



# West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 16th October 2020

**(New dates in BLACK)**

## OCTOBER

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

AM 4B @ Coastal Schools

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

AM 4L @ Coastal Schools

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Half term

## NOVEMBER

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

INSET Day

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

Flu Immunisations

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

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## DECEMBER

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

January

Christmas break

## FEBRUARY

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

INSET Day

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

Half term

## MARCH

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

Easter break

## MAY

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

Bank Holiday

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Bank Holiday

## JUNE

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Half term

## JULY

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

August

Summer break

## Year Three

Having been inspired by the characters in Fantastic Mr Fox, the children have had a wonderful time creating scarecrows of the mean farmers and Mr Fox today. Thank you so much for your support in sending in items for us all to use - they were invaluable! The children have continued to develop their woodland stories this week in English with a view to completing, editing and publishing them in class next week. Money has been on the agenda in maths lessons; don't be surprised if they are keen to earn extra pocket money this weekend - all coins are accepted! In connected curriculum, they have compared the vital statistics of different animals from the African savannah whilst in science they have measured their own hands, arms, heads and heights for comparison. They have had a great time comparing statistics!

## Year Four

It has been a fun and messy week all round! The children have greatly appreciated being able to mix with the year group at break and lunchtimes and the extra 15 minutes outside has benefitted them greatly! 4R went to the beach for their coastal schools session on Monday afternoon where the mud and wet weather made for an extra enjoyable time! The children have also started to make their canopic jars from clay. For Harvest Festival the children enjoyed making scarecrows for this term's 'Bubble Challenge'. Thank you for your generous Harvest Festival donations - they will now be collected and distributed by Harp to support people in our local community.

## Year Five

In English this week we have continued journalistic writing and the children have been applying their understanding of direct and reported speech when writing exciting news articles. Their reports are connected to our 'Layered Reading' text, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We have been Interpreting data in Maths. This has involved the analysis of line graphs and tables and it has also provided us with an opportunity to consolidate the children's understanding of time and timetables. In Connected Curriculum, we have further explored Anglo-Saxon culture and we have practised weaving techniques used. The students have designed their own Anglo-Saxon patterns and they are now recreating these designs using a weaving process. Some classes are recreating patterns found on Anglo-Saxon shields using this skill. We have continued to study air resistance in Science. This week the children designed and constructed parachutes and they will have the opportunity to test out their designs next week.

## Year Six

As we near the end of the first half-term in Year 6, the pupils have been continuing to work hard. In English, they have been applying their understanding of the structure and style of *The Highwayman*, coupled with their historical knowledge relating to Dunkirk or the Blitz, in order to construct their own emotive poetry. As mathematicians, the focus has shifted to understanding fractions and percentages with the pupils making pleasing progress in many aspects. In science, they have refined and developed their games applying their understanding of circuits; many groups demonstrated excellent scientific application as well as creativity. Within Connected Curriculum, they enjoyed learning more about the impact of WW2 directly on the people of Britain as a result of the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. They also used the outcome of their recent drama work, their green screen image, in order to produce an emotive piece of narrative writing.

## HARVEST

The response to our harvest collection has been absolutely phenomenal – thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations that were collected by HARP earlier today. They were extremely grateful.

## SCARECROWS

To coincide with the Harvest collection we had our 'bubble' Team Challenge today with each class making their own scarecrow. There were some amazing creations and we will be sharing some photographs of them with you next week.

## Learning Conferences

As we mentioned a few weeks ago, our learning conferences with parents/carers will take place after the half term break. For very obvious reasons the teachers are currently unable to meet parents/carers in school so we are organising online meetings via Microsoft Teams. These meetings will take place across the two weeks beginning Monday November 9th with each class being allocated a morning session and an afternoon session. Each meeting will last 10 minutes as usual. However, due to logistics and time constraints we are able to offer only one meeting 'slot' per child. You can make your booking via PING and the appointments will be released for booking at **6pm on Monday (19<sup>th</sup>)**. Further details of access to the online meetings, discussion topics etc. will be published after the half term break. All you need to do for now is book your appointment. Please be aware these appointments are running through the school day with some after school appointments.

## TEAM POINTS



- 1<sup>st</sup> **PEGASUS** 44 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **CENTICORE** 43 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **WYVERN** 35 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> **PHOENIX** 34 points



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## Awards

Congratulations to **Layla Sherlock (3D)** for being awarded the 'Sports Performer of the Week' trophy and to **Jacob Davey-Bulmore (4R)** for being the 'Most Improved in PE' this week. **Thea Hawkins (6W)** was awarded the Citizen of the Week trophy and Stanley Bear for her kindness in helping others during PE lessons.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to go 'through the roof'! Today during the virtual celebration assembly we saw the routines from **FIVE** classes that had 100% attendance last week.

Congratulations to **3E, 3N, 4L, 5G and 6F**.

## INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental lessons will continue online until December. This will be reviewed ready for the Spring Term. Thank you for your continued support.

## MESSAGE FROM F.O.W.L.S.

Please find attached an update from our wonderfully supportive parents and carers group showing all the ways they are working to help raise funds for the schools. New for this week are the West Leigh Schools Elves which they are printing onto cups for a Christmas 2020 keepsake.

## Dinner menu - week 2

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Homemade creamy chicken and chickpea korma and rice  
Mediterranean vegetable pasta bake with garlic bap  
Baguette with cheese  
Carrot, cucumber and tomato  
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or pineapple cake

### Wednesday

Baguette with home cooked ham  
Jacket potato with cheese  
Pork & tomato ravioli with garlic bread  
Carrots, cucumber and tomato  
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

### Thursday

Hot dog roll with pork sausage  
Hot dog roll with vegetarian sausage  
Baguette with egg mayonnaise  
Carrots, cucumber and tomato  
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or banana cake

### Friday

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