



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Western Downland is a **Church of England Foundation Primary School**. The Christian understanding which informs and underpins our shared values and activities at Western Downland begins from the simple principle that everyone who forms part of our School community should be enabled to develop: **'The Roots to Grow and the Wings to Fly'**. We have recently reviewed our 3 core values and have shared these with the children. They are:

1. **Love** – From the early greek word *'agape'*, found in the Bible, meaning a reflection of the love of God: unconditional, self-giving, compassionate and transformative. The children understand this through the values of compassion, forgiveness, generosity, creation and hope.
2. **Fellowship** – From the early greek word *'koinonia'*, found in the Bible, meaning to live in community with one another and valuing what each person has to offer. The children study fellowship through the worship values of friendship, service, peace and thankfulness.
3. **Righteousness** – From the early greek word *'dikalosyne'*, found in the Bible, which includes a concern to live as well as we can, valuing truth and demonstrating a genuine regard for others. We understand this through the worship values of respect, truthfulness, responsibility, wisdom and trust.

The value we are currently looking at in worship is responsibility, and more information will come home about this soon. Please feel free to ask if there are any questions about this.

*Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*

*Reverend Les Player*

*Mrs Clare Worsfold(RE/Collective Worship Leader)*

**Stars of the Week**

**Well Done to.....**

**YR –Izzie Langford & Leo Harrison**  
**Y2 –Theo Wiggins & Leon Stacey**  
**Y3 – Phoebe Courtney, Charlie Green & Fletcher Yeates**  
**Y4 – Amelie Thrale & Indigo-Nancy Sonsin**

**Music Lessons**

Our peripatetic music teachers have a couple of spaces if any juniors would like to learn flute, guitar, recorder, piano or keyboard. The cost is £80 a term (£240 a year). Please speak to Mrs Redding if your child is interested.



**Winter Warmers Reading event- come and enjoy a story!**



Please don't forget to come and **enjoy some story telling and good books** with our **Winter Warmers event on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm (infants) and 4pm (juniors.)** We have had a good response for the infant event but need more to attend the junior's!

**Community News**

There will be a dedication at **St George's Church** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am, for the new Accessible Toilet that has been installed and funded with contributions from our Church Service collections. A couple of children in Y2 will represent the school at this dedication.

**Thank you** to Sandleheath Stores who have donated **£132** to the school from the proceeds of their Christmas Raffle

**FUNQUEST**

**Funquest needs your help !** The current Trustees are retiring and new people are needed to ensure the future success of this amazing charity. If you think you can help please respond to [info@funquest.org.uk](mailto:info@funquest.org.uk). Please see the attached flyer for further details.

**Lost Property**

We have lots of lost property at the Infant Site – please come in and have a look to see if any of it is yours ! Anything un-named and unclaimed at half-term will go into the spares box at school.

## Reminders



- Another reminder to pay Y5 & 6 residential deposits by 31<sup>st</sup> January please.
- Dinner money.

Thank you to those of you who keep up to date with your dinner money. However there is **over £800** of outstanding dinner money owed to the school. Please pay what is owing on your accounts, and remember to pay in advance for meals so that we don't have to keep sending bills home. Thank you very much.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again. Please drop them off at the school offices or in the collection box at school. We have been able to purchase playground and sports equipment with these in the past which the children really enjoy using.

Sainsbury's



### News from The Friends of Western Downland

Next meeting is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February,

7pm at the Compasses Inn – everyone welcome



### Letters/Notices this week...



- Parent consultations
- Year 6 SATs information evening

## Western Downland Primary School Diary

Spring Term 2017	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Hampshire Library Service reading "Winter Warmers Workshops"
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb*	Year 6 SATS information evening, 6.30pm
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 1&2 trip to Salisbury Cathedral
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Friends' Meeting- 7pm Compasses
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Term Parent Consultations
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Music Concert
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half-Term
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Giant Sing (Years 3 & 6)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends' Quiz Night
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Easter Service @ St George's Church, Damerham, 9:45am
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2017	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Wales
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	Year 5 Residential to Newbarn, Dorchester
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Education Sunday @ Whitsbury
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day at Burgate
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Residential to Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 13 <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> Sept	Summer Holiday
Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept*	INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October*	INSET DAY