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Wednesday, 5th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we can't believe we are in Term 6! Thank you for all your support with SATs revision last term and we hope your child has full recovered from PGL.

We are writing to let you know what the children will be learning in school this term and the many events that will be taking place.

This term we will spend the first 2-3 weeks completing our 'Wonders of the World' topic. In English we will be writing a variety of fiction and non-fiction in relation to Kensuke's Kingdom. This will inform the final part of the writing moderation process where each child's books will be checked by colleagues and County Advisors. In Science, alongside our RSE teaching (see separate booklet) we will focus on animals and humans – the circulatory system, drugs, diet, exercise, transportation of water and nutrients in humans and animals and how the body works. In Geography, we will be focusing on our knowledge of the world, particularly in relation to natural and man-made wonders. In maths, we will focus on a range of real-life problems. Our PSHCE focus will then be focused on 'Moving On' – supporting a smooth transition onto Secondary School.

There are many events in Term 6 – some whole school and some Year 6 focused. Please find details of these below, and in addition to this return the permission slip at the end of this letter.

PATINA Moving On Parade

The PATINA parade this year is on Friday, 5th July. We will be leaving school between 11.00am and 11.15am to walk to the Paddock. The children will need a packed lunch (in disposable containers) and plenty of water for the day. We are able to order school packed lunches for the day if preferred.

The parade is due to set off from the Paddock at approximately 12.15pm. The route for the parade is available on the PATINA webpage (<http://patinalewes.com/> - look under the events sections). We should arrive back into the Paddock for the finale and entertainment at approximately 1.30pm. We welcome parent participation, and invite you to either walk up to the Paddock with us, meet us at the Paddock and parade with us. There is always the need for volunteers to carry the 'Big Make' too. If you would like to take your child's sibling from school to watch the parade, you must be fully responsible for them for the duration of the day. Please indicate on the slip if you would like your child's sibling to attend.

The event continues at the Paddock once the Parade has finished. There will be a party in the Paddock with entertainment from Starfish. Please indicate on the slip whether you would like your child to return to school with us after the Parade or if you will be supervising them at the party. Please speak or email us if you would like to make alternative arrangements. Children's costumes will be displayed and illuminated after the event. We will send more information nearer the time. If the weather is poor, a decision as to whether the event will go ahead will be made at 9.30am. As soon as we are aware of any decision, we will send out a text.

Safety In Action

Safety in Action will take place on Tuesday 9th July at Hove Fire Station. This annual event is organised by the Emergency Services and is an interactive session that covers safety and how to get help when needed. It is a fun session but with a serious message. Photographs of the activities will be taken to help gain sponsorship in future: please indicate on the slip if your child can be photographed.

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FWR have kindly agreed to pay for the coach. We will leave school at 11.30am and will return by 3.00pm. Your child will need a packed lunch on this day. Please indicate on the form at the end of this letter if you could like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch.

Children should wear school uniform and bring a water bottle, sunhat and wear sun-cream as some of the activities will be outside.

Sports Day

Whole school Sports Day is taking place on Thursday, 11th July beginning at approximately 9.15am (more details to follow). Please ensure your child has their full PE kit, a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle. You are invited to join us in celebrating the children's sporting achievements. Please note the children are allowed to go home immediately after their picnic lunch at approximately 1.00pm. If you would like your child to walk home independently directly afterwards, please indicate on the slip below, or the children will stay at school until 3.30pm.

Project 468

In Year 4, your child completed a fieldwork project at the Railway Land Nature Reserve in Lewes, called Project 468. We will be revisiting the Railway Land to continue this project; exploring what has changed and why. Our visit will take place on Thursday, 27th June, leaving school at 9:10am and returning before the end of the school day.

The visit is part of an ongoing environmental programme that has been organised by the Railway Land Wildlife Trust that develops with children over subsequent years. Their next session will be in Year 8.

