



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Thank you for wearing masks and maintaining social distancing; we greatly appreciate the collective efforts to minimise the impact on the community when there are positive cases.

Our POW value this week was resilience- *"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny"* (C.S. Lewis).

As you may be aware, the vehicle exit gates need to be replaced. In the next week or so, the vehicle entrance gate will also be used for vehicles to exit the site. Confirmation of the actual date where this change will be made will be sent via Parentmail.

On a separate note, please take extra care and ensure children are carefully supervised before and after collection, minimising the duration on site at the allotted time for your child.

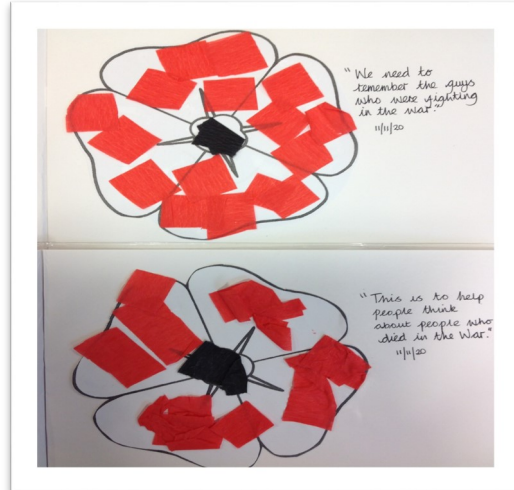
Supporting the Community- update

Thank you for supporting Lenny , who is one of our WSLPA pupils who is a wheelchair user and has little independent mobility. His family are fund raising £25,000 for Just4Children to enable him to have SDR surgery (Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy) at Nottingham children's hospital as he has been accepted there by the surgeon to go on the waiting list. This opportunity to have this surgery will give Lenny a chance to lead a more independent life with more mobility. He will be also pain free and will be able to do so much more. I ask you to consider making a donation to his ['Just Giving' page](#).



Remembrance Day

In Reception, we have been making poppies for Remembrance Day. The children have been thinking about why it is important to remember and be respectful.



School Photographs

As you are aware, the photographer will be in on **Monday the 16th November** to take individual photos. As previously stated, we will not be able to have any sibling photos this year. The photo company will be sending home with your child a card with a QR code on it. When you scan this code you will be instructed on how to view and order your child's photos.

Free Parenting Sessions and Advice

The current pandemic has raised new parenting challenges for everyone. Children and teenagers have experienced disruptions to their daily life and increased worries about their safety and that of their family and friends. Children can react in unexpected and challenging ways because they cannot yet fully express how they are feeling.

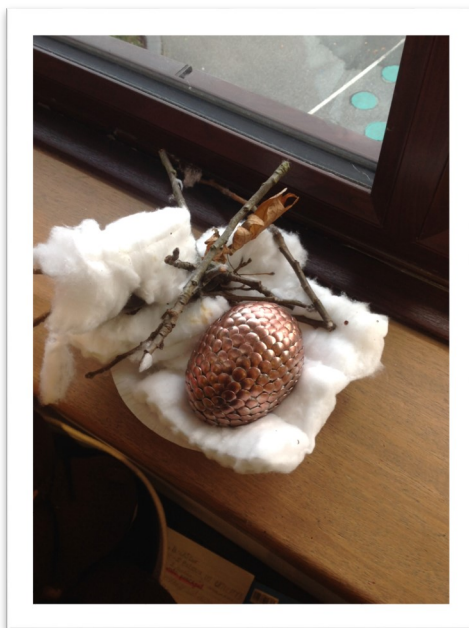
The Parenting Team is still delivering **FREE** simple, practical strategies that have been proven to work around the world, helping parents raise happy, confident children, set family routines and rules that everyone can follow along with balancing work/family life with less stress.

Parents can access as much or as little as they like and just small changes will make a big difference!

For more information about sessions and groups across Hastings and Rother, visit the Open for Parents website www.openforparents.org.uk.

