

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mr O'Regan

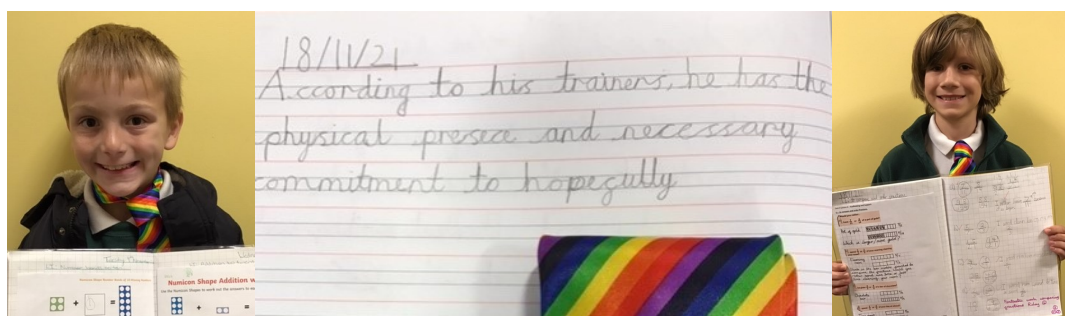
Well done to Alfie, Stuart and Reilly who were awarded the Excellent Learning and Friendship tie this week for showing how they have increased their knowledge and are good role models for using their POW values.

I had the pleasure of watching the senior choir in rehearsals this week– simply wonderful. We shall record and put on our website next month. Thank you for all your support with our events this week including the Reception Talk for Writing assembly– it was an absolute joy to watch how confident our children are– well done!

We know that it is not only our children that show their POW values on site; we are extremely appreciative of parents and carers that show their cooperation when using one way system which continues to be successful at the start and end of day. The way in which parents have found strategic, safe and lawful areas to park is also a clear example of our community's thoughtfulness as we keep the school and surrounding areas safe for pedestrians so thank you for your consideration here. We would also like to thank the police for their support of making sure the area at the front of the school is safe for pedestrians at the start and end of day and for their continued support in agreeing to do this in the future also. With everyone working towards the safety of the site, we know the school will continue to be a positive, mindful space where all adults, parent, carers and staff alike, can model to children how others should be treated. Please note bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on site.

Please note, COVID-19 cases are rising in the immediate area– I have included the letter I sent out last month as a separate document today of how we can all support one another to support the community.

Please have a look at the events below for the remainder of term– note that these may be cancelled at short notice.



New Reception for September 2022 event	22.11.2021 10:00- 11:00 A.M.
New Reception for September 2022 event	23.11.2021 10:00-11:00 A.M. 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Reception and Year 1 Nativity	07.12.2021 9:10 A.M. in hall (reception parents to attend)
Reception and Year 1 Nativity	08.12.2021 9:10 A.M. (Year 1 parents to attend)
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 2 13.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 3 14.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 4 15.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 5 16.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 6 17.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Christmas Non Uniform day- Last day of Term	17.12.2021
Classes resume	05.01.2022

Keeping safe online

Last month, we shared the link to [NSPCC Net Aware](#) which allows parents and carers to learn more about popular social media apps and other streaming platforms. Needless to say, apps such as [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) have age restrictions due to the content that children could be exposed to. However, apps such as [Roblox](#)—which have a much lower age restriction - also contain parental controls that could support you and your child's use of them. The search engine from [Net Aware](#) gives you direct access to all age restrictions and instructions for parental control, including for sites such as [Netflix](#) and for the chat/sharing options on popular video game consoles. Further information can be [found here](#) to support you and your child to make the best of their online time and remain safe at every available opportunity.

Showing POW values to our WSLPA neighbours

We do understand that drop off and pick up times are busy; however, dangerous parking places the lives of our young children and other vulnerable people at unnecessary risk. Please use the safer parking options available to you. Thank you for your support in this important issue. Remember breakfast club is available from 08:00.

Breakfast and After school club bookings

Please remember the cut off for booking your child's breakfast and after school club place is Wednesday 23:59 the week before. Children **will not be allowed to attend the club** unless a place has been booked and their name is on the printed register. If you have any queries regarding booking a place for breakfast or after school club please email finance@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk. Staff are not allowed to book on behalf of parent/carers as this has led to debit balances.

Lunch bookings

Please remember to book lunches for your children. Staff are not allowed to book on behalf of parent/carers as this leads to debit balances.