During the day, children will be taken on a guided walk and revisit their map, previously made in Year 4, of an area of the Nature Reserve. The children will add to it in terms of habitats via the live cameras and guided exploration. If your child was not with us in Year 4, they can still attend and will just use another child's map. When children reach Year 8, they will make a final return to their maps but this time reflect and expand on it in terms of climate change and sea level rise. This fieldwork develops children's knowledge of habitat and climate change.

The Linklater Pavilion will be used as our base to welcome children in the morning and outline the day's events; to return to for our lunchtime; for expanding on and finishing maps and ultimately to photograph maps. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, wear school uniform and comfortable footwear that will get them through muddy places if it is wet. Unless there is a weather warning for very high winds, we will go ahead with the visit whatever the weather. Children should bring waterproof coats and/or sun-cream to reflect weather conditions.

In order for your child to participate in this fieldwork event, please could you complete the attached form. There is no cost for these visits. Additionally, if you are available to help on the day, we would be most grateful if you could indicate this on the form and we will contact you to confirm details.

Year Six Show – We Will Rock You – Performance Time and Tickets

We will be performing **We Will Rock You** to you on **Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm**. We ask that children arrive between 5.15pm and 5.30pm, and doors will open for the audience at 5.30pm.

Tickets for the show will be available from Wednesday, 10th July, by filling out the form at the end of this letter. Initially we are offering 4 tickets per family, with any spares being offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, 15th July so we can allocate additional tickets on Tuesday, 16th July.

In order to cover additional costs for the play, e.g. backdrops, additional costumes, props etc, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 for adult tickets and £1.50 for children's tickets. If you have any queries about tickets, please do let us know.

We will be sending more information about costumes and props once we have held auditions (14th June) and decided on children's roles.

Year Book

The children will soon be starting to create their year book. This will be published at a cost of £2.50 and will be available during the last week of term. If you would like to buy a book, please put £2.50 into a named envelope and return to school, or pay on Parentpay. The children would like photographs of themselves when they were younger to

be included in the year book. If you have any, please email them to both irenawooler@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk and kerrybedford@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk

Graduation Evening

This year our Graduation Evening will be held on Monday, 22nd July, beginning at 6.00pm and ending at 7.00pm. This will be a celebration of the children's time at Western Road School, where they will receive their autograph books; the children will share memories and hopes for the future. Parents are invited to this celebratory event. Children and parents should arrive from 5.45pm to allow a prompt start at 6.00pm.

If you have any queries about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Irena Wooler and Kerry Bedford
Year Six Class Teachers

PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY, 17th JUNE

CONSENT/TICKET FORM:

Following the PATINA parade, my child

- ☐ Will be collected by myself or will be collected by (please state who)
- ☐ Should return to school to go home as usual at 3.30pm

(Please tick as appropriate)

I would like to take _____, sibling of _____ with me for the PATINA parade and I understand I am responsible for them throughout the day.

Signed

Safety In Action

I give my permission for my child _____ to attend Safety in Action at Hove Fire Station on Tuesday, 9th July.

Please delete as applicable:

The organisers can / cannot photograph my child doing the activities and use them in advertising.

- ☐ I would like to order a packed lunch from the school kitchen for my child. (please tick)

Signed:

Sports Day

Following the whole school Sports Day, I give permission for my child _____, to walk home independently at 1.00pm.

Signed

Project 486 at the Railway Land Nature Reserve

I do / do not (delete as appropriate) give my permission for my child to participate in Project 468, an environmental fieldwork day, at the Railway Land Nature Reserve in Lewes, on Thursday 27th June, 2019.

Emergency contact number

Signed

I am/am not (please delete as applicable) able to help on the visit.

Name of adult helper:

GENERAL

My child has the following medical issues _____

and requires medicine to be administered _____

Signed:

Emergency contact number:

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Tickets for We Will Rock You

Name of Child.....

No. of Adult Tickets - _____

No. of Child Tickets - _____

I would / would not (delete as appropriate) like additional tickets if they become available.

No. of additional tickets – Adult _____ Child _____

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £_____ for the above tickets.

Signed: