



West Leigh Weekly News

December 11th 2020

(New dates in BLACK)

DECEMBER

Monday 14th

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th

Year 3 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 16th

Year 4 Christmas lunch

Year 5 Christmas lunch

Thursday 17th

Year 6 Christmas lunch

Friday 18th

SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 21st - Monday 4th Jan

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

As the Autumn term begins to draw to a close the children will be looking forward to a well deserved break over Christmas. In Year 3 we are so proud of all the children who have coped so well with returning to school in September during such strange circumstances. They have filled the corridors with fun and laughter and taken everything in their stride. Having reviewed the data from our recent assessment process it is obvious that all the children have flourished and progressed during their first term with. They have worked incredibly hard and should be very pleased with the achievements they have accomplished so far.

With handmade decorations adorning the walls of their classrooms the children have investigated length in mathematics this week. They have been measuring every conceivable thing around the classroom, creating charts based upon their findings and converting different units of measure. Science saw them experiment with various soil types to discover which one absorbed the greatest amount of liquid. They thoroughly enjoyed using measuring cylinders, funnels, beakers and filter paper to carry out their scientific investigations. English concentrated on empathising with a characters feelings, initially reading 'Penguin in Peril' and then delving deeper into the book to discover how each character feels at a given point in the story.

Year Four

Today the children had much fun completing their 'daily mile' dressed as Santa and it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas now as the corridors have been dressed with the wonderful decorations made in class last week. 4S created some fabulous works of art at the beach on Monday and were the last class to complete their Design and Technology work using Lego WeDo while the other classes learned about Cleopatra and The Aswan Dam.

The children have shown a great deal of creativity this week as they have continued to write their science-fiction stories. In maths they have been learning how to calculate area and completed associated challenges.

Please note that there are some changes to the swimming arrangements for next week so kit may be required on a different day to normal.

Year Five

Each morning this week, the students of Year 5 have shown great focus and determination when completing their maths and English assessments for the Autumn Term. We are really proud of the resilience and perseverance shown by all.

In layered reading, we are nearing the end of our whole class text, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, and in English each child has designed their own interpretation of the Bombardenorgelmitsparkenpumpe – a firework machine from the story. Their elaborate designs were paired with explanations that used causal conjunctions to explain the function of each mechanism.

In maths, we have reviewed types of angles, and we have practised estimating and calculating angles and missing angles using a protractor where appropriate.

Art has been the subject focus in Connected Curriculum. We have enjoyed looking at the artwork of the English romantic painter, J.M.W. Turner. After appreciating his work, the children tried their hand at their own seascapes before adding a digital image using green screen technology.

Year Six

Even though we are fast approaching the Christmas period and the excitement that it brings, Year 6 have been working very hard applying their learning within their test week. In addition to completing the tests and reviewing their papers, there were opportunities for learning. As scientists, they applied their full range of skills to independently plan, carry out and conclude an investigation. Within Connected Curriculum, there has been consideration of the social impact of WW2 and the importance of the Beveridge report which highlighted the '5 giants' affecting society. It was particularly interesting to consider how the challenges following the Second World War compare to the challenges currently facing society today as a result of the impact of the current pandemic.

JUNE

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th

Half term

JULY

Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st

August

Summer break



CHRISTMAS STORY AND SONGS

We are currently putting together our video presentation of the Christmas story that will be shown to the children next week.

Interwoven throughout the story will be the four songs that have been recorded at home by each year group. Today in our first live assembly, the children discovered which classes had submitted most contributions to the songs.

Congratulations to **3N, 4S, 5G and 6W**. There will be a little something waiting for the children in those classes when they return on Monday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This afternoon the post boxes were emptied and all the hundreds of Christmas cards were sorted by Year 6 helpers ready to be delivered on Monday when it's **Christmas Jumper Day**. Goodness me, there were a lot of cards!

TEAM POINTS

1st **PEGASUS** 44 points

2nd **PHOENIX** 43 points

3rd **CENTICORE** 38 points

4th **WYVERN** 37 points

Extremely close AGAIN this week!



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Awards

Our sports awards go to **Isobel Henderson (4S)** who was the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and **Cameron Barr (5G)** who was our 'Most Improved in PE'. There was one certificate for 100% attendance this week – well done to **5C!**

SCHOOL CLOSURE

As you will know from our joint letter with the infant school yesterday, we are following the recommendation from the local authority to close the school to pupils next **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th**. Details of the remote learning that children can engage with on that day (if they wish to) will be published on the school's website.

COVID CONTRACT TRACING OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

Contact tracing will not be taking place in schools in the usual way during the Christmas break. Next week we will be sending out guidance for what to do if your child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 during the holiday period.

Dinner Menu – Christmas Lunch Week

Monday

Tuna baguette
Cheese baguette
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit or yoghurt

Tuesday

Year 3 Christmas Lunch
Tuna baguette
Cheese baguette
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit or yoghurt

Wednesday

Year 4 and 5 Christmas Lunch
Tuna baguette
Cheese baguette
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit or yoghurt

Thursday

Year 6 Christmas Lunch
Tuna baguette
Cheese baguette
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit or yoghurt