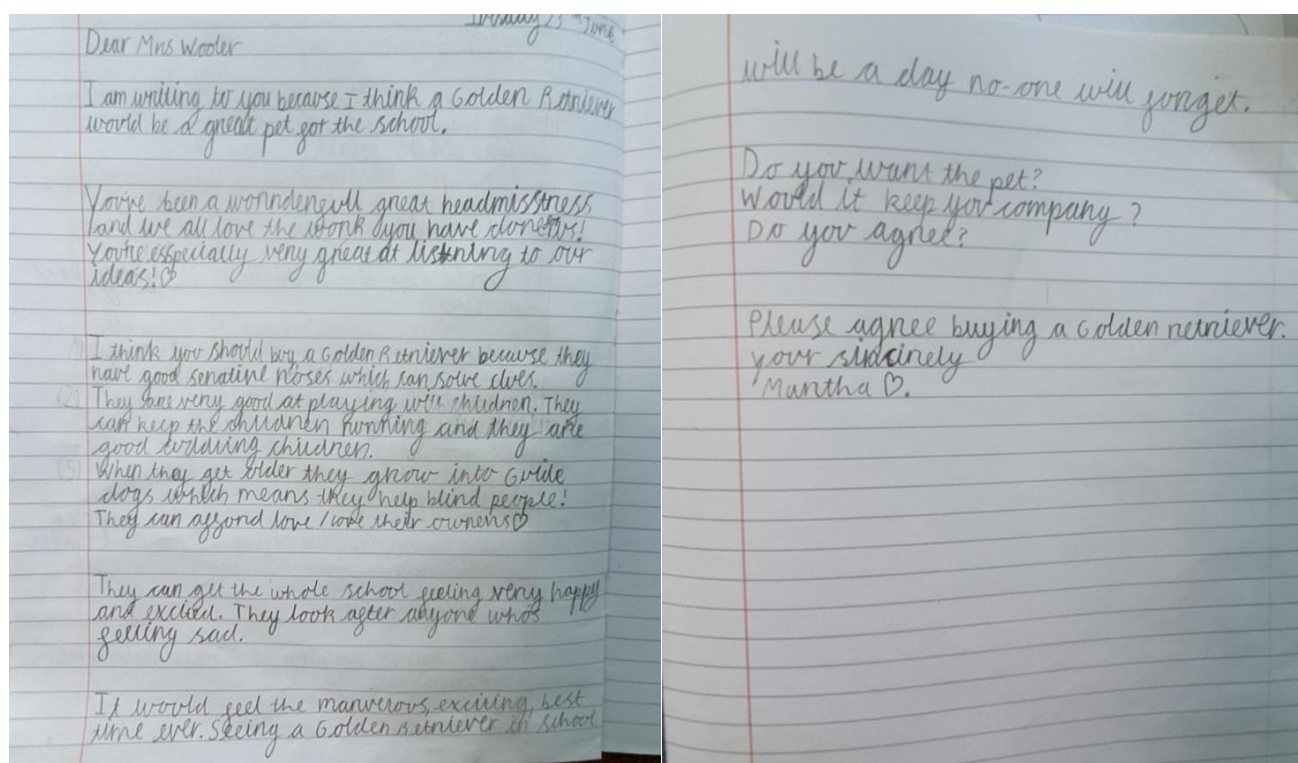
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**Newsletter No 9 – Term 6, Week 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. It is lovely to hear from many of you and to see so many wonderful activities on SeeSaw and Tapestry. Below is just one example by a child in Year 2, writing a persuasive letter about school pets!



Thank you for everything you are doing to keep your children active in mind, body and spirit during this very difficult time. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again soon but in the meantime, I wanted to update you on a few things:

**Reports**

Teaching staff have written reports for the children, based on the learning that had taken place up to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March (when we went into lockdown). As I'm sure you can appreciate, we have been unable to make fair comment on the learning that has taken place since lockdown, for example on Tapestry or SeeSaw, because they were not completed under usual, classroom conditions. The reports will be emailed out on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July and will include a feedback sheet for you to complete and return to the School Office.

**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, bullying or e-safety, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Mrs Wooler or Mrs Adams.**

### Staffing for next academic year

I am delighted to tell you Mrs Bedford and Miss Jones will be returning from maternity leave in mid July and will, therefore, return to class for the new academic year. The staffing in September will be as follows:

EYFS	Miss Jones, Mrs Michica, Mrs Reed and Mrs Hamblin
Year One	Mrs Bishop, Mrs Adams and Mrs Johnson
Year Two	Miss Blackwell and Miss Hart
Year Three	Mrs Bracher and Mrs Allcorn
Year Four	Miss Lester and Mrs Allcorn
Year Five	Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Bedford and Mrs Hills
Year Six	Miss Doone, Mrs Winsor and Mrs Hamblin (Fridays)

### Classrooms

We have taken the decision to move some of the existing classrooms next academic year, to better suit the physical needs of our learners. The changes are as follows:

EYFS	Unchanged
Year One	Moving to current Year Two classroom
Year Two	Moving to current Year One classroom
Year Three	Moving to current Year Five classroom
Year Four	Unchanged
Year Five	Moving to current Year Three classroom
Year Six	Unchanged

### Transition

Unfortunately, due to the current Government guidelines, we were unable to host the New To EYFS parents and carers session this week. However, the families joining Western Road have been sent transition books for parents and children and there are also videos of the EYFS staff on the website. The new intake have been invited to join Miss Jones and Mrs Michica on the school field in small groups for their Teddy Bears' Story Time sessions. We have also released the staggered start dates for those children for September 2020.

As part of the transition into new year groups, we would like to invite Years Two-Five children onto the school field at staggered times/dates within the parameters of social distancing and Government guidelines. **Transition dates will be released as soon as possible.** The aim of the sessions would be to say 'goodbye' to the current class teachers and 'hello' to class teachers for the new academic year. It will also give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and ask any questions. We ask that you stick to allotted time slots given to ensure the safety of everyone involved. **Please note, children will not be permitted within the white gate (eg, to use the toilet facilities) during these sessions.** If you are unable to attend those sessions, we will email out any relevant information.

### Patina

Unfortunately, the Year Six Patina parade due to take place on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July has been postponed until the next academic year. However, the Year Six class will mark the occasion with a costumed parade on the field (with social distancing between the two pods) and picnic in the afternoon of Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July. The children will also receive their Patina T-shirts, kindly paid for by FWR. I will share photographs of the event with you in the next newsletter.

### Site work

#### **Toilets**

We are very pleased to confirm the children's toilets will be refurbished over the Summer holidays. The partitions are a fantastic deep blue and gold to show the school colours and I am sure they will look wonderful in place.

#### **EYFS**

FWR are currently looking to improve the EYFS outdoor learning area with new flooring and equipment. I will share plans with you in due course.

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**Key Dates (as at 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020)**

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Term 1 begins, INSET Day

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**Children return to school**, EYFS taster sessions  
(see letter emailed 19/6/2020)

EYFS staggered start begins

EYFS children invited to attend full-time