



## NEWSLETTER

### Congratulations!

I am sure that you will want to join with me and the Local Board in expressing heartfelt congratulations to Mr O'Regan on his thoroughly deserved appointment as our new Principal.

During the pandemic, his nurturing, supportive approach, combined with meticulous attention to detail, have ensured that staff and children have been able to return to school safely without compromising the creative, exciting and inclusive approach to learning at which our brilliant teachers excel.

Mr O'Regan's dedication and enthusiasm for the quality of our children's learning experience, both during his years as our Vice Principal and more recently as Interim Principal, have been inspirational and we look forward with confidence and excitement as he leads West St Leonard's into the future.

Jan Adams  
Chair of the Local Board

### Half Term

We would like to wish our families an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 2 November 2020.

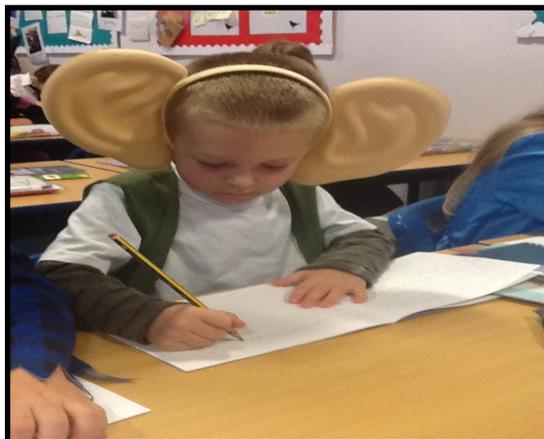
### Win a £20 Book Token!

Over the half term holidays we will be having a 'Spooky Spectacular Reader' competition where we will be asking you to send in photos of children dressed up in their Halloween gear reading a book. Our winner will receive a £20 book token!



## Splendiferous Roald Dahl Day

We had a fantastic day yesterday and the range of costumes was excellent! The children enjoyed all of their Roald Dahl related activities and it made for a memorable end to our first term.



## Return of the Superheroes!

Our superheroes returned to Year 1 today to proudly present them with their Iron Man Reading Superpower certificates.



Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year and we are very proud of everyone's progress. We are sure you feel the same about this at home and would love for you to send in Proud Clouds for us to celebrate at school. Watch the video on the [learning channel](#) to find out more about our Proud Clouds. You will find the template in your child's book bag ready for you to fill out! We look forward to receiving these Proud moments soon!

## PE at the End of the School Day

To ensure that children are able to make the most of their PE lessons in the afternoon and be prompt for collection, we may send your child home in their PE kits at the end of the day with their school uniform in their PE bags. We will still ensure that they are adequately dressed for the weather before they leave at the end of the day.

With the imminent change in weather, we would also like to inform parents and carers that children are able to wear dark green, dark blue or black joggers for their PE sessions.

## Well Done!

Oystercatchers have been doing excellent learning this term and enjoyed their ping pong treat. They iced biscuits and added exciting toppings. Well done. Miss Carter is very proud of you all.



We will also like to say well done to Ava, Archie and Lexi from Cranes for their thoughtful reflections in their work during Black History Week as they had listened very carefully to the learning and were able to support the class with their ideas. Their written work also showed how much they had considered equality and the changes they would have liked to make if they were able to alter past events.

## Systems at the start and end of the school day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support of the collection and drop off system this term. With your help, we have been able to maintain a steady flow of parents and carers onto the site at their allotted time and this has made the start and end of day much more settled for children; we also have appreciated the feedback received from you around how much you have benefited from the one way system and the sibling drop off point.

Rest assured that as this has been such a success this term, we will not be making any amendments to the start and end of day at this stage. Therefore, please keep dropping off and collecting your children at the same time next term.



# Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



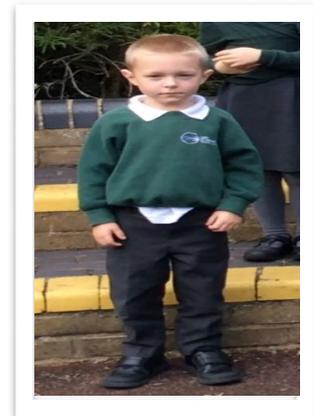
**Puffins - Chester A**

Chester for being very helpful and a great role model for others.



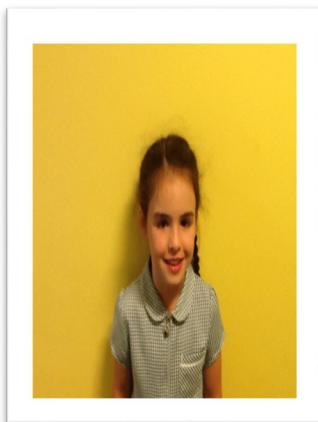
**Ducklings - Callum S**

Callum has been very focused this week and has engaged well in every lesson! Well done Callum!



