



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The **Sponsored Walk** was a great success. Well done to all of the children for their brilliant behaviour and thank you to all the parents and families who joined us. I would like to give a special thank you to **Mrs Jenny Bouskell** for allowing us to walk and use West Park for our activities and to the **Friends** who gave us a lovely reception at the Damerham site with drinks, biscuits and cakes- thank you everyone who sent in cake donations. Our **“Art from Nature” Art Gallery** was also a huge success, with all the children from reception to year 6 creating a varied array of pictures, sculptures, models and photographs; - a brilliant way to end the half term. I wish you all a safe and happy half-term.

*Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*



**Tennis**

**Year 3&4** played tennis again this week, and have got a team through to the finals ! They will play against finalists from other New Forest Schools on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Well done to **River Legge-Elliot, William Anderson, Neve Hooper and Indigo-Nancy Sonsin**. The others who played were **Phoebe Courtney, Isabella Watt, Neve Brophy, Sienna Adams, Millie Calais, Anna Garrett, Jamie Sulman, Finley Newman, Harry Lockyer, Fletcher Yeates, Charlie Musselwhite, Charlie Green & Jonny Tappenden**.

**Rainbow Class Teddy Bears’ Picnic**

Rainbow class celebrated their end of topic with a fabulous Teddy Bears’ Picnic. Well done to the children for all their hard work!



**Letters/Notices this week.**

- Y4 & 6 Swimming lessons
- Y6 Wales presentation
- Y5 Burgate taster day



**Reminders**

- Half Term next week – we look forward see you back at school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- All jumpers and cardigans should have the school logo versions please.
- **Sun hats and water bottles!**



**News from the Friends of Western Downland**

**Sponsor Forms** – Please ensure that full names and addresses are obtained from anyone who wishes to Gift Aid their donation. **Thankyou.**

**Our Summer Fair will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> June** – look out for more information coming soon !

**Next meeting dates:**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ Compasses, Damerham, 7pm**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm**



## Infant Site Book Club



We are **passionate about reading** at Western Downland. Of particular interest are the links between reading for pleasure, with not only cross curricular attainment but also general knowledge. It is shown to increase levels of self esteem and understanding of the world by children and has been widely researched. In order to develop this further I have worked with the children to innovate the lunch time book club at the infant site to make it more child led and reactive to their requests. This has included the addition of the puppet



theatre and book based puppets as well as lots more traditional tales. Next half term we are keen to invite in guest story tellers to share a well loved story with the children, as modelling an enjoyment of reading is so important. Please contact me via the Damerham office or [s.kirkcaldy@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.kirkcaldy@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk) if you would like to come in. Special thanks must go to **Cheri Smith** for her help and to **Rosie Smith, Sophie Hartley-Nadhar** and **Sebastian Reece** who help everyday with the selection of resources and overseeing the smooth running of the club. **Mrs Sam Kirkaldy**

## Western Downland Primary School Diary

Summer Term 2017	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half-Term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Residential to Newbarn, Dorchester
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 visit to Rockbourne Roman Villa
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 visit to Rockbourne Roman Villa
*Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Wales presentation
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Education Sunday @ Whitsbury
*Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Cross-country relays @ New Milton
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Tennis @ Totton
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/2 Tennis @ Totton
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends' meeting @ Compasses Inn, Damerham, 7pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5/6 visit to Tremendous Trees Trail, Beaulieu
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket @ Totton
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket @ Totton
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends' Summer Fair
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Taster Day @ Burgate
*Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open Morning
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving on Day
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Induction Day at Burgate
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4/5 Primary Proms @ Basingstoke
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends' meeting @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Residential to Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Variety Show
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Term Parent Consultations
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site ( <i>Reserve date Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></i> )
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Disco
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Summer Holiday
Autumn Term 2017	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY

\*new or changed date