



July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an eventful year here at West Green Primary School. We have packed a lot into this academic year, and have loved every moment of it!

This term has been very busy. Our Year 2 and Year 3 class have visited Crawley library, Year 1 had a class trip to Hever Castle, we had our fundraising Rags2Riches collection, Year 6 took part in a range of activities (including their residential trip), all children had their transition morning where they met their new teachers (and Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools for the day), we had our sports day, we were visited by a dance company, Year 3 and Year 4 had their class trip to Weald & Downland Museum, Year 5 visited the Science Museum, Year 5 also had a dance class to trial a possible new after school club, our scaled back Summer Fair took place, and the last week of term finished with the Year 6 performance, followed by the leavers assembly on the last day of term. It has been our busiest term of the year and so we are all looking forward to a relaxing summer break (staff and children)!

For a lot of the events mentioned above, many of them were only possible due to the parent/carer volunteers that helped their child's class on the day. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped us, and continue to help us, we really couldn't do all that we do without your support.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all in school again on 4th September 2024 (2nd & 3rd September are INSET days so the school is closed to all children on those days).

West Green Team

HEADTEACHER - END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

I can't believe that we have reached the end of another academic year at West Green primary school, and that the summer holidays are upon us (although with the changeable weather that we are having it does not always feel like summer is here)!

This has certainly been an eventful year with some goodbyes and hello's to staff and children. We will be saying a very fond and heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class who have been an absolute credit to our school. This is an exciting time for them as they journey on to the next chapter of their education. We wish you all the best Year 6. We also will be saying goodbye to Mrs Moore who has been working as our academic tutor supporting children across the school. We wish you happy retirement Mrs Moore.

We have had a very busy year recruiting new teachers, teaching assistants and mid-day meal supervisors and of course Mrs Marshall our Deputy Headteacher. We have had visits from the Dogs Trust, Police and a local dance workshop as well as class visits and residential trips. Our children have enjoyed presenting their class assemblies to parents/carers and our come and share our learning events have been very well attended by parents/carers. Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 have also shown off their musical skills to parents with their concerts. It is always such a pleasure to see parents attending these events

It is certainly a year of firsts for me as the new Headteacher of West Green Primary and I am looking forward to starting the new year at our wonderful school with children moving up the school to their new classes, and of course not forgetting our next Reception class joining us.

It just remains for me to wish you all a safe, enjoyable and restful summer.

Mrs Chapman - Headteacher

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



This term we were visited by a representative of Crawley library who told all our children about the Summer Reading Challenge. If your child would like to take part you can find out more information at your local library.

WEST GREEN SUMMER FAIR

It was raining heavily on the morning of our summer fair this year, so we had to make a decision early on in the day as to whether the event could go ahead. We decided to have a very scaled down event in the school hall as we still wanted to offer something to the parents and children after all the effort that everyone had put in. The reason that we were not able to hold the event in its entirety inside was due to a lack of space in our small school, as our main priority is keeping everyone safe.

One of our stalls was the slime stall, which is very kindly organised and run by one of our parent helpers. It was the quickest selling stall of the day (it is so popular)! There were some sad faces when the slime was all sold out, but those that missed out were then able to have a chance at winning a teddy on the teddy tombola. Thank you to all of those that supported us on the day, and for your understanding as to why we could not go ahead with the summer fair in full.

Would you like to help with fundraising events for the school? If you would like to offer your help then watch this space as we will be asking for parent volunteers in the new term. Please let the school office know if you are interested.

YEAR 5 DANCE CLASS

Year 5 showed off their dance moves when we were visited by Cheneler School of Dance for a street dance class taster session. They loved their lesson so much that we have invited the dance teacher to give some lessons in the form of an after school club in the Autumn term. This dance after school club will be chargeable (and paid for by parents/carers before their child attends the dance club), and spaces will be on a first come/first served basis. More information will follow when we return to school in September.





CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, had their class assembly where they were joined by some of their parent/carers. It is a nice way of showing their adults what they have been learning in school. Their class teachers had this to say...

“What a wonderful assembly Reception put on for us, showcasing all their amazing work about ‘Growing and Changing’. They all spoke and acted so confidently and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done Reception!”

