



May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are halfway through the summer term and this academic year seems to be going by very quickly.

This term our Reception class have visited Washbrook's farm, Year 2 have been on a trip to Drusilla's Park, Year 4 class attended a sports event at Ifield Community College and once again the children's behaviour was a credit to both the school and their parents/carers.

Unfortunately our planned Quiz Night was postponed, but have set a new date for Thursday, 24th October 2024. We would love it if you could join us.

The Come & Share Our Learning event this term was well attended, it means a lot to the children and the teachers to be able to show you what they are learning about in school. Many thanks to those of you that were able to join us. Don't worry if you were not able to attend on this occasion, we have at least 2 of these events per academic year so there will be other opportunities.

Secondary school places, and Reception class spaces have now been allocated by West Sussex County Council. It is a big change for both Year 6 children, and for the new starters joining us in September. We are looking forward to welcoming in our new Reception children in September, and there will be a couple of visits planned for them before the end of the Summer term so that they can start to get familiar with their new classroom.

On Friday, 24th May you should receive your child's yearly report. If you do not receive a report please contact the school office who will supply you with another copy.

From everyone at West Green Primary School we hope you have a restful half term and we will see you back in school on Monday, 3rd June 2024.

West Green Team

OUR NEW DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

We are so happy to announce that our new Deputy Headteacher is no other than our Year 1 teacher Mrs Marshall. She went through a very thorough interview and selection process lead by the school Governors, and the Headteacher, and it was decided that Mrs Marshall was the right candidate for the job. Our very warmest congratulations to Mrs Marshall, we are delighted that all your hard work paid off! Here is what Mrs Marshall had to say...

"I am delighted to be appointed as the Deputy Headteacher at West Green Primary School. I have worked here for the last 10 years and got to know the children, parents, staff and the whole community really well. I am excited about the future, what lays ahead and the journey Mrs Chapman and I want to take West Green on. We are both very keen to work with the families at West Green to make the children's experience of our school as positive and as memorable as possible. Both Mrs Chapman and I are at the gates most mornings, please do come and say 'hi' or discuss anything that is on your mind."

Mrs Marshall
Deputy Headteacher

RECEPTION TRIP TO WASHBROOKS FARM

Reception had a school trip to visit Washbrooks Family Farm in Hurstpierpoint. The children behaved really well. For many of the children it was their first school trip so well done Reception class on your good behaviour. The class teachers had this to say about the day...

“What a fantastic time Reception had on their trip to Washbrooks Family farm, which was a great way to start our 'Amazing Animals' topic. The children were able to see and learn all about different farm animals and were so excited to stroke a 4-week old baby goat, as well as a shire horse, and other smaller animals. We were even lucky enough to have a tractor ride, which Reception thoroughly enjoyed! With an afternoon of climbing, bouncing, riding bikes and whizzing down slides, the children certainly had a busy day! The children were incredible throughout the day, and we are very proud of them.”

Mrs Whitlock and Mrs Delgado - EYFS/Reception Class Teachers



YEAR 2 TRIP TO DRUSILLA'S PARK

Year 2 visited Drusilla's Park and they all had a lovely time. They represented our school really well with their good behaviour and excellent manners. The class teacher had this to say about the day...

'On Wednesday, 8th May, Year 2 visited Drusillas Park for an exciting experience of animals and habitats learning. The weather was wonderful and the children couldn't wait to explore the different animals that the park had. When we arrived we got to see lots of different monkeys first. There were so many different species of marmoset to see and two very sleepy sloths. After a snack, the children got to see the Humbolt penguins having a dip, met a new animal called a binturong and saw two very large giant anteaters. The class then got to have their very own habitats and adaptations workshop where one of the park keepers talked through lots of animals and how they adapt to their habitats. To get some understanding of how these adaptations worked, the keeper had some volunteers dress up. After the talk, the children got to touch different animal skins and stroke a corn snake and a sleepy armadillo called Harriet. The afternoon was filled with lots of fun in the adventure playground and meeting the meerkats and lemurs. It was a fantastic day out and the children enjoyed seeing so many different animals they wouldn't usually see. Well done year 2!'

Ms Shaw - Year 2 Teacher.

ROAD SAFETY

Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 were recently visited by PCSO Katie Edwards who gave a talk on Road Safety. She had this to say about her visit...