Nut Free School

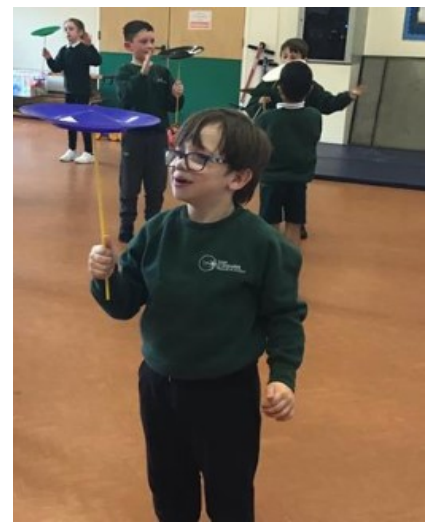
This is just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please make sure that all lunch box items are nut free. Chocolate spread is also not allowed in school as many contain nuts and others cannot guarantee to be nut free.

Please take this into consideration when packing your child's lunch.



Year 3 Circus Skills Workshop

Last week, as part of the Year 3 performers topic, we were visited by a circus skills expert. As well as learning about the origins of the circus, we were taught how to perform a number of tricks, such as balancing feathers on our noses, plate spinning and balancing on a circus ball. It was all great fun!



Golden Bugs

Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

KS1: Ivy-Grace, Eluney, Jamie, Jack

KS2: Neyen, Summer F, Yasra

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **George** from Blackbirds who completed 32 books! Well done!

Stay golden!



Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and a big shout out to **Roman** (Blackbirds) and **Czarek** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the 'Down and Off' letter family. Click [here](#) for videos to support the correct formation.

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it. Good luck heroes!

Year 1 would also like to remind parents and students to bring in pupils' reading records, reading books, phonics books and reading for pleasure books each week to ensure that these are regularly changed. Please keep phonics books and reading books inside the reading record so they are always together.

Phonics books and reading for pleasure books are changed each week, whereas the children's reading books are changed daily.



The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to WSLPA!

We are delighted to welcome back the WSLPA much loved Scholastic Book Fair! Reading is of the utmost importance to us here at WSLPA. We recognise that reading –both to learn and for pleasure –is a sacred knowledge. The children will be previewing the books in school and parents/carers are invited into the school hall from 3.00pm – 3.45pm on their allocated day in order to purchase wonderful books and/or highly desirable stationery items! For those non-fiction fans there will also be a range of books bursting with fascinating facts and stats.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on some rewards for children showing their excellent learning, discover further books by favourite authors, or maybe try out a new genre of fiction! There may even be some good gifts here for festivities happening towards the end of next month.

The money raised by the school will support in acquiring new books for children to read and enjoy in school. This year, we are looking to enhance children's love of poetry and look forwards to using the money to complete our Poetry Book Spine across the school for all children to enjoy. This year you can purchase your books by paying on the day with cash or through the use of a special West St Leonards QR code that allows payments to be made by credit/debit card.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to this event.

Year Group/s	Date
Reception	Monday 22 November 2021
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 23 November 2021
Year 3 and Year 4	Wednesday 24 November 2021
Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 25 November 2021

School Office

Next week we will be welcoming our new receptionist Mrs. J. Lowe to the WSLPA Team. We would like to thank our school community for continuing to email in queries and concerns and, as mentioned previously find that this is the most efficient mode of communication unless of course it is an emergency or of a safeguarding nature.

Welcome Mrs. Lowe

Community Engagement—Understanding Different Faiths

In our RE learning we would welcome some guest speakers across a range of different faiths in order to broaden our children's understanding. Please contact the school office if you would be prepared to visit the school and share your experience of your religious beliefs.



Politeness Cup

Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to Czarek and Reggie for always being polite across the week and showing others how to remain positive about their learning!



Year 5 Tudor Workshop

Year 5 had the most amazing morning with Step in Time for their Tudor workshop. The children enjoyed hearing the famous stories during the Tudor period and discovered new knowledge on Henry VIII and his six wives. Some children were able to take part and become a real life Tudor!



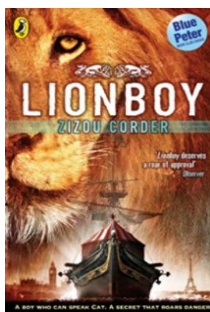
Recommended Read (Upper KS2)

Lionboy by Zizou Corder

Charlie Ashanti, the hero of LIONBOY, speaks cat - the language of all cats wild and domestic alike. His unusual talent helps him on his quest to find his kidnapped parents who have discovered a cure for asthma. The local cats of his home town (a futuristic London) start him on his search to solve the mystery of his missing parents, which leads him across the English Channel on board a circus ship bound for Paris. It is on this wonderful vessel that Charlie establishes a close relationship with the homesick circus lions who become his accomplices. But Charlie is in danger, for close behind him on his trail is a crony of the mysterious group who have kidnapped his parents. They want Charlie too.