Mrs Whitlock & Miss Delgado - EYFS/Reception Teachers

“For the Year 1 assembly the children came up with a list of what they wanted to share with their adults and the rest of the school. The children helped write the script and decided what props/pictures they could use. They talked about what beebots are and how to use them. They were keen to share their number bonds to 10 using the numicon. They loved singing to all the adults and children. They were super proud of themselves, and we are very proud of them for all the effort they made!”

Mrs Marshall & Mrs Shabir - Year 1 Teachers

“Year 2’s class assembly was absolutely brilliant! The children were clear and remembered all their cues with smiles on their faces. They shared their learning in lots of subjects including the exciting books they have read in English, and the different religions they have learnt about in RE. They sung their song ‘While we Live we Learn’ beautifully, even adding some actions to the lyrics. As their teacher, I am so proud of how they performed. Well done year 2!”

Ms Shaw - Year 2 Teacher

“Our brilliant Year 3 news team gave a Newsround style bulletin of all the things they have been learning this year. As well as sharing learning about deserts, the stone age and art they also investigated the story of the king who banned the dark before Henry VIII turned up! Well done Year 3 and thank you to all the parents who came and watched!”

Mr Wretham - Year 3 Teacher

You will now all be aware who your child’s class teacher(s) will be in September.

Here is a recap:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Reception	Mrs Whitlock and Mrs Delgado
Year 1	Mrs Bain
Year 2	Ms Shaw
Year 3	Mrs Riadat
Year 4	Mrs Brotherton and Miss Jeffery
Year 5	Miss Stone
Year 6	Mr Wretham

YEAR 1 TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE

Year 1 had a school trip to visit Hever Castle in Kent. The children had a lovely time and they were on their best behaviour. They all looked happy but tired when they returned to school. It was a very busy day for them. The class teachers had this to say about the day...

“In Year 1 we were very excited for our trip to visit Hever Castle. This year we learned lots about different castles in history. We saw lots of different ways the castle was protected from danger including a moat, a drawbridge and a metal portcullis. There was also lots of old furniture that was from a long time ago and we went inside the bedrooms of Kings and Queens. We also really enjoyed playing on the giant slide and swings in the castle playground.”

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Shabir - Year 1 Class Teachers



Sometimes at the end of a busy day, it all just gets a bit too much... 🥱



YEAR 3 JUNK PERCUSSION WORKSHOP

Year 3 took part in a junk percussion workshop. This was a workshop run by West Sussex Music where the children made music from everyday household objects. It is such a simple concept, but when it all comes together it is amazing. Year 3 had so much fun and it sounded great (and very loud)!



RAGS2RICHES FUNDRAISING



We were so grateful for the donations we had from the children and their families with our Rags2Riches fundraising. We managed to make a total sum of £120.80 (that was 302kg of clothes)! We were really pleased with what we raised as the price we were paid per kg was lower than last year due to rising global costs having a knock on affect on most businesses. Thank you to everyone who helped us, and a special thank you to our school council representatives who helped us promote this event.

A NEW BEGINNING

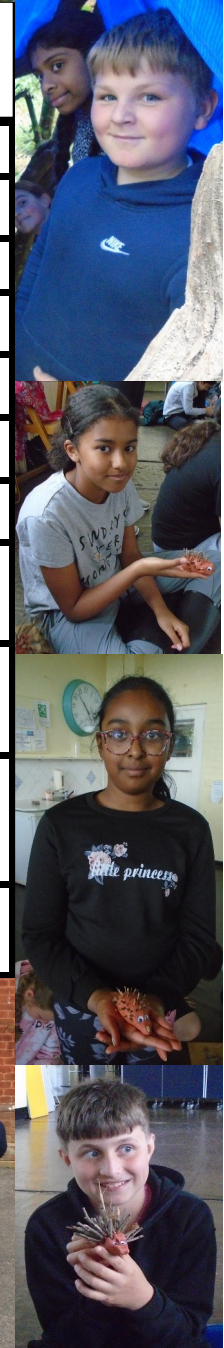
All too quickly it is time for Year 6 to leave us and move to their new schools. They have been a great class during what has been a busy year, so we are sure they will enjoy a bit of a rest before they start secondary school in September. They have taken part in some fun activities in the last few weeks such as a residential trip to Gaveston Hall and a trip to the Hawth Cinema (where unfortunately the projector broke, but they had a lovely picnic afterwards), and of course showed off their amazing talents in their end of term performance of The Pirates of the Curry Bean.

