

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mr O'Regan

Thank you to the children who have ensured we all felt festive following the Y2-Y6 singing. This was further supported by the junior and senior choir performances this week.

Please follow the link below to view the recordings from earlier this week of songs performed by the choir members for our link school The Malagiri School in Nepal. Unfortunately, there were some absent choir members but the [Junior and Senior Choir Club performances](#) can be found on our website under the 'School Life' and 'Clubs' page but you can always simply just click the link above.



Thank you to Mr Hart who has shown all the POW values everyday; we wish him every success in his recent promotion.

Thank you also to all of you, the WSLPA community. 2021 has brought new challenges for us all- challenges we have risen against. A few highlights include:

All children having a well-being pack at Easter; the creation of three care suites for disabled children; re-establishing Talk for Writing assemblies; Lego club challenges; the big WSLPA sleepover and team building day with assault course; mental health first aiders; positive pebbles; new exit gates; the return to some in-person assemblies, a successful Ofsted inspection; new playground markings; a defibrillator; the return of Nativities; the flamboyance of flamingos; gardening club; new playground markings; Halloween and Christmas treats from the kitchen team; Teddy Bears' picnic; various themed days including Roald Day and Bastille Day; the MacMillan coffee morning; the return of the book fair; workshops and trips to enhance learning; building our link with the Malagiri School in Nepal. Finally, singing returned to WSLPA which has made WSLPA an altogether more soulful place and helped rebuild sense of community.

Have a happy and safe Christmas period and we look forwards to seeing you in 2022.

Classes resume Term 3	Wednesday 05.01.