About the Author

ZIZOU CORDER is the not-so-secret identity of Louisa Young and Isabel Adomakoh Young, who have been writing together since Isabel was seven. They have written five books together: the Lionboy trilogy, Lee Raven, Boy Thief and Halo.



Lots of Exciting Learning...

Year 5 will be going on a trip to Michelham Priory on **14 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.38 to be made on ParentPay by **23 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

Year 3 and Doves will be participating in a workshop run by Mr Pineapplehead on **10 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.70 to be made on ParentPay by **26 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

Voluntary contributions are sought from parents/carers based on the total cost of the workshops and trips. Parents are asked only to contribute to the 'per head' of their child's participation. Should the academy receive insufficient contributions, the workshops and trips risk cancellation.

Reception and Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme

This week, parents. Carers in Reception and Year 6 would have received a Parentmail sharing information about school visits by East Sussex School Health Service. They have asked us to share this information with you:

The National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's class will take part in this year's measurement programme. The NCMP provides information to help build an understanding of national and local trends in children's weight. It is important to have a good understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

The measurements will be carried out by trained school health staff at school in a private space away from other pupils. Children who take part will be measured fully clothed except for their coats and shoes. Routine data, such as your child's name, date of birth, gender, address, postcode and ethnicity will also be collected.

Data from all schools in the area will be gathered together and held securely by East Sussex County Council's Public Health Team. Please note that your child's information is stored on their child health record. **No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children and all information will be treated confidentially.**

Year 6:

The School Health Team will be visiting the school in roughly two weeks' time, so please access the link before this so that you can receive the results or opt out of the programme.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/3232/p/ESh123/140179>

Reception: Vision Screening and NCMP

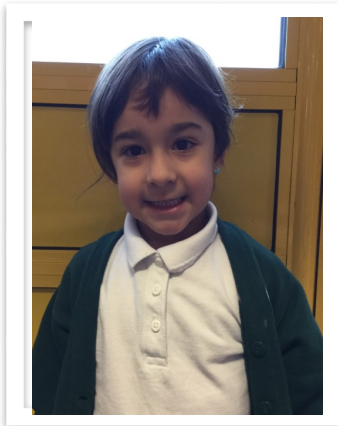
Please follow the link below and register your details and fill in some contact information and set a password. You will be asked to add some details about your child and then you will be able to read the information provided about this year's health programmes. You will also be given the opportunity to opt out if you would like to but otherwise submit the form and once the form is accepted by the School Health Team you will be ready to receive any results letters generated about your child.

The School Health Team will be visiting the school in roughly two weeks' time, so please access the link before this so that you can receive the results or opt out of the programme.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/3232/p/ESh124/140179>

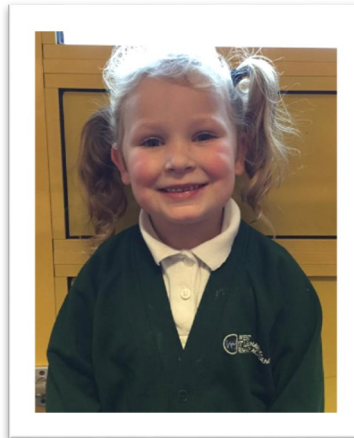
Gold Awards

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- Sofia

Well done for all of your hard work across all of your learning this week. You are a great role model for others.



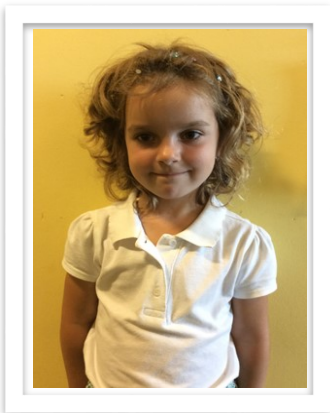
Ducklings - Anastasia

What a fantastic Talk for writing performance. You were very brave and professional!



Robins - Phoebe

Phoebe has shown a positive attitude to her learning and we are so impressed with her contribution to the maths lessons. She has also shown fantastic independence during the cold task in Talk for writing using her own phonetic knowledge. Well done!



Blackbirds - Sonia

Sonia has been creative and enthusiastic about our topic of toys, creating paper frogs for our display. Sonia has shown her positivity and helping to share stickers for good behaviour. Sonia has also been showing kindness by always helping others on the playground when they are hurt.



Warblers - Sonny

Sonny has shown resilience and perseverance with his work this week. He has been working hard to make progress. Well done Sonny!



