



## **West Green Primary School Newsletter**

### **END OF AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately we were not able to get December's newsletter to you due to staff absences. However, although slightly late, here is a catch up from last term.

Happy New Year from West Green Primary School.

### **FOOTBALL - SMALL SCHOOLS LEAGUE UPDATE**

The final of the boys football league has now taken place. It was an early start for the team as the coach collected them at 7:30a.m! Well done to Alex, Jake, Ben, Jace, Milan, Billy, Oscar, Ashvin and Charlie.

They played really well and although they did not win the league they did win one of their final matches. We are so proud of them for how well they have played in this competition.

### **WEST GREEN—A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF**

Once again, we had numerous compliments last term from visitors to the school who say how polite and well behaved our children are. It makes the staff so happy to hear this from external visitors as it confirms what we already know. The children at school are lovely to teach. Please do let your children know what a difference their hard work, and good manners, make to the school.

Thank you.

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

We have continued with our school assemblies, in line with the current government advice. What a joy it is to be able to gather some classes together to celebrate our week. Hopefully we will be able to continue this, but as you know government advice changes at short notice so we will keep you informed if things change.

### **OUR NEW PURCHASE**

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have purchased a defibrillator for the school. This took a while to arrive but it is now here. Thank you so much to all those who have donated to the school in the past, and to those who have made the effort to support us with fundraising over the years (yes we mean you Parent Group)!



### **THANK YOU CRAWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We were very fortunate last term as the Crawley Baptist Church spoilt us by providing us with lots of lovely seasonal biscuits, and other treats. It really gave us a boost and was much appreciated. They also sent us a lovely Christmas tree which was proudly displayed in our Reception area.

They also donated some money to the school for resources. We have been able to use this to buy a class set of ukuleles, and in the future will be getting some more IT equipment for the children.

### **YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

As part of the curriculum Year 4 have been having weekly swimming lessons. Again, we have had yet more compliments about how well behaved our children are from the time they arrive at K2 to the time they depart. They are getting on swimmingly!

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

The drumming lessons for Year 3 and Year 5 were a huge success last term. The concentration on the children's faces was a wonderful sight. It was so noisy, but also a great way to let off steam at the end of the week. We think the children will miss the drums, however this term Year 2 and Year 4 will have the opportunity to learn the ukulele, which we are really looking forward to.

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

West Sussex Music have now been able to employ a replacement guitar teacher and lessons have now resumed in school. If you would like to sign your child up for guitar lessons please contact West Sussex Music on:

[www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply)

Tel: 01403 286330

Our guitar teacher is called Mr Frost.

**Please note that music lessons are funded by parents and carers. If your child is eligible for pupil premium the school is able to help with the cost of lessons in the first term.**

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

We said goodbye to Miss Tweddle at the end of last term. The staff and the children will really miss her. She is always smiling and has a kind word for everyone. We wish her all the best in her new school.



We were joined by two new members of staff last term. Most of you will already have met Miss Matthews in the school office as she is our new Admin Assistant, and Miss Webb is our newest Teaching Assistant based in the Year 2 classroom. They have settled in really well and we love having them here with us.



## **NEW TYRE TRAIL**



You will all have probably noticed that we have had a new tyre trail installed at the front of the school. The original tyre trail was only put in due to the hard work of the Parent Group and staff. It has been so well used (the children love it) that it was time to update it. Thank you so much to the Parent Group for the effort it took to put the original in place. It was such physical hard work installing the original and all we had were shovels. The people who installed the new trail had the help of a mechanical digger! What a hardy bunch we are!

## **NEW SCHOOL BENCHES**

We have had some new school benches delivered which are already being used, but will really be welcomed when the hotter weather arrives.



## **A BOOST FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

At West Green Primary we do try to be as environmentally friendly as much as we can. We already recycle used pens so that they do not go to landfill. We have now changed our search engine from Google to Ecosia, which pledges to plant a tree for each user. At the time of preparing this newsletter they had planted 141,730,110 trees, and the number keeps rising!



# Our Christmas at West Green

Despite a difficult year due to the pandemic, and last minute changes where we unfortunately could not invite parents into school to watch any school plays, we still managed to have some fun...

The staff loved Christmas jumper day!



Year 2 had their very own Christmas Panda called Patty who regularly reported back to Father Christmas with updates on how well behaved the children were.



We were also visited by some naughty elves who caused a lot of mischief!



## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The multisport after school clubs are now up and running. It has been lovely to be able to open up the clubs again.

If your child was not successful in getting into multisports club please be assured that as long as they reapply, they will eventually be given a space in multisports club. You can reapply for multisports club for your child just before the Easter break. Keep an eye out for the letter in your child's book bag nearer the time. **All children will have a chance to join the multisports after school club, but most will only get one term of club per academic year.**

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Netflix**

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

We would particularly like to highlight programmes like Squid Game, which was recently popular on Netflix. Squid Game is a violent South Korean drama which featured playground games. This caused many unsuspecting parents to mistake it for a children's programme. Therefore, please remember that if you do let your child access any streaming service that you ensure you have set up the correct parental controls in order to keep your child safe.

Children should not be exposed to upsetting or frightening age-inappropriate content. Please remember that programmes are given an age restriction for a reason as a child may seem ok at the time of watching a programme, but the long terms effects may not be obvious for some time afterwards.

Please keep your child safe by not letting them watch any programme that is not age appropriate for them.

# Regular Reminders

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

## MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is either Calpol paracetamol 6+ sachets or meltlets (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. If you have already signed a permission slip you do not need to do anything else.

## TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL

At the end of the school day it has been noted that parents are allowing their children to play on the trim trail outside the classrooms. If you do allow your child to use the trim trail (or tyres) at drop off/collection time it is **your responsibility** to ensure they use it safely. Please keep an eye on your children at all times during drop off/collection to/from school to ensure their safety.

## UNIFORM

We no longer take school uniform orders via the school office. When you require new uniform for your child you can order it from: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

Tel: 0800 069 9949

## MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

## BIRTHDAYS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are individually wrapped, nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade for obvious reasons. Thank you.

## ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, please be aware that we need two, one in the classroom, and one in our medical room. When that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

## FILMS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

At Christmas and Easter time we will sometimes arrange for the children to watch a film as an end of term treat. The films will either be a 'U' or 'PG' certificate. We would never show a film that we judged to be inappropriate. However, if you do not wish for your child to watch a 'PG' certificate film then please let the school office know so that a different film can be chosen for your child's class to watch.

## NO NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school. This means that no food brought into school by either children or staff should contain nuts. This includes Nutella (there are other alternative chocolate spreads available that do not contain nuts).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/2022

A list of dates for 2022/2023 will be sent out shortly.