We hope you have enjoyed your last year with us. **Good luck Year 6!**



Year 6 Report Card

Attendance	B
Willingness to learn	A
Tidiness	E
Fun Factor	A*
Effort made in PE lessons	B+
Effort made in swimming lessons	A
Being kind to each other	A
How much we will miss them when they go	A**
How much they will miss us when they go.	A** (we like to think)
The likelihood they will realise how easy they had it at primary school after one week of secondary school.	A***
Excitement level created by Year 6 class.	Not able to allocate a grade due to the increased excitement.



Goodbye Year 6,
Off to secondary school,
Oh what fun we've had,
Down in your old classroom.
Be kind and thoughtful always,
You will always be,
Evermore a part, of our school history

You have been very lovely,
Every single day.

At last it is your time to leave,
Remember us, have fun, and...

6 weeks off... YAY!!!





IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

With the summer holidays nearly upon us, it is a time that many children look forward to. However, the summer holidays are different for everyone. Your child might be excited about a holiday or having time off, or they could be thinking about what might happen or how they will cope.

They may worry about:

- feeling lonely or not going out.
- not seeing people who normally support them.
- problems at home or having to care for a family member.
- coping without a routine.
- waiting for exam results, or starting a new school.

There are many reasons why a child may find it difficult to cope with school holidays, but there is help available from Childline as it is there all through the holidays to support your child, whether that's having someone to talk to, giving them ideas of things to do or helping them to get support when they need it.

Getting Support

The summer holidays can mean losing the support a child normally has at school or college. Or being expected to take on more responsibilities to look after people at home.

If your child is worried about coping over the holidays, it can help to:

- Talk about it. If a child has someone they normally see for support, they can talk to them about where to get help if they need it. Children can also talk to Childline all through the holidays.
- Create a safety plan. It can help to make a plan of what to do if your child feels unsafe. They can also make a mental health first aid kit to help them know what to do if things get overwhelming.
- Your child can make time for themselves by trying to do at least one thing a day they enjoy or that helps them to feel good.
- Focus on the future. The holidays can feel like a long time, but they will end. It can help to focus on anything they are looking forward to after the holidays.
- Your child can share their experiences by creating an account on the Childline website to keep a journal, write an email to them or post on the message boards to other young people.

If you or your child would like to find out any further information about Childline and the help they can offer please visit www.childline.org.uk

VISITORS COMMENTS

"We had such a wonderful time bringing the Playground Tour to West Green with the Place! The children were so engaged, there was lots of foot tapping and clapping along".

Erin on behalf of Creative Playground

"It was a pleasure to work with your school again and I think they were the most polite and respectful group ever! I really enjoyed it... I so love doing and seeing the kids having fun, through nature and the beautiful setting of Gaveston Hall."

Linda on behalf of Gaveston Hall

"...they are a lovely class (Year 6)"

Agency temp

STAFFING UPDATES



We are being joined by a new member of staff in September called Mrs Bain. She will be the new Year 1 teacher. She has already taught the children on a few occasions and we are very pleased to now welcome her to West Green on a permanent basis.



Our Year 3 LSA Miss Webb is back from maternity leave and all the staff and children are thrilled she has returned. Welcome back Miss Webb.



Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Moore. She has worked at West Green for many years, and even came out of retirement to come back and join us for a while. However, she has now decided that the time is right to say cheerio. We have loved having you with us, and we were so happy that you came back for a bit. Enjoy every bit of your retirement, you deserve all the good things that are coming your way. Love from everyone at West Green.