"The local PCSO's from Crawley Neighbourhood Policing Team attended Years 3, 5 & 6 this week to positively engage with the children in relation to road safety awareness. This was an opportunity to highlight the importance of road safety to prevent children coming to harm. Local officers discussed being more self-aware when crossing a road and engaged with the children about potential hazards, distractions and dangers posed by other road users. All three classes demonstrated excellent listening and levels of engagement, where they had all come first in the road safety Kahoot. Overall, the children really enjoyed this visit by Police and demonstrated to officers their widened awareness and understanding in this important subject area. Officers would like to thank the Year 5 students who drew officers several pictures during our visit, these were appreciated by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team!"

PCSO Katie Edwards

PARKING IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have been made aware that some parents/carers are still using the Charis Centre car park as a collection/drop off point. All parents and carers are asked **not to use the Charis Centre front car park** for dropping off or collecting your child from school (unless this has been agreed with the school).

You are allowed to park in the rear Charis Centre car park and walk around to the front of the school. Sometimes the gate is open in the Charis Centre rear car park (but not always), which makes it a slightly shorter walk. We are hoping that in the near future there will be an automatic barrier at the front Charis Centre car park which will mean that there will be no access to the car park unless you have been invited to use it.

SATs NEWS

Year 6 (and their teachers and teaching assistants) can now breath a big sigh of relief that their SATs are finally over.

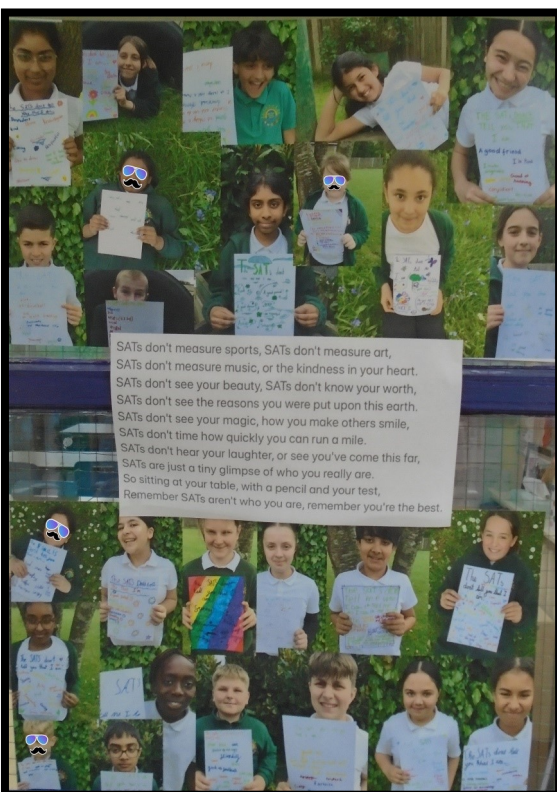
We are very proud of how our children handled the tests, and that they still came out smiling at the end. Well done Year 6!

The Year 6 class seemed to enjoy the SATs ‘top up’ breakfast that we hold for them every year on the morning of the tests. It is a good way for the children to relax with their friends before the tests begin. However, we are not sure if it is the breakfast that they like, or the fact that the Headteacher is catering for them!

To round off the SATs week the children were finally given their leavers hoodies, which caused some excitement. Now all Year 6 have to do is continue to work hard and enjoy their last few weeks in school. They have a lot of activities planned to keep them busy so watch this space...



The Year 6 teachers made this poster for their class. It reads...



SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at a table, with your pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our new school council representatives have done a great job this term by sorting out pre-loved uniform and finding new homes for it. They have also helped to promote our 'Donate A Can' non-uniform day to help the local food bank, and they are also helping out with our Rags2Riches fundraising event. They have helped to raise much needed funds for the school and they have proved themselves to be very resourceful. Congratulations to Dolly, Mason, Kade, Zhalay, Grace, Ahsan, Teddy, Rhiniayla, Greyson, Paisley-Mai, Suzie and Milo who are our new school council representatives.

Also a big thank you to Kirk, Jazzmin, Sai, Yaren, Olaf, Lily, Oliver, Souravi, Queenie, Oscar, Francesca and Rayan for doing such a good job as school councillors last term.

NON UNIFORM DAY TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOODBANK

The school council have helped to promote our non-uniform day to try to raise donations for the Free Shop Foodbank. They put in a lot of effort and all we asked for our non-uniform day was a donation of one can of food per child. We will update you in the next newsletter as to how much we collected for Free Shop. We are very proud of the effort that the whole school made to support our local community.