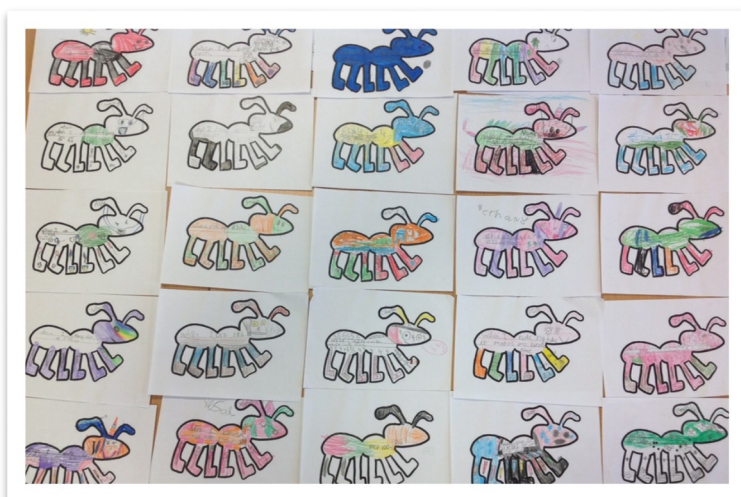
Some Exciting News...

What an exciting week Year 4 have had as a dragon has been spotted on the school site! Mr Parker saw this on the CCTV cameras! During woodland play, the children spotted two shiny dragon eggs buried in the nook. These eggs are now safe in the classroom being nurtured by Year 4. We can't wait to update you on our dragon news!



POW Value of the Week -Resilience

To support their understanding of resilience, Warblers class created resili-ants to write their thoughts on and identify what they are resilient with. Some children spoke about striving for a 5 in their handwriting (including Mrs Williams) whilst others focused on their resilience when riding a bike or learning to swim. These were a great addition to our Thursday assembly so thank you Warblers class!



Gifts from Dave the Dog



As classes have started their new topics in the Wider Curriculum this term, Dave has very generously put his paw in his pocket and given every year group brand new books. The books will enrich the learning in the afternoons and continue to promote the love of reading across our school. Topics include Toys, Land of Ice, The Circus, Winter Wonderland, The Tudors and Dragons!



Parent consultations

Thank you to parents and carers for booking in your consultations. The first meetings begin next week with Reception and Year 2 parent consultations on Monday and Tuesday. Year 1 and Year 3 consultations will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Years 4, 5 and 6 will have their consultations in the following week (beginning 23rd November).

Please remember that in the event that you are not able to pick up the call at the required time, a voicemail will be left by the teacher to specify the time that they will call you back. Please do not return the call yourself as this will cause disruption to the outgoing calls occurring on that day.

More information around the setup of the consultations can be found in last week's newsletter.



New Parent Virtual Tours

West St Leonards Primary Academy are holding virtual tours for the new Reception intake, joining September 2021. These are being held on **Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 10am** and **Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 10am and 6pm**.

Please pass these details onto family and friends who may wish to book a place.

Places can be booked [here](#).

Parking Reminder

We ask that you avoid parking across driveways and double parking. A local resident reports difficulties collecting due to inconsiderate parking. Please think of our neighbours.

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 - Rocco W

Rocco for brilliant handwriting. Well done as you are really listening and trying hard.



Ducklings - Amelia F

Amelia has been showing amazing work in Phonics and Maths this week! Well done Amelia!



Robins - Maison P

Maison for expressing his excellent knowledge of adjectives, coming up with creative and innovative descriptions to use in our class work. Mason has been more expressive and working hard in his handwriting. Robins class is proud of you Maison.



Blackbirds - Nathan W

Nathan for showing improvement in his attitude to learning which has had a positive impact on progress in all areas of his learning. We are particular pleased with his efforts in handwriting and also his perseverance when making his string print of a toy!



Warblers - Nathan L

Well done to Nathan for being incredibly organised and showing great focus in class. Nathan follows the class timetable and always has the correct book and necessary equipment ready so never loses any learning time. Keep it up Nathan you are a fantastic role model.



Kingfishers - Elsie C

Fantastic effort with your handwriting Elsie. You have impressed us with your resilience and your continued effort is really paying off now. Keep it up!





