



## **West Green Primary School Newsletter**

### **AUTUMN HALF TERM 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. It really has been wonderful to welcome you all into the school building, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are now very excited to be sharing details of further events where parents can share in what is going on inside school. After half term online booking will open for our first 'Come and Share Our Learning' event for some time. Unfortunately numbers will be limited, and will be on a first-come-first-served basis. However, we will be running more events throughout the year so there will be opportunities for those parents who miss out first time around. If you have more than one child in the school, please only book for your eldest child as there will be other opportunities over the years to book for your younger child/children.

Events that everyone can attend however, will be our various Christmas Celebrations that we are holding. These start on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at 10:30am with a Carol Concert at Crawley Baptist Church for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Parents, Carers and Grandparents of children on those year groups are warmly invited to join us at the church.

Secondly, there will be three separate Christmas Celebrations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These will not be ticketed, but we do ask that no more than two family members attend per child. We have kept these smaller this year, involving one year group at a time, in order to maintain social distancing and to provide sufficient ventilation for the audience. Please understand that as a result the performances will be a little shorter than usual. The performances will be as follows:-

- \* Year 1 will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30a.m.
- \* Reception will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am.
- \* Year 2 will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30a.m.

A reminder of these dates, and others, is on the final page of this newsletter.

With kind regards,

Mr A Hodgson  
**Headteacher**

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

We said goodbye to our lovely Mrs Burrage recently as she has now retired. We miss her enormously but she does visit us from time to time as she is still Clerk to the Governors until the end of the year. It's a sad time for us at West Green, but Mrs Burrage is thoroughly enjoying herself!

We also said goodbye to Mrs Rudge, and we wish her all the best for the future.



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



We recently sent a girls team, and a boys team, to Broadfield 3G Football Stadium to compete in the Small Schools League football competition.

The girls played an incredible game of football but unfortunately they did not make it through to the next round.

The boys also played brilliantly and we are pleased to announce that they did get through to the final. As far as we know their next match will be played in Brighton. We will keep you updated with the result.

We would like to say how proud we are of everyone who took part. They were great ambassadors for the school and their behaviour was excellent. Good luck in the final boys!

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

After a very quiet academic year last year we now have a new School Council. Their aim is to share the thoughts and suggestions made by their class with the rest of the School Council so that as a school we can make it an even better and happier place to be.

Our new school council representatives are:

### **YEAR 1**



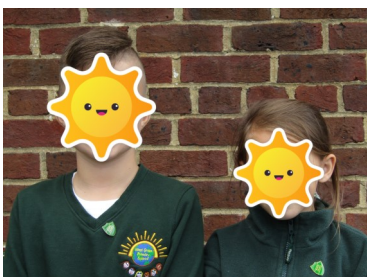
### **YEAR 2**



### **YEAR 3**



### **YEAR 4**



### **YEAR 5**



### **YEAR 6**



## **A RETURN TO NORMALITY**

Our school assemblies have now resumed. It is lovely to hear the children singing again in the school. To be able to have a whole school assembly is wonderful. We seem to appreciate it even more now, as we know what it feels like to not be able to participate in something that we previously took for granted.

## **A NEW PURCHASE**

With monies that have been raised in recent fundraising efforts we have made the decision to buy a defibrillator for the school. It has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery of it. This is a vital piece of equipment that, although we hope we never have to use it, could be lifesaving in an emergency.

## **CATERPILLARS NURSERY**

Now offering wrap-around care for school pupils.

We are often asked if we provide clubs before or after school. We are fortunate that the building at the entrance to our school is now a nursery that does offer these services. If you are interested please contact them via the details below:-



## **NEW RECEPTION CLASS**

Our new children in Reception class have settled in well. They are getting to know their way around the school and, from the amount of laughter coming from their classroom, seem to be enjoying themselves.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The majority of children have now had their school photos taken. If you wish to purchase a copy of your child's photo the closing date to return the proof cards is Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

Class photos will be taken next year on 22 March 2022.

There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase any photographs if they do not wish to do so.

