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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping to celebrate Harvest Festival on Wednesday, 23rd October. Debbie Twitchen from Lewes Foodbank has collected the donations and is putting them to good use to support our community.



Year 6 leading our Harvest Festival celebrations

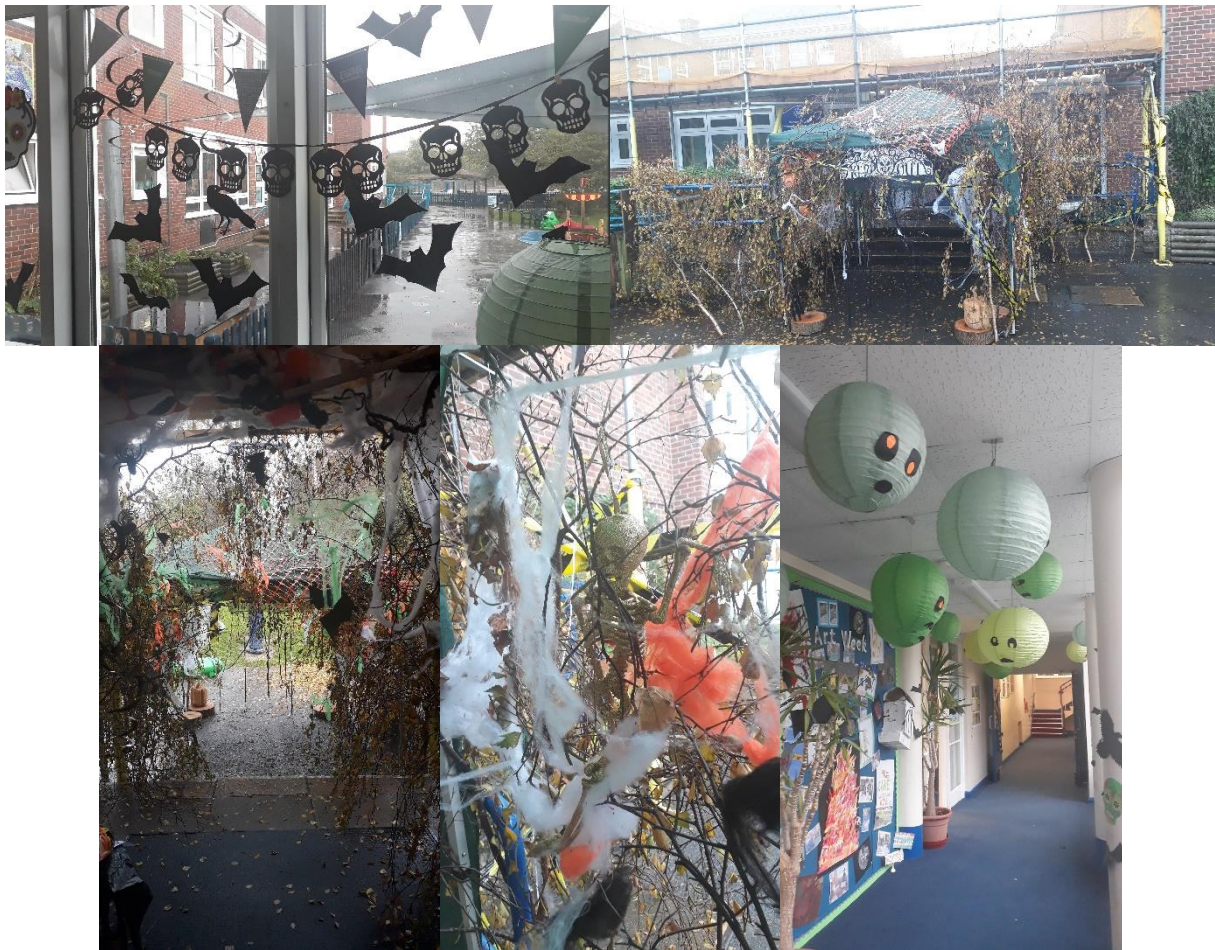


All donations have gone to Lewes Foodbank – thank you

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FWR Halloween Discos

Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped to make the Halloween Discos such an incredible success. The discos raised £1267 for the school which is a testament to the wonderful work of the FWR committee. Thank you all.



Parent Forum:

Please help us end the polluting car chaos at the school gates on rainy days!

A number of parents have expressed alarm at the car chaos that jams the road immediately outside the school and the entrance/exit to the car park at drop-off time on rainy days. They report that there is a significant and noticeable surge in the number of cars at drop-off times when it's raining - suggesting people who normally walk on dry days are using their cars when it's wet.

A recent report by Public Health England (PHE) called for a ban on cars idling outside school gates to help combat the 28-36k deaths a year linked to air pollution in the UK. The car congestion on wet days outside our school means that children on foot are having to navigate their way around several stationary cars emitting health-damaging fumes on their way into school. The situation also makes normal road safety practice impossible as parents and children are forced to walk-out between parked cars. This means children can't learn to cross the road safely because they need an adult to see if the road is clear and safe to cross.

