



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 23rd October 2020

(New dates in BLACK)

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

Monday 23rd

Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 24th

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DECEMBER

Tuesday 15th

Year 3 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 16th

Year 4 Christmas lunch

Thursday 17th

Year 6 Christmas lunch

Friday 18th

Year 5 Christmas lunch

Monday 21st - Monday 4th

January

Christmas break

FEBRUARY

Thursday 11th

Year 6 Young Shakespeare

Company

Friday 12th

INSET Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th

Half term

MARCH

Tuesday 2nd

Class photos

Monday 29th - Friday 9th April

Easter break

MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

Year Three

With half term approaching the children will be able to look forward to a well earned week's rest and recuperation. Considering the children were away from school for so long they have coped incredibly well with the considerable adjustments required when beginning life at the junior school. They should be very proud of all their efforts so far.

As is traditional in Year 3, the final week has given the children a chance to explore their artistic talents with Awesome Art Week. We began by looking at the works of John Constable and then looked to recreate versions of his famous works using a mixture of colour washes, collage and sponge painting. The children then drew an animal and used their anthropomorphic skills to give it human features such as a top hat and walking cane, or in some cases, a fat gold chain and a baseball cap. They then incorporated their masterpieces into a finished piece of art.

Maths has seen us take a visit to the tricky topic of time. We will be revisiting this subject on more than one occasion this year and the children made a great start at understanding this concept. As ever, we would recommend taking every opportunity to go over the subject with the children when they are away from school.

In English we have completed, edited, improved and discussed the children's descriptive stories. They have all worked extremely hard to include high level vocabulary and to use varied sentence openers. To finish the week they are creating a top copy, focusing on presentation, which will be in their English books as a showcase for their talents.

We would like to wish you all a relaxing and restful half term and look forward to seeing refreshed and revitalised children on their return.

Year Four

Well done everybody for making it to the end of this long and busy half-term! All four classes have now taken part in a coastal schools session where the children (and staff) enjoyed themselves immensely exploring and being 'Beach Detectives'. The children have now made their own canopic jars out of clay and will look forward to painting them after the half-term break. In English lessons, we have used video stimulus to begin planning and writing our own adventure stories. The children have learned how to identify, order and compare different types of angles in maths and have investigated lines of symmetry.

Have a wonderful half-term break and we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Year Five

This week we have been publishing our news articles on Hamlet, the rare white elephant's escape from Lord Parakit's Palace having watched video clips of Lord Parakit himself and of an elephant expert. We have applied the skills we learnt last week of reported and direct speech and included journalistic language and structures in our writing. In maths, we have been studying tree diagrams to represent the relationships between different factors in a problem. Our science has involved testing the parachutes we designed and made and carefully recording the results.

The Year 5 team wish you a restful half term break.

Year Six

As we all approach a well-earned rest, the children have still been working hard across the curriculum. As mathematicians, the children have continued to refine their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, applying this within problem-solving scenarios.

During English lessons, they have been inspired by Alfred Noyes' famous poem, *The Highwayman*, to construct their own rhythmic war time poetry, which were then performed with great gusto! In addition, their carefully structured war metaphors were transformed into literal representations in art – just like Paul Nash's famous artwork.

JUNE

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th

Half term

JULY

Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st

August

Summer break

Awards

Congratulations to **Lucas Thomas (3E)** for being awarded the 'Sports Performer of the Week' trophy and to **Ava Downing (6J)** for being the 'Most Improved in PE' this week. Our Citizen of the Week trophy and Stanley Bear were awarded to **Ruby-Rose Nunn (6J)** who, last week during our day for HARP and the homeless, sacrificed part of her lunch to give as a donation.

ATTENDANCE

There was just one class with full attendance this week. Congratulations to **3T!**

SCARECROW ALERT!

You will probably be aware that for our Bubble (rather than Team) Challenge last Friday, each class/bubble was asked to design and make their own scarecrow. There were some amazing creations and a few of them were extremely scary! You will find a montage of photographs taken on the day attached to this newsletter. It was a fantastic day and the children had great deal of fun.

COVID POSITIVE TESTS

If you are unfortunate enough to have a member of your household test positive for COVID-19 over the half term break please could you notify the school as soon as possible by sending a message to office@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk. This email account gets checked daily.

F.O.W.L.S.

Attached to this newsletter you will find an update from our parents' association with all the things you can buy to help raise funds for the school.

Dinner menu - week 1

Tuesday

Hot dog roll with pork sausage
Hot dog roll with vegetarian sausage
Pasta carbonara with garlic bap
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
fresh fruit, yoghurt or apple and raisin cake

Wednesday

Homemade beef shepherds pie with peas and corn
Jacket potato with cheese
Baguette with home cooked ham
Carrots, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

Thursday

Pork meatballs with pasta
Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla chips
Baguette with cheese
Carrots, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate and pear cake

Friday

Fish finger bap
Veggie finger bap
Jacket potato with baked beans
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Chocolate chip cookie

TEAM POINTS



1st **CENTICORE** 47 points
2nd **PHOENIX** 42 points
3rd **PEGASUS** 35 points
4th **WYVERN** 32 points



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