Kingfishers - Noah

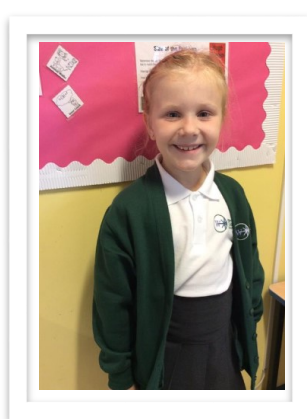
Noah well done with your sentence structure work this week and your ideas for your next adventure story. I can't wait to read it!





Nightingales - Harley

For his superb work in Talk for writing this week Well done for persevering with your work and producing an imaginative portal story!



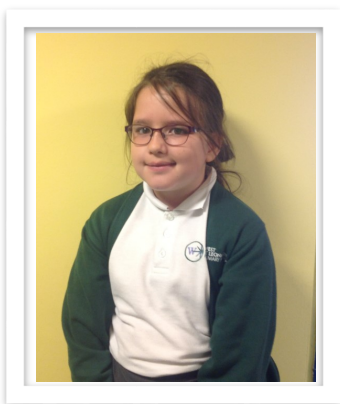
Sandmartins- Isla

For having a great imagination with her portal story and showing resilience even when finding things tricky. Well done!



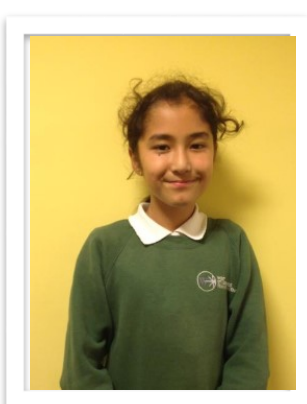
Avocets - Hana

For her continued hard work and resilience in maths this week Hana tries so hard with her numbers even when she finds it tricky. Well done Hana!



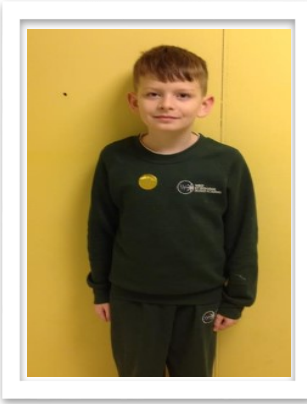
Oystercatchers - Lacey

Lacey for being really focused and trying really hard this week within writing a really creative warning story.



Herons - Sabah

For showing her love of reading by exceeding our expectations in the Accelerated Reader program at home and for leading the way for the class and showing her patience when reading and quizzing. Keep it up Sabah. Your class teachers and Mrs Williams are very impressed!



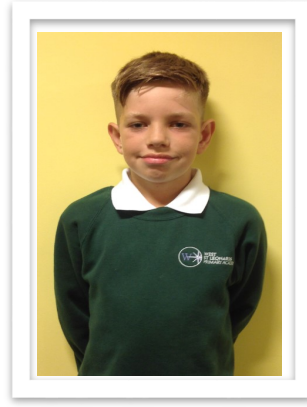
Cranes - Zane

For his fantastic attitude towards learning Zane has been working extremely hard in his Talk for Writing this week and has been developing his sentence lengths, use of adjectives and figurative language. Well done!



Razorbills - Reilly

For his excellent learning in maths, showing that he can use a calculation method effectively to compare and order fractions.



Swifts - Oliver

For showing great cooperation with his talk partner and an increased effort and focus in his learning across the curriculum this week-keep it up Ollie!



Doves - Ashton

For working really hard on his addition, using part-whole models. Well done Ashton!

OPEN EVENTS

2021

YOU'RE INVITED TO SEE US IN ACTION

Is your child starting school in September 2022? We welcome you to visit us at our upcoming open events and discover the fantastic opportunities we offer at our Academy. Come along and meet our teachers, students and Principal and take a tour of our learning spaces.

Monday 22 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am

Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am
and 6.00-7.00pm

Book HERE



**Find out more and register
for an open event**

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**office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk
01424 422080**

**West St Leonards Primary Academy
Harley Shute Road
St Leonards On Sea
East Sussex
TN38 8BX**

*Open events are subject to
change due to COVID-19



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Supporting children,
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St. Nick's Holiday Space



Holiday food and fun!

FREE for families receiving
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For children aged 5-11

Dates: Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December 2021

Time: 10am - 2pm

fun - craft activities and cooking

Sport - energetic games

nature - enjoying the outdoors

**Please complete the application form and
return to Felicity at**

Holidayspace@fsncharity.co.uk

or call 01424 377114 to book a place.



Department
for Education

Eligibility will be verified by East
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For fathers, grandfathers
and male carers and
their children

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**10-12 SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE
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