The walking and cycling promoting charity Sustrans has found two thirds of teachers and 95% of parents would like to see cars entirely banned from roads leading to school entrances at pick-up and drop-off times. Clearly some people have no choice but to drive their children to school for mobility or distance reasons. However for those that can and do walk when it's not raining - can we urge them to think about investing some fuel money on good raincoats and wellies and choose cleaner air for our children?

To find out more about how car pollution impacts our children's lives visit www.mumsforlungs.org

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Medicines

If your child has any medication to be administered in school, please see Mrs Winter in the School Office and complete a permission form. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including a coat with a hood/hat now the weather is turning, and have their PE kit in school every day (see the school website for further detail). Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

SENCo

Mrs Bradshaw, our SENCo, now works in school on Mondays. If you have any queries or would like make an appointment to see her, please do email senco@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk Thank you.

Reminder - Healthy Eating

Last year, healthy eating was raised at Parent Forum regarding the availability of fruit for desserts and associated reduction in sugary puddings at lunchtimes. In addition, research has shown that young children find it difficult to maintain concentration if they do not have a snack mid-morning. Whilst our Reception and Key Stage 1 children are offered free fruit mid-morning, they may also benefit from also eating something more substantial. We have also seen some children bringing crisps and chocolate as their mid-morning snack. We would ask children bring healthy snacks for breaktimes, for example cheese, crackers, plain rice crackers or simple savoury sandwiches. Please do not send in chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks. Some new parents have asked about bringing in food treats, for examples sweets or cakes for a child's birthday. We have many children with dietary requirements but this is very difficult to organise. Class teachers will always celebrate a child's birthday but please don't bring anything in food treats to school for the teachers to distribute.

Year 5 Badminton Success



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Me and Ben play badminton for Sussex and did a tournament. It was a very hard competition against some amazing players. He didn't win any medals or trophies ^{RS} but it was a great experience and now we will build up from it and get better and better. So now we have more experience and will value it for a long time for how it helped us improve. Here's what happened: My first game was against a very good player and I lost but not by much. My next game I won which was not too much of a surprise because I had already played 1 game so I was ready and warmed up. My final group game I lost as it was against the person who went on to ~~win~~ come 2nd in the whole thing. Now was the knockout stage. Although I didn't get through my group I still got to the plate knockout which I think is amazing because the people who organized it gave everyone a chance to get to the knockout. My next game was against Ben. I lost, just. We are very evenly matched so you never know who will win between us. Ben has said what happened to him next. The doubles. Me and Ben were together and to be honest ~~we~~ we were probably the worst in the doubles but that didn't stop me doing up hope. We just lost all our games. It had a slightly different effect on Ben which I won't bore you with. We just lost all our games but we really enjoyed the day and that's what matters.

Once we started the tournament my attitude changed from excitement and eagerness to tension and my nerves started to pick up. In my first match I was beaten by a boy in two games. In my next I easily beat my opponent and got a score on the board. In my next match I easily lost as my opponent was very good. In the end I came 3rd and moved on to a plate competition and I beat my next opponent but that meant I was playing Joseph. Phew, that was a hard match but in the end I beat Joseph 2 games to 0. That meant I was through to the final. I went down on to the court and it felt like ice was slowly trickling down my back as I stepped out. In the first game I lost but in the second I won and in the third I lost 14-15 by 1 point, so I didn't win a medal. Then in the doubles tournament I was a bit down and in our first, second and third games we played we lost so we eventually missed out on medals. That is the end of my experience. Bye!

FWR Dates for your diary:

Committee meeting (all welcome) – Tuesday, 26th November - 2.40pm - 3.20pm in the school library.

Christmas Jumper Day - wear something festive to school and bring a donation for the Christmas Fair hampers – Monday, 9th December

Christmas Fair in the school hall – Thursday, 12th December.

2020 Dates

Parents/Carers Quiz Night in the school hall – Thursday, 13th February

Easter Disco in the school hall – Thursday, 2nd April

Summer Fair – Saturday, 13th June

Contact Us

A reminder you can follow us on Instagram @friendswesternrd and Facebook @FriendsofWesternRoad for news about our events. Or email us on westernroad.friends@outlook.com

Thank you for your support.

FWR Team

Dates for Celebration Assembly

Friday, 8th November, 9.15am

Friday, 22nd November, 9.15am

Friday, 13th December, 9.15am

Additional dates for your diaries

Start of Term 2	Monday, 4 th November
Bonfire Night	Tuesday, 5 th November (no Gymnastics Club, playground closed)
INSET Day 3	Wednesday, 6 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	Week beginning 11 th November (including drama workshops on Monday, 11 th November)
Children In Need	Friday, 15 th November
EYFS Maths meeting (in Hall)	Thursday, 21 st November, 9.15am
Year 6 to Imperial War Museum	Tuesday, 26 th November
Prospective EYFS parent meetings	Week commencing 2 nd December
Artists and Makers' Fair preview evening	Friday, 6 th December, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Artists and Makers' Fair	Saturday, 7 th December, 10am – 5pm
FWR Christmas Fair	Thursday, 12 th December, 3.30pm
School Christmas lunch	Friday, 13 th December
EYFS/Key Stage One Nativity	Wednesday, 18 th December, 1.45pm
Carols Around The Tree	Friday, 20 th December, 9.15am