YEAR 6 HOODIES AND TRIP TO WAGAMAMA

Year 6 were finally given their leavers hoodies! They were also invited by Wagamama's to visit their restaurant where they were given the opportunity to learn about nutritional values of food, experience first-hand how to prepare each ingredient, have their favourite dishes cooked by the Wagamama chef, and create their own signature juice. Year 6 seemed to have a great time.



YEAR 6 AT...

wagamama





COME & SHARE OUR LEARNING

We had a great turnout for the *Come and Share Our Learning* morning this term. The children really enjoy showing their parents what they have been learning in school. We had over 100 parents join us which is very encouraging for both the children and their teachers. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us, we do realise that some parents were not able to attend due to work commitments. If you were not able to attend and have any questions about come and share our learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.





IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you have concerns about a child then you can contact the Integrated Front Door (IFD, formerly MASH). Their aim is to provide a single and consistent point of access for advice, guidance and decision-making about the right level of help needed to keep each child safe.

Children of any age can experience problems at times, and parents or carers can't always meet their needs by themselves. When children do require some extra support it's always best to put help in place as soon as it is needed, before things get worse.

Throughout your child's life there are people around who you can go to for advice, guidance and support, for example:

- ⇒ Midwives
- ⇒ Health Visitors
- ⇒ GPs
- ⇒ Children Centre workers
- ⇒ Nursery workers
- ⇒ Teachers
- ⇒ Other workers you might be in contact with such as Youth Workers, PSCOs or Housing Officers

If you are looking for support you can contact the Integrated Front Door (IFD).

The IFD for West Sussex Children Services will ensure that all enquiries and referrals are looked at and directed to the appropriate service to support with the query, providing a seamless process with children receiving a service that meets their needs in a timely way.

Their telephone number is: 01403 229900
e-mail: WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk

For information on how to find help for an adult please visit
www.westsussexscp.org.uk

At the above website you can access many areas of help. One of the current campaigns is Your Mind Matters which is a County Council led campaign which aims to ensure young people, parents and professionals across West Sussex know where to get help with their emotional wellbeing and mental health, both in general and in times of crisis.

The campaign brings together partners including local authorities, NHS providers, charitable sectors, community groups and police. It is a collaboration with Foundations For Our Future, which is part way through a two year programme to bring about significant improvement.

You can find out more at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/your-mind-matters/

VISITORS COMMENTS

"Your school seems to be aware of the needs of the children, and have been proactive in supporting both parents, staff and children..."

ANON - (Health professional)

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PCSO Katie Edwards

STAFFING UPDATES



We have had a new member of staff join our Midday Meals Supervisors team. Her name is Mrs Opocka. She is a very welcome addition to the team and the children have made her feel very welcome.



We will keep you updated on our new starters as and when they arrive. You can find information on school jobs that are currently available by visiting: www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/
You can then type in the location where you are searching for jobs, i.e. Crawley, Horsham etc.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

CRAWLEY SIGNAL BOX (BRIGHTON ROAD)

Many of you may have noticed the old railway signal box by the railway crossing at the end of Brighton Road. They often have open days where you can have a look around the signal box. It really is an interesting piece of our Crawley history and is well worth a look. It is a great experience for children (especially if you happen to be in the signal box when a train is going past). Their next open day will be on **Saturday, 15th June 2024, between 12:00 midday – 4:00p.m.** The signal box is only kept open and in such good condition due to the volunteers who give up their time to preserve it's history, so your support would be greatly appreciated. It's a lovely opportunity to make a memory with your child.



1ST CRAWLEY SCOUT GROUP

If your child is aged between 6 and 14 years of age there are Beaver, Cub and Scout groups available for them to join.

Beavers is a great starting point for any child aged between 6 and 7 years of age (if they are under 6 you can still put them on the waiting list). The weekly (term time) meetings are full of fun and their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends. All the activities they do are always working towards a badge. It gives a child a real sense of achievement when they have put in some effort and receive a badge at the end of it, which can then be sewn on their uniform. It also gives the children some skills that will stay with them for life.

All the Beaver, Cub and Scout sessions take place at the scout hut in Oak Road, Southgate. If you would like to find out more then please follow this link:

Contact Us – 1st Crawley Scout Group (1stcrawleyscouts.org.uk) , or search

www.1stcrawleyscouts.org.uk

JUNIOR PARK RUN AT TILGATE

Tilgate junior parkrun is a FREE 2km event for juniors of all standards, which takes place every Sunday at 9:00am in Tilgate Park,

It offers an opportunity for all the family to get involved and come together on a regular basis to enjoy Tilgate Park. They want to encourage people to run, walk, volunteer and be together irrespective of their ability.

