



## Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome back our children this week– they are amazing and have been showing their POW values and love of learning.

Our POW value this week is optimism, supporting by our quote this week of ‘when it rains, look for rainbows– when it’s dark, look for the stars.

I would like to thank all the parents and carers for taking the time to read the handbook and for all following our new start and end of day procedures– I appreciate how everyone is sticking to their allotted times to ensure time on the school site is minimised as well as the one-way system. May I also say thank you for the appreciation you have expressed to me personally– I have a fantastic team who support our aim for excellent learning and friendship. Mrs Adams, Chair of the local board, sends you all her very best wishes for the coming year.

Mr O'Regan

## Important Things to Remember

- ◆ It is really important for everyone to follow the **social distancing guidelines** to keep us all as safe as possible and to minimise the impact over the coming year
- ◆ If you have more than one child to pick up, please collect the child who finishes at the **LATEST** time first. This will also help to reduce congestion. For example, if you have a child in Reception and Year 6, you would collect the Year 6 child at 3pm from their exit door and then go to the hall where your Reception child will be waiting.
- ◆ Please be mindful of our neighbours and be careful not to block driveways
- ◆ As some of our children have nut allergies, we do not allow nuts or nut products in lunch boxes or brought into school.
- ◆ School lunches can be booked on ParentPay up to midnight the day before.
- ◆ The water fountains are out of use, so please make sure your child has plenty of water for the day.
- ◆ If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please email the school office who will forward it on.

## Breakfast and After school club

As you are aware from my previous letters, we are currently reviewing the wrap around care provision and aim to be able to resume this the week of September 21st. However, both clubs will be modified with limited numbers and activities to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible.

Breakfast club will be from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Toast and juice will be provided using disposable plates and cups. Numbers will be limited to 15 places for the term.

After School Club will run from 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. You will notice that these timings are modified; this is to allow for the extra cleaning / sanitising by the site team. Numbers of spaces allocated will be limited to 10. We ask that if your child is allocated a place for After School Club you provide a snack for them as well as an activity i.e colouring book and crayons, puzzle book, reading etc. No electronic games please.

To register your interest in your child having a place at either Breakfast or After School Club please send an email to [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk) with the subject line 'Breakfast Club Place' and/or 'After School Club Place'.

Please be aware that registering your interest does not automatically ensure a place as numbers are limited and preference will be given to critical key workers. Notification will be sent to you via Parentmail if we have been able to meet your request.

If a space has been allocated then you will be required to pay for the whole of term 1 through ParentPay. This is because each space must be booked and paid for in advance on a half termly basis to allow for consistent groupings in line with government guidance. Places will be reserved for the whole of term 1, although you do not need to use them every day.

## Notice to Parents of Y2

Y2 children will need to bring a named plastic mixing bowl, a wooden spoon and an apron for an activity with the Wildlife Ranger on **Wednesday 16th September**.

## Notice to Parents of Y5

As part of our Stunning Start for our Outlaws topic, and the recovery curriculum, we have arranged for an archery instructor to come into the school and lead a session for the year 5's on **Monday 21st September**. They will be learning how to use a bow and arrow, as well as an exciting assembly where they will learn all about its history.

## Times Tables Rock Stars



All children have been moved up a year group. Keep practising to win more coins and boost your recall speed!

## Reception Taster Sessions

This week we welcomed the Reception children in for a taster session. We started with a craft activity in class and then explored the woods to find sticks to make their own stick man.

It was wonderful to meet everybody and the children had an exciting day.

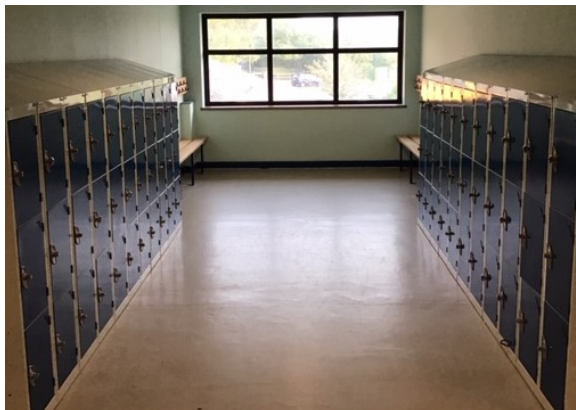
We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week!



## New lockers

Year 3 and 4 now have lockers.

Please remember only water bottles, PE kits, reading books and record are needed as well as lunch boxes if required.