**Robins - Jamie D**

Jamie for showing determination and positivity towards challenges. He demonstrates his POW values through cheerfulness, kindness and politeness.



**Blackbirds - Harper B**

Harper for persevering with her writing and she is now able to maintain concentration and produce excellent pieces of extended writing.



**Warblers - Yusra A**

Yusra for a fantastic contribution in all areas of the curriculum. Also, for such attention to detail with her woodland diorama and creating the 3D effect.



**Kingfishers - Leo**

Leo for his amazing art work! What a fantastic diorama you have made using different types of materials to create this 3D effect!





**Nightingales - Lola HD**

Lola for her excellent focus in maths this week and persevering to complete her challenge questions. Well done Lola!



**Sandmartins - Stanley G**

Stanley for writing an amazing information text and striving for a five in all of his work. Well done Stanley!



**Avocets - George D**

George for his increased self-control this week. Through his self-control, George has been able to produce amazing pieces of work. Well done George, we are all proud of you!



**Oystercatchers - Stanley H**

Stanley has been working exceptionally hard on his POW value self-control. This has helped him produce exceptional work this week. Well done Stanley!



**Herons - Maisie B**

Maisie for helping other children to reach their full potential in class by encouraging them to focus on their tasks. Additionally, she is representing our class as the school council representative. Well done Maisie!



**Cranes - Alfie M**

Alfie for his hard work with his learning at home, producing a wonderful piece of homework he presented confidently to the whole class.



**Razorbills - Emmy H**

Emmy for showing that in just seven weeks, she can make immense progress in all subjects due to hard work and focus .



**Swifts - Cassidy O**

Cassidy for her excellent portrayal of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in Y6's Talk for Writing video – a star in the making!



**Doves - Jack O**

Jack for always being a wonderful role model to his peers, and being a kind and considerate member of the class, who consistently tries his best at everything he does.



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Activities on offer...

## Dodgeball

**Booking essential!**

**Where:** The MUGA at The Firs, Elphinstone Road, Hastings, TN34 2AX  
**Who:** 8-16 year olds  
**Cost:** FREE  
**When:** Monday, 26th October 2020 (3.30pm-5.30pm)

**Contact:** Rian on 07375884031 or [office@educationfuturestrust.org](mailto:office@educationfuturestrust.org)  
[www.educationfuturestrust.org](http://www.educationfuturestrust.org)

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- Capture The Flag
- Wolves & Deers
- And more...

**Where:** @ The Firs, Elphinstone Road, Hastings, TN34 2AX

**Who:** 8-16 year olds

**Cost:** FREE

**When:** Tuesday, 27th October 2020 (12pm-2pm)

Contact: Rian on 07375884031 or [office@educationfuturestrust.org](mailto:office@educationfuturestrust.org)  
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**When:** Friday, 30th October 2020 (2.30pm-4.30pm)

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**Group Triple P 2-12 years**

**Does your child refuse to do anything you have asked?**

**Are you tired of shouting or repeating yourself like a broken record?**

**Do you feel like a referee for the kids?**

**If you are a parent in Hastings and Rother and questioning your sanity, why not give our FREE course a try!?**

From the very start you will get tips and suggestions to fit the needs of your family.

Group Triple P consists of 5 group sessions with other parents in weekly 2 hour webinars as well as 1 week for home practice with phone advice and support from your Parenting Coach, followed by a final group session to go over any questions and celebrate all of the positive changes you have made at home! You are guaranteed to feel happier, less stressed, more in control and you even get a certificate for completing!

**The next course starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – email [Info@openforparents.org.uk](mailto:Info@openforparents.org.uk) to book your free place now.**



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### **E-SAFETY for Parents with 2-12 year olds**

Children are learning more and more about the internet at a young age – for example 55% of 3-4-year olds have access to tablets and the internet and phones.

With these rising figures, children are increasingly vulnerable to online dangers. This session will teach you how to talk to your child about E-Safety and gives lots of useful tips and tricks on how to keep them safe online.

Take our virtual course on e-safety and learn about how children use existing technology, the risks involved and how to protect them from harmful content online in your context.

Includes topics such as bullying, grooming and more.

**Monday 2nd November 10-12pm**

**Wednesday 25th November 1-3pm**

Email [info@openforparents.org.uk](mailto:info@openforparents.org.uk) to book your FREE space now.



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