Taking part is easy – just register in advance before your first ever parkrun. Your individual barcode can then be used for this weekly 2k event, or on any of the weekly 5k parkruns around the country.

It is a free event but Park Run ask you to please register at **<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/>** before you first come along. You only need to register with Park Run once.

SAVE THE DATE



West Green Primary School will be hosting a quiz night on Thursday, 24th October 2024—

Time: 6:30p.m.

All parents and carers are welcome.

Teams of up to 6 people.

Ticket price £5.00 per person.



YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER ART EXHIBITION 2024

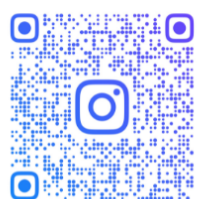
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COST OF LIVING CRISIS — WHERE TO FIND HELP IF YOU NEED IT

turn2us

This website is designed to help you find out if you are able to get help with your energy bills. There are many grants out there you may not know about. Some energy suppliers have their own grant scheme in place. You can ask your supplier if they have a scheme, and what the criteria is for claiming a grant. Turn2us also has other useful links in relation to other household bills e.g. water bills. To search for grants that you may be eligible for, you can use an easy tool on <https://www.turn2us.org.uk>. Tel: 0808 802 2000

StepChange Debt Charity

If you are worried about any debt, you can contact the StepChange Debt Charity for free advice on <https://www.stepchange.org>. Tel: 0800 138 1111

Food Banks in Crawley

There are a number of food banks in Crawley, if you do a web search you should be able to find some details. Listed below are some contact details to help get you started:

Freeshop - info@freeshopcrawley.com - Tel: 07861 907133

Crawley Food Bank Partnership (they are The Easter Team and also Crawley Open House who are working together)

Tel The Easter Team: 07940 900948/Tel Crawley Open House: 01293 447702

Government and Local Council Resources

The government have an online tool to help people check the benefits and financial support they might be able to apply for. You can check at:

www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support you can also find help at:

www.crawley.gov.uk/moneyworries

Your local council may be able to help you pay for things like:

- Energy and water bills;
- Food;
- Essential items such as clothes or even an oven.

This help is known as Welfare Assistance or the Household Support Fund. Each council runs its own scheme. The help they offer, and who can get it, varies. Ask your local council if they run one of these schemes. You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from your local council. If you are in receipt of benefits, they will not be affected if you get help from one of these schemes. See below for information on the WSCC Community Hub.

COMMUNITY HUB

WSCC have a community hub for anyone who may need help. You can request support from the Hub, including accessing the Household Support Fund, and where to get advice.

WSCC are focused on making sure they continue to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

If your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food within the next two days, please phone [033 022 27980](tel:03302227980) so that they can make sure you get the help you need as quickly as possible.



CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is either Calpol paracetamol 6+ sachets or meltlets (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. If you have already signed a permission slip you do not need to do anything else. The above is also relevant for antihistamine's. We use Piriton, but only if the parent has provided written consent and also verbal consent just before it is administered.

TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL

At the end of the school day it has been noted that parents are allowing their children to play on the trim trail outside the classrooms. If you do allow your child to use the trim trail (or tyres) at drop off/collection time it is **your responsibility** to ensure they use it safely. Please keep an eye on your children at all times during drop off/collection to/from school to ensure their safety.

UNIFORM

We no longer take school uniform orders via the school office. When you require new uniform for your child you can order it from: www.myclothing.com

Tel: 0800 069 9949

MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

BIRTHDAYS AND TREATS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are individually wrapped, nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade.

Also, from time to time throughout the school year, we will give out sweet treats to children. We will ensure we always meet a child's dietary requirements. **Please inform the school if you do not want your child to be given any sweet treats.**

ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, please be aware that we need two, one in the classroom, and one in our medical room. When that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

FILMS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER (AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Mainly at Christmas and Easter time we will sometimes arrange for the children to watch a film as an end of term treat. The films will either be a 'U' or 'PG' certificate. We would never show a film that we judged to be inappropriate. **However, if you do not wish your child to watch a 'PG' certificate film then please let the school office know so that a different film can be chosen for your child's class to watch.**

NO NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school. This means that no food brought into school by either children or staff should contain nuts. This includes Nutella (there are other alternative chocolate spreads available that do not contain nuts).