



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 13th November 2020

New dates in BLACK)

NOVEMBER

Week beginning Monday 16th

Learning Conferences
Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16th

"Odd Socks Day"

Weeks beginning Monday 23rd and Monday 30th

Y3 and Y4 Test Week

Monday 23rd

Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 24th

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Y5 Anglo Saxon Workshop (1)

Tuesday 24th

Y5 Anglo Saxon Workshop (2)

DECEMBER

Week beginning Monday 7th

Y5 and Y6 Test Week

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

Year Three

Our first full week in Year 3 of this half term has been a busy and varied one for the children. We have continued our adventure into the world of *Fantastic Mr. Fox* in layered reading and English has seen us develop our understanding of instructional texts. Firstly, the children had to imagine they were going to create a potion to make an animal of their choice. Then, they used a mind map to compile a list of all its various features. After that, they decided what they could use to represent these features. For example, broken glass for a shark's razor sharp teeth. Penultimately, they used a combination of adverbs of time, imperative verbs, chronological order and descriptive adjectives to create a set of instructions to make their animal. Finally, they used their new-found knowledge to write an independent instruction text based on our science lesson where we made our own sedimentary rocks using sand, gravel, glue and a plastic cup.

Mathematics has involved continuing multiplication by investigating corresponding number facts, arrays and using the inverse to check our answers. We also began a new TT Rockstars challenge on Monday which continued until today. It is both a class and a school challenge set up by those at TT Rockstars to encourage all our students to maintain regular visits to the site. Times table knowledge is such a vital part of all mathematics and it is essential that the children try to make time for daily practice.

Year Four

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen has been the focus for our 'Brilliant Book' week in English. The children enjoyed choosing a suspect for the crime of stealing a hat and explored the emotional state of the characters at different points in the story.

The children have worked so hard on developing their mental multiplication and division methods and this week have moved on to using the formal written methods.

In science the children have learned about the different types of teeth and had a wonderful time recreating adult sets of teeth using mini marshmallows!

In PSHE lessons we have continued to look at anti-bullying and the children are asked to come into school in odd socks on Monday to raise awareness of anti-bullying week.

Year Five

The children have been incredibly successful learning and practising their class poem for performance, and are excited and proud to record these for sharing with other year groups. We have certainly seen some budding talent in the year group which bodes well for future performances. In maths, we have revisited long multiplication through both the grid and formal methods. Short division including remainders and how to deal with them in the context of problem solving, has also been covered. In PSHE we have introduced the children to the concept of privacy, fake news and reliability and looked at what personal information it is safe to share and with whom. The smell of sawdust and hot glue has permeated the corridors as the children have begun to practise the skills of sawing, measuring and gluing in advance of making their cam toys.

Year Six

In maths this week, the focus of the learning has been related to 2D shape covering the area of triangles, the geometry of circles and applying their understanding of how to calculate missing angles. As writers, they have been generating the biography of their selected character, developing the skills necessary to compose a well-structured and technically-appropriate biographical text. As historians, the Year 6 pupils have learned more about the key events that led to the end of the Second World War. Working collaboratively, they had to identify what they believed to be the most significant events in bringing about this resolution, justifying their choices by providing historical evidence. Within science, the pupils have been introduced to a new topic and in the coming weeks will be investigating light. This week, they were given the task of convincing others that light travels in straight lines, using torches and their own creative ideas.

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

JUNE

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th

Half term

JULY

Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st

August

Summer break

CHILDREN IN NEED



It is always lovely to see the outfits the children choose to wear on one of our non-uniform days and what a wide range of them there were today! They certainly brightened up a drab, dark day. We had an amazing response with regard to the donations the children brought in and raised the incredible amount of **over £600** for the cause. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

ATTENDANCE

We were treated to three dances this week in today's virtual assembly from the classes with 100% attendance for the week. Congratulations to **3N, 4L and 5G**.



TEAM POINTS

1st **PHOENIX** 44 points

2nd **PEGASUS** 43 points

3rd **CENTICORE** 36 points

4th **WYVERN** 28 points

Congratulations to **Phoenix** – this is their first win this year!



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Awards

The School Council are being inundated with suggestions and nominations of children who could be recipients of the 'Citizen of the Week' award. It just goes to show just how kind, thoughtful and supportive our wonderful pupils are. This week they chose **Hayden Schmidtchen (5U)** to be awarded the certificate and Stanley Bear. Hayden bought and donated food as part of Marcus Rashford's 'Feed the Children' campaign.



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

A reminder that next **Monday (16th)** we are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week and what makes us all unique by encouraging the children to wear odd socks. As the organisers say, "*Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.*" we look forward to seeing the funky footwear on Monday.

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 shortbread biscuit

Tuesday

Hot dog roll with pork sausage
Hot dog roll with vegetarian sausage
Jacket potato with baked beans
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate and peach cake

Wednesday

Homemade sweet and sour chicken with rice
Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla chips
Baguette with home cooked ham
Carrots, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

Thursday

Homemade beef bolognese with spaghetti
Creamy vegetable bake with garlic bread
Baguette with cheese
Carrots, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or carrot cake

Friday

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