



# West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

## APRIL

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 – Height and weight screening

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

AM 3E visit to Old Leigh

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

AM 3T visit to Old Leigh

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

AM 3D visit to Old Leigh

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

AM 3N visit to Old Leigh

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

'School Street' road restrictions begin

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Class photos

## MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

## JULY

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company

visit - "Hamlet"

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

FOWLS Summer Fayre

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Taster afternoon at

King John School

## 'School Street'

As you are aware, the school (together with the infant school) were due to start the 'School Street' initiative on Monday where the section of Ronald Hill Grove outside the school gates would be closed to traffic at the start and end of the school day. Please note that the start date has been delayed by a week and will begin now on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**.

## Year Three

Our first week back has been a very busy one which began with our 'hook' day for our connected curriculum topic of 'Old Father Thames'. The children spent the day being introduced to a variety of aspects including fishing games, shell drawing and river geography. They even had time to fit in creating their own river bed and filling it with water. Maths has begun to revisit the topic of place value in order to further cement this information into their knowledge banks. They can then build on this firm base as they continue their mathematical journey through Year 3. We have looked at our first 'Brilliant Book' this week in English. At first glance *'The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse'* would seem like a fairly basic read but the children are being taught to delve deeper into the text and see beyond the obvious. They have created a power graph to show how the power changed as the story progressed and have been encouraged to really explain their thinking through the use of 'three tick' answers. It's been a very interesting week in P.E. with Graham, our tennis coach, teaching two of the classes on Monday. Dance has been our focus in indoor P.E. and the children have been learning to dance the jazz square in time with the music. They been throwing down some shapes in the school with great enthusiasm and expertise!

## Year Four

Year 4 have returned to school with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed their learning so far. In English, the children have begun reading the comedic Shakespeare play *'Midsummer Night's Dream'* and filled their classrooms with laughter. They have begun analysing the characters in detail by considering their feelings and actions through each chapter and mapping out the plot to help understand who has been falling in love with who! The story will be concluded next week. In maths, the children have been improving their understanding of fractions with a particular focus on calculating. The new connected curriculum topic 'All the Fun of the Fair' has generated a lot of hype and excitement. During the hook day, children worked together to design a theme park of their own which included cost considerations as well as pitching ideas to the rest of the class.

## Year Five

The children have settled back to their final term in Year 5 with both enthusiasm and a positive attitude. They were very excited at discovering that their new connected curriculum topic is all about chocolate linking to the geography of Central America and the history of the Mayans. Monday was spent learning about how the Mayans carried out mathematical calculations (they had to learn to work in base 20) and the process of growing coco beans and refining it into the chocolate treats that we have all enjoyed over the previous weeks. In Maths we have spent some time reviewing the test papers the children completed in the previous half term. We have also moved onto problem solving where the requirement is to work backwards through the question to be able to calculate the missing information. In science, which also relates to our PSHE, the children have begun to look at the life cycles of humans and how our bodies start to change as we mature.

## Year Six

Having returned to school this week following a well-earned break, Year 6 has had many great opportunities to further develop their learning. In connected curriculum, a new topic was introduced and the children became highly enthused and somewhat passionate in arguing the case for their choices for the greatest Britons of all time! In English, a new layered reading book was also introduced: *'The Explorer'* and the pupils began to deepen their understanding of the setting of the book by studying the unique location of Manaus, Brazil. Many pupils also enjoyed applying their creativity, coding and design skills when trying to replicate the movement of a fictional animal using Lego Wedo. However, the highlight was most definitely finding out who they had chosen to represent them as the House Team Captains!

## Awards

Our Citizen of the Week is **Sartaj Nanda (5G)**. Over the Easter break, Sartaj undertook a sponsored cycle ride (on an indoor bike) and raised an amazing £370 that he is donating to Cancer Research. He cycled the equivalent of an incredible 75 kilometres!

### HOUSE TEAM CAPTAINS

Today in our Friday celebration assembly we were able to announce the Year 6 children that were voted as our House Team Captains by their peers in the year group. There were many children that put themselves forward as candidates but following virtual hustings and a secret ballot, those elected are

the following:

**CENTICORE**

**GEORGE JACKSON**

**CONNIE RESTARICK**

**OLIVIA WILSON**

**PEGASUS**

**BAILEY BELLINI-MURPHY**

**THEA HAWKINS**

**SRISHTI KALKUR**

**PHOENIX**

**JOSEPH STUBBINGTON**

**ANNALISE BURROWS**

**ALICE WALTON**

**WYVERN**

**ALEX MILLER**

**JAMES BYFORD**

**TOBY WOOD**

**Congratulations to them all and we look forward to their upcoming messages of encouragement to the rest of the school community for their respective Houses.**

### PARENT PAY/SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our ParentPay pre-order for school meals went live this week. You will now need to order your child's lunch through ParentPay and select the options they would like from the menu. You can order the lunches in advance or on the day, but you must order before 8am if ordered on the day. There will no longer be an option for your child to order their lunch in school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### MESSAGE FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

The children have made a fantastic start to the new term – it was so lovely to welcome them all back and they have been so enthusiastic and committed to their learning. We hope you had a good break too. We have been asked by Public Health (Southend) to recommend to all families that they take lateral flow COVID-19 regularly as they are very much helping lower the infection rates locally which are looking very positive at the moment. Please also note the requirement that from now on school lunches have to be prior booked on Parent Pay  
We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### Lunch Menu – Week beginning 19/4/21

#### Monday

Cold tuna pasta with garlic bap

Jacket potato with baked beans

Baguette with cheese

Carrot and cucumber

Fresh fruit, yoghurt or raspberry mousse

#### Tuesday

Homemade creamy chicken and chick pea korma curry with rice

Homemade lentil and butternut squash korma curry with rice

Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla corn chips

Carrot and cucumber

Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate cheesecake

#### Wednesday

Roast pork with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy

Mediterranean vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread

Baguette with tuna mayonnaise

Carrot and cucumber

Fresh fruit, yoghurt or cornflake crispies

#### Thursday

Homemade beef lasagne with garlic bap and sweetcorn

Homemade vegetable lasagne with garlic bap and sweetcorn

Chicken nugget mayo and lettuce wrap

Carrot and cucumber

Fresh fruit, yoghurt or banana cake

#### Friday

Homemade tomato and bacon pasta with garlic bread

Veggie finger bap

Fish finger bap

Carrot and cucumber

Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate chip cookie