## **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 be given a space in multisports club either in the Spring Term (which starts in January), or the Summer Term (after the Easter holidays). **All children will have a chance to join the multisports after school club.** Please remember to reapply at the beginning of each term when the letters come out so we know that your child still wishes to attend.

## **TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL**

Sadly the play tyres at the front of the school are no longer safe for the children to play on, which is why they have been coned off. Please do not let your child on them for their own safety. They will be replaced with a new play area in the near future so watch this space...

Also, 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 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.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Integrated Front Door (IFD)**

It is our moral duty to look out for each other. Children are always a priority so if you have any concerns about a child there is an updated service called Integrated Front Door (IFD) who you can contact whatever your concern is about someone's welfare.

If you are worried about a child please speak to IFD. You can contact them on:

Tel: 01403 229900

West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) state:

*"Our Vision for the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership is to develop 'an assured Safeguarding Partnership, which collectively engages with children and their families, enabling them to thrive.'"*

*Working in the local community we have the opportunity to shape our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to continue to improve our services to children, young people and their families. It is clear from recent local developments that a strong and purposeful multi-agency approach to child protection is essential to drive swift and sustainable improvements to practice in key areas of child abuse, such as neglect.*

## **HALF TERM IDEAS**

If you are at a loss of things to do with your child over half term here are a few ideas:

- You could try some fun recipes together. You will find some on [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com). They have a section of half term recipes for kids.
- Have a good sort out of any old board games. You can check all the pieces are there, play them and then either keep them or pass them onto someone else/charity shop.
- Arts & crafts. There are loads of ideas on the internet. The Hobbycraft website has an ideas section that usually has loads of great ideas. If not, just open the paint and let them be creative (on paper)!
- You could have a teddy bears picnic, followed by a home disco. It's free and fun for your child. Just close the curtains and bring up some tunes on YouTube and bust out some moves. It's great exercise too.
- You could make a memory box, or scrapbook, for your child. This could include baby photos, their first cuddly toy, their first outfit. Whatever you find that they once used that brings you happy memories.
- Don't forget you always have Tilgate Park and Goffs Park. We are very lucky in Crawley to have access to these well maintained spaces so for a free day out they are always a good place to go.

## **SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY IN NOVEMBER**

You were recently e-mailed information regarding St John's church in Crawley who are hosting a light party, which is an alternative to Halloween. Unfortunately they are now fully booked and cannot accept any further bookings. Unless you have pre-booked please do not turn up on the day. This event was much more popular than they anticipated!

## **SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY IN DECEMBER**

Many of you may have noticed the old railway signal box by the railway crossing at the end of Brighton Road. They often have open days where you can have a look around the signal box. It really is an interesting piece of our Crawley history and is well worth a look. It is a great experience for children (especially if you happen to be in the signal box when a train is going past). Their next open day will be on Saturday, 11th December 2021, between 12:00 midday – 4:00p.m. The signal box is only kept open and in such good condition due to the volunteers who give up their time to preserve it's history, so your support would be greatly appreciated. Also, it's another way to make a memory with your child.



# 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.

## 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.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/2022

### OCTOBER 2021

25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Half term.
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### NOVEMBER 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Inset day – school closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Open day for potential new pupils – 1:30-2:30p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Come and Share our learning – by appointment only, details to follow.
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Herstmonceux Observatory trip – Year 5.
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Children in need day – Non uniform day – no donations at school. Please donate via official collection sites.
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Flu vaccination all classes – details to follow.

### DECEMBER 2021

7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Carol Service – invite only, details to follow.
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	No multisports clubs after this date.
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day – no donations.
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Year 1 Christmas performance at 10:30a.m. (Year 1 parents only)
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Reception Christmas performance at 10:30a.m. (Reception parents only)
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Year 2 Christmas performance at 10:30a.m. (Year 2 parents only)
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Last day of Autumn term.

### JANUARY 2022

4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Back to school for all pupils.
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Young Voices at the O2 for choir members only.

### FEBRUARY 2022

21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half term.
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### MARCH 2022

22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	Class photos.
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### APRIL 2022

11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter holidays.
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### MAY 2022

30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half term.
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### JULY 2022

21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	End of Summer term
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Queen's Jubilee – school closed
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Summer holidays