



# West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 20th November 2020

**(New dates in BLACK)**

## NOVEMBER

**Weeks beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 and Y4 Test Week

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Flu Immunisations

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

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3N and 3T visit to Belfairs Woods

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

3E and 3D visit to Belfairs Woods

PM 4L @ Coastal School

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 Anglo Saxon Workshop (1)

## DECEMBER

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Y5 Anglo Saxon Workshop (2)

**Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 and Y6 Test Week

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

AM 4L @ Coastal School

**Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Aqua class swimming

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Christmas lunch

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Year 4 Christmas lunch

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Christmas lunch

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Christmas lunch

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Christmas break

## FEBRUARY

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Young Shakespeare

Company

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Half term

## MARCH

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Class photos

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter break

## MAY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bank Holiday

## Year Three

Another busy week in year 3 has seen the children tackle fractions in their mathematics classes. We have investigated fractions of shapes and amounts so next time you order a pizza test out their fraction knowledge!

English has involved looking at how Roald Dahl introduced characters, particularly the amount of detail he included for every one. We began by creating mind maps of a character from their own imagination and then developed that into a detailed descriptive piece.

In science we experimented with rocks in an attempt to discover their hardness. The children devised an experiment to test four different rocks to ascertain which one would be most suitable for resurfacing a playground. The results were then collated in tabular form and a conclusion made. Over the next couple of weeks we will be carrying a series of assessments in mathematics, reading, grammar and spelling. These are nothing for the children to be concerned about as the results will guide our future teaching. They allow us to target specific areas of the curriculum where the children may be lacking knowledge in order to ensure that every child has sound

grasp of the entire curriculum.

## Year Four

Year Four have had a busy time, in and out of school, with 4R being the first class to have their lessons taught from Mr Markham's home to theirs! They have been great students and we have enjoyed hearing updates from Mr Markham about how it has all been going. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, 4R.

The focus for maths has been finding fractions of shapes and amounts and recognising equivalent fractions.

In English we have been looking at the structure of poems and have written our own cinquins and kennings poems. The rest of the connected curriculum lessons this term will be taught on a rolling program and will include: Lego WeDo, The River Nile and settlements.

## Year Five

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 5. In English, after the children's fantastic poetry performances, we have returned to following Lila's progress in our layered reading book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. Let's just say things are really hotting up! Our maths lessons have moved on to looking at fractions: revising the concept of equivalent fractions and developing the ability to compare and order them. We are continuing to investigate simple machines in science, this week focusing on the use of gears in the world around us. Finally, the children are developing their measuring and cutting skills as we continue to construct their cam toy designs.

## Year Six

This week in English, the children have been learning more about the structure and purpose of non-chronological reports. They have considered how these are planned and have done so by making links to the game of Quidditch. From this, they planned their own fictional non-chronological report based on an imaginative new game, applying originality and creativity. As mathematicians, they have learned more about measurement - in particular the links between metric and imperial. There were also opportunities to consolidate prior learning using a varieties of approaches, including some games.

As scientists, they enjoyed investigating how light travels using a series of mirrors with increasing complexity.

Within connected curriculum, they built upon last week's learning about biographies in order to write a biography about an interesting historical figure of World War 2.

However, the highlight of the week for most of the children was beginning to make their puppets. Each child was given the colour felt that they ordered and begun cutting out the basic template - the first step of bringing their designs to life.

**Friday 28th**

INSET Day

**Monday 31st**

Bank Holiday

**JUNE**

**Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th**

Half term

**JULY**

**Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st**

August

**Summer break**



### CHRISTMAS SONGS

You will have earlier received a letter giving you all the details about the Christmas songs we would like the children to record at home so that we can put together a virtual Christmas concert for the children to share in school. Hopefully your children will be keen to get involved – and there is a prize for the class that submits the most home recordings!

### CARE HOME

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

As a lunchtime activity over the next 2-3 weeks we are encouraging the children to make a high quality Christmas card that we can share with local care home residents. If you have any spare moments, perhaps you could help them to think about what to put inside their card, which might bring a smile to a very elderly person. Thank you.

### TEAM POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> **PEGASUS** 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> **CENTICORE** 36 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **WYVERN** 31 points

4<sup>th</sup> **PHOENIX** 30 points

I think that's the highest winning total we have ever recorded!



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## Awards

The School Council continue to be inundated with suggestions and nominations of children who could be recipients of the 'Citizen of the Week' award. This week we chose **Oliver Roth (4B)** to be awarded the certificate and Stanley Bear. He raised £55 for the charity HARP by staging his own 'sleep in'. There are no sports awards this week as Mrs Dennison has been isolating along with Mr Markham and 4R. However, she will be back next week.

### ATTENDANCE

We were treated to **FOUR** attendance ances in the virtual assembly this morning. Well done to **4B, 4L, 4S** and **6F** who all managed 100% attendance.

### F.O.W.L.S.

Please find attached to this newsletter details of the FOWLS Christmas shop where you can buy gifts that will go towards fundraising for the children and the school.

### Dinner Menu - Week 1

#### Monday

Homemade macaroni cheese with garlic bap  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Baguette with tuna mayonnaise  
Carrot, cucumber and tomato  
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit shortbread biscuit

#### 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