



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night saw a great turnout at the **Friends' Annual General** meeting. Thank you to all the new parents who came and supported the group. The Friends of Western Downland is one of the best PTA's I have had the privilege of working with and the whole group's commitment and passion for helping provide the very best for all our children shines through. They really do make a difference.

I would especially like to thank **Jo Kear (Secretary)**, **Sarah Bailey (Treasurer)** and **Vanessa Sherwood (Chair)** for all their **incredible hard work** over the past few years in their key roles on the committee. They have now stepped down so that others can take the work of the Friends forward into another exciting year.

Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Well Done to.....

- Year 1: **George Batten & Grace Lockyer**
- Year 2: **Charlie Birchall**
- Year 3: **Penny Nielson & Conlon Wood-Hill**
- Year 4: **Anna Garrett &**
- Year 5: **All of Year 5!**
- Year 6: **Daniel Vaughan & Lillia Miller**



Golden Leaves

**Jack Witt, Jamie Sulman, Elliott Walker,
Oliver Walker, Eben Brophy**

Our new Rainbow Class start school

What a **fantastic** start all Rainbow class have made! Well done year R! On Monday there will be a special service at St. George's church just for Rainbow class and their families to welcome them to Western Downland.

News from the Friends of Western Downland

A huge **thank you** to everyone who came to our AGM last night. We are delighted to announce our 2017-18 named committee members as:



- Chair: Estelle Penny**
- Treasurer: Suzy Simmons**
- Secretary: Sarah Armitage & Hannah Carr**
- Vice Chair: Natasha Garrett**
- Damerham site rep: Sarah Armitage**
- Rockbourne site rep: Fe Patton**

- **Good Quality Second Hand Uniform:** This will be available to view and buy at pick up time at the **Rockbourne site on Wednesday 27th September & at Damerham on Thursday 28th September.** *We always welcome donations of good quality logo school uniform such as the sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts. Please bring any donations to the school office.*
- Please continue to support us this month in **Waitrose, Ringwood.** If you buy something there remember to collect your token and vote for us. The more tokens we get, the bigger share of the **£1000** we get!
- Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19th October at the Churchill Arms, Alderholt. Please come and join us.**



Phonics Workshop for Parents

Reading is one of the most important skills children will learn during their early years of school learning and has far-reaching implications for life-long opportunities, confidence and well-being. If you would like to find out more about how we teach the early skills of using phonics to help with the skills of decoding, then please come to our workshop on **Wednesday 20th September, 7pm** at the infant site.

We have noticed some **pesto** in lunchboxes this week – please remember we are a **nut free school** as we have children who have a severe reaction to any nut products. Thank you.

Letters this week.....



- Parents Consultations
- Harvest Service

Reminders

- **Welcome Service for new Rainbow Class @ St George's Church**, on Monday 18th September, 9.45am at St Georges Church, Damerham
- **Welcome to Year 3 & 4 Meeting for parents:** Monday 18th September, 3.30-4.00pm
- **Welcome to Year 5 & 6 Meeting for parents:** Tuesday 19th September, 3.30-4.00pm
- **Year 3 & 4 visit to the Natural History Museum:** Tuesday 18th September
- **Phonics Workshop for parents:** Wednesday 19th September



Western Downland Primary School Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4th September	INSET DAY
Tues 12th September	Welcome to Year 1 & Year 2 meeting for parents (3.20-3.50pm@ Damerham in classrooms)
Thursday 14th september	Friends' AGM @ Compasses, 7.30pm
Mon 18th September	Reception Class welcome service @ St George's Church, Damerham 9.45am
Mon 18th September	Welcome to Year 3 & Year 4 meeting for parents (3.30-4.00pm@ Rockbourne in classrooms)
Tues 19th September	Welcome to Year 5 & 6 meeting for parents (3.30-4.00pm @ Rockbourne in classrooms)
Tues 19th September	Year 3 & 4 visit to the Natural History Museum
Weds 20th September	Phonics Workshop for parents @ Damerham site 7pm
Fri 29th September	Harvest Festival @St George's Church, 9.45am
Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th October	Parent Consultations
Tues 10th October	School Photographer
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October	Half-Term
Mon 30th October	INSET DAY
Mon 4th December	Flu Immunizations – Infant site and Years 3 & 4
Wed 13th December	School Christmas Services (afternoon & evening)
Wed 20th December	School Disco
Fri 22nd Dec – Weds 3rd Jan	Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2018

Thurs 4th January	Return to school
Mon 12th - Fri 16th February	Half-Term
Mon 19th February	INSET DAY
Fri 30th March-Fri 13th April	Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2018

Mon 16th April	Return to School
Mon 14th-Fri 18th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
Fri 25th May	INSET DAY
Mon 28th May –Fri 1st June	Half Term
Mon 4th -Fri 8th June	Year 6 Wales Residential

*new or amended date