Nightingales - Max H

This week, Max has been striving for a five in all of his work. It is fantastic to see him taking such pride in his presentation. Keep up the great work!



Sandmartins - Ellis B

Ellis for showing amazing use of the POW values and striving for five in all areas of his learning.



Avocets - Oscar P

Oscar for being a superstar in Maths. Oscar has been so enthusiastic about his Maths this week and has participated a great number of times! Keep up the hard work!



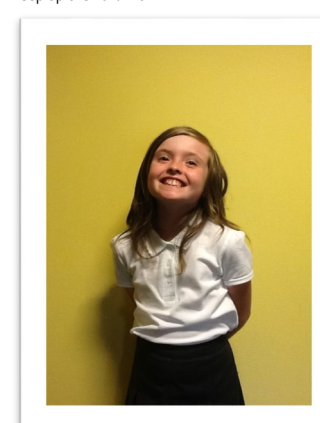
Oystercatchers - Bertie B

Bertie for his positive attitude. He comes in smiling and ready to learn every day. This week Bertie has been working towards striving for a five! Keep going Bertie. You are doing an amazing job!



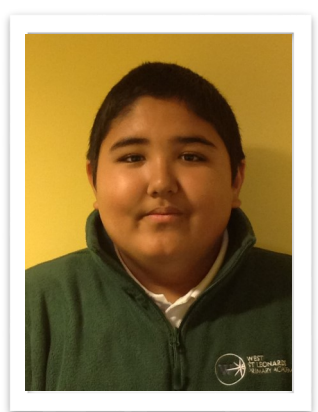
Hérons - Jake M

Jake for completing an amazing piece of homework and getting more involved in discussions in class, especially Guided Reading inference lessons. Keep it up Jake!



Cranes - Olivia R

Olivia for showing hard work and dedication in her presentation and always striving for a five. Keep up the positive attitude and great work!



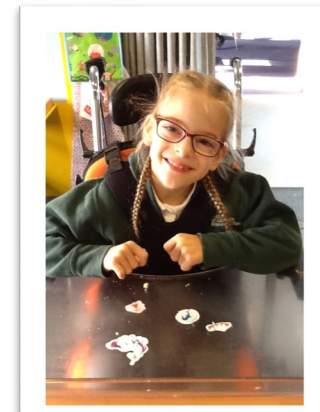
Razorbills - Chingiz M

Chingiz for showing that he can take his writing to the greater depth level by working hard.



Swifts - Eve M

Eve for showing maturity and co-operation in resolving conflict. We are very proud of you!



Doves - Maddison HD

Maddison for the enthusiasm she shows towards her learning. She always gives 100% commitment and effort which is reflected in the high-quality work she produces. She is a kind, considerate member of the class and a role model to her peers. Well done, Maddison!

Start and Finish Times Reminder

| Class | In/Out | Door |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| R - Puffins | 8:30am - 2:50pm | Aviary playground door |
| R - Ducklings | 8:30am - 2:50pm | Reception cloakroom door |
| Y1 - Robins | 8:40am – 3:00pm | KS1 entrance door (garage side) |
| Y1 - Blackbirds | 8:40am – 3:00pm | Blackbirds entrance door |
| Y2 - Kingfishers | 8:40am – 3:00pm | KS1 playground door |
| Y2 - Warblers | 8:40am – 3:00pm | KS1 playground door |
| Y3 - Nightingales | 8:50am - 3:15pm | KS2 playground door |
| Y3 - Sandmartins | 8:50am - 3:15pm | KS1 playground door |
| Y4 - Avocets | 8:30am – 2:50pm | KS1 playground door |
| Y4 - Oystercatchers | 8:30am – 2:50pm | KS2 playground door |
| Y5 - Herons | 8:50am - 3:15pm | Staff entrance door |
| Y5 - Cranes | 8:50am - 3:15pm | Staff entrance door |
| Y6 - Razorbills | 8:40am – 3:00pm | Staff entrance door |
| Y6 - Swifts | 8:40am – 3:00pm | Staff entrance door |

Our expectation is that there are no late children as we do not want any child to miss out on early morning learning.