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 days will be on **Saturday, 20th July 2024 & Saturday, 17th August 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

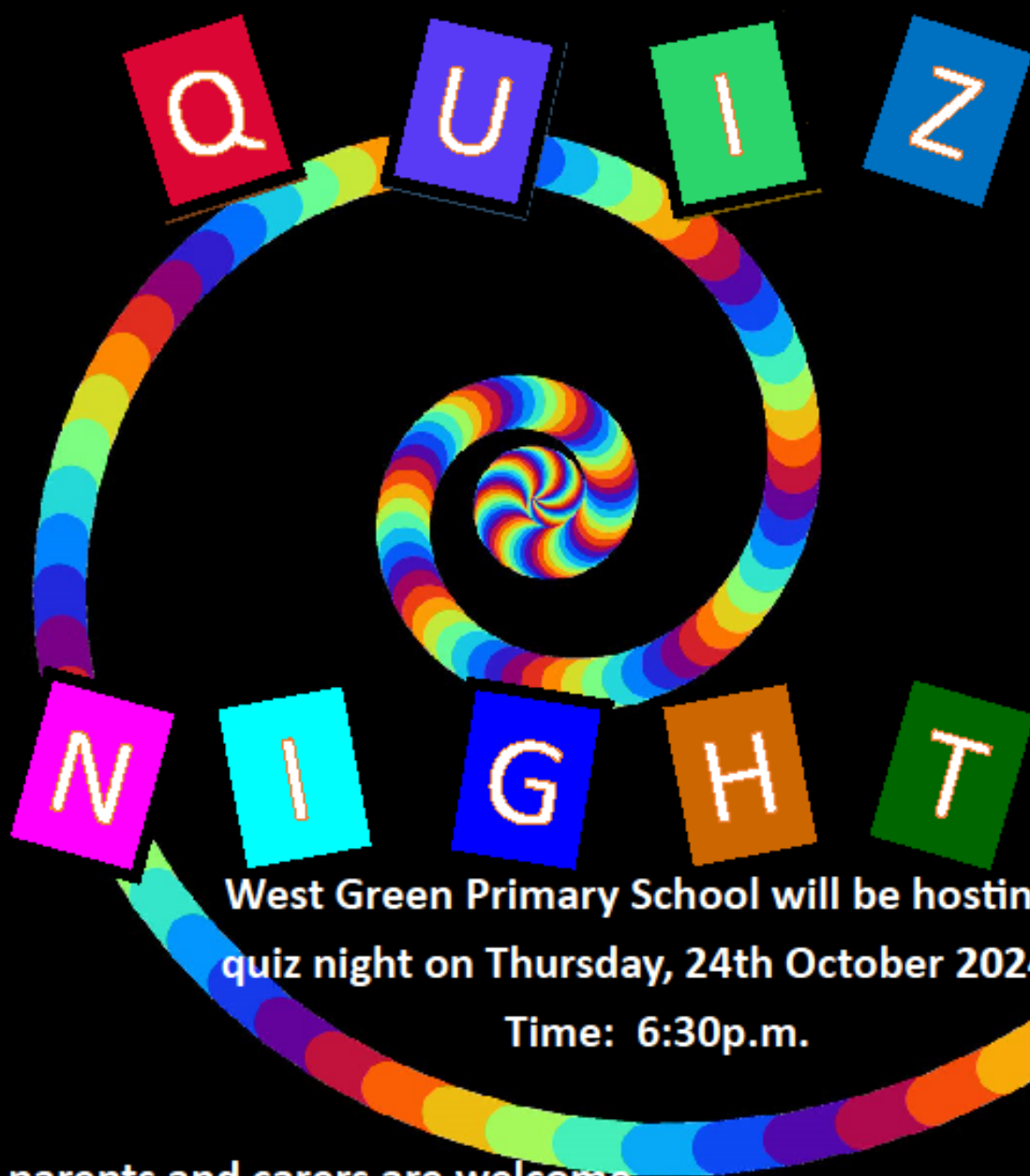
Tilgate junior parkrun is a FREE 2km event for juniors of all standards, which takes place every Sunday at 9:00am in Tilgate Park,

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.

CRAWLEY RUGBY CLUB



Willoughby Fields, Ifield Ave, Crawley RH11 7LX

Come along
this summer
and
join in the
FUN!



KICK-OFF
YOUR SUMMER WITH OUR

FREE RUGBY CAMP

IT'S THE PERFECT PLAY TO TRY RUGBY!

**AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH
FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM**

**UNDER 6S
TO UNDER 11S
WE ARE TRAINING ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS
FROM EARLY JULY
CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



SCAN ME

**FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BOOK A PLACE
CHRIS JONES ON 07544060119 OR YOUTH@CRAWLEYRFC.COM**



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).