## New books

Dave, our reading and learning Pug, visited all classes today with a big present full of books.



## New trim trail

The site team have been busy painting and improving the site over the summer. This included updating our outdoor learning areas.



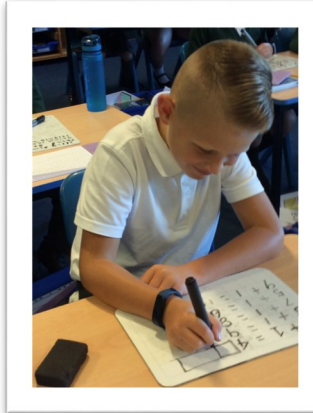


## POW Pride Of West St Leonards Awards– Well done to our excellent learners



**Nightingales - Teddy A**

Teddy for making a fantastic start to the term and setting a great example for his peers. Well done.



**Sandmartins - Adam F**

Adam for his positive attitude in all subjects.



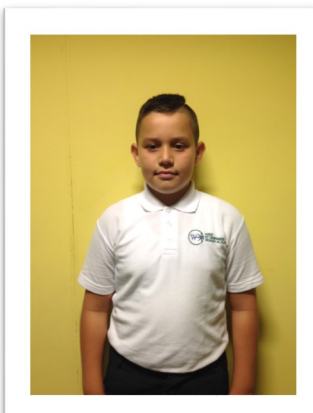
**Avocets - Reggie C**

Reggie has settled in so well this week and he has shown that he is a fantastic role model to other children with his attitude towards learning and working. Keep up the hard work Reggie!



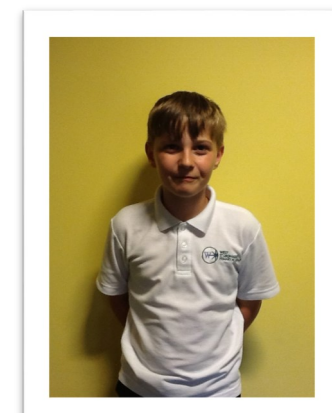
**Oystercatchers - Ronnie L**

Ronnie has come back to school showing lots of his POW values. He has been showing exceptional optimism in all areas of his learning.



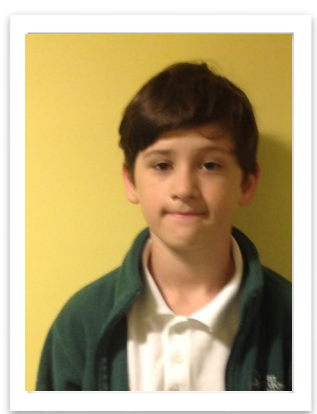
**Hérons - Koshan H**

Koshan for always being ready to learn whether that is after we have changed tasks or when we are settling back in after break and lunch. He is displaying the behaviour that we want to see at WSL.



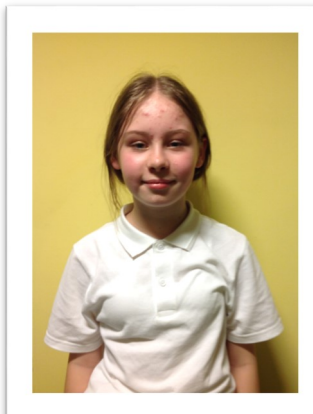
**Cranes - Archie B**

Archie for his politeness this week and his fantastic attitude to learning. He has consistently remembered to raise his hand and set a great example for others. Well done for settling in so well Archie.



**Razorbills - Frank B**

Frank for settling into school so well, showing a calm and ready-for-learning behaviour towards his teacher and peers.



**Swifts - Lilly-May**

Lilly-May for her fantastic 'back-to-school' attitude; working well with her partner, sharing ideas in class discussions and using the four step strategy. Well done Lilly-May!



**Doves - George**

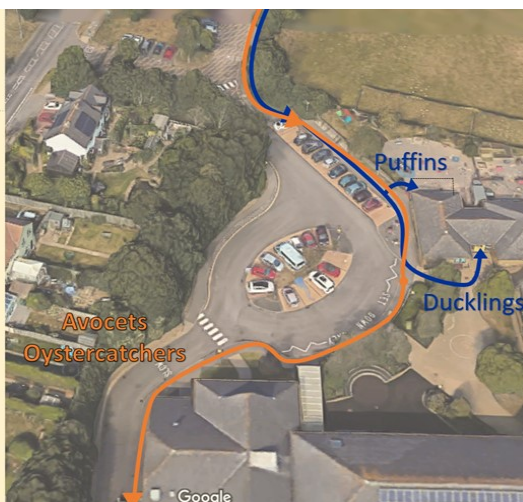
George received his Gold Award today for making a fantastic start to the year, showing his POW values and being a really good friend.

## Drop Off Times and Direction of Travel

As a reminder to all parents, please find below the maps that outline the times and direction to drop off children in the mornings. Please maintain social distance.

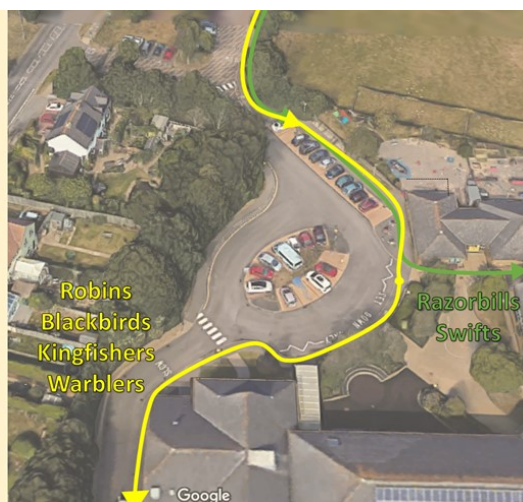
Reception  
and Year 4

8:30am



Year 1,  
Year 2 and  
Year 6

8:40am



Year 3 and  
Year 5

8:50am



## Parents' dates and events

Event	Date
Year 1: Phonics Watch and Learn	24.09.20 a video will be posted on Learning Channel
Reception: Watch what pupils are learning	08.10.20 a video will be posted on Learning Channel
Year 2: Watch and Learn Reading	08.10.20 a video will be posted on Learning Channel
RSE Consultation more information to follow	05.10.20
Year 5/ 6 Talk for Writing video	12.10.20 Watch the year 5/ 6 Talk for Writing video on our Learning Channel
Parent Consultation telephone calls	13.10.20 parents will make bookings through Parentmail for a telephone consult from your child's teacher.
Parent Consultation telephone calls	15.10.20 parents will make bookings through Parentmail for a telephone consult from your child's teacher.
Reception : Video Understanding Learning in Reception	19.10.20 video posted on Learning Channel
Roald Dahl Day	22.10.20 Pupils may come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.
Last day of Term	22.10.20
Classes Resume	02.11.20
Year 1 and 2 Talk for Writing video	09.11.20 Watch the year 1 and 2 Talk for Writing video on our Learning Channel.
Reception Talk for Writing video	13.11.20 Watch the Reception classes Talk for Writing video on our Learning Channel.
Individual Photos	16.11.20
Reception: Watch and Read	w/c 23.11.20 parents send in videos of them reading with their child to be compiled in a year group video.
Information for Reception 2021 .2022	24.11.20 Video posted on our Learning Channel
Year 2 Phonics Screening (This is in place of the screening that would have taken place in year 1 prior to lockdown.)	W/c 07.12.20
Christmas Productions	TBC
Christmas Mufti – last day of term children may come to school dressed in Christmas themed clothes.	18.12.20
Classes resume	05.01.21
Reception: Share Learning Journey	w/c 11.01.21 weekend parent/child outdoor learning task and adventure sheet. Share your journey.
Reception: How to make a fruit kebab	w/c 25.01.21 watch and make a fruit kebab at home.

## Parents Events (con't)

Last day of Term	12.02.21
Classes resume	22.02.21
Class photos	TBC
World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character	03.03.21
Parent Telephone Consultation	10.03.21 parents will make bookings through Parentmail for a telephone consult from your child's teacher.
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Last Day of Term	31.03.21
Classes resume	19.04.21
Bank Holiday	03.05.21
SATS week for Years 2 and 6	10.05.21
Maths week	w/c 15.05.21
Reception Talk for Writing Performance	24.05.21 video on our Learning Channel
Last Day of Term	28.05.21
Classes resume	07.06.21
Year 4 Multiplication Check	TBC
Sports Day in Bubbles – further details to follow	21.06.21 Reception/KS1 and 22.06.21 KS2
Grandparents visit for exhibits on the field. Socially Distanced.	23.06.21
Inset Days	24.06.21 and 25.06.21
Year 6 Production	08.07.21
Moving Up afternoon	14.07.21 Transition Videos posted on Learning Channel.
Last Day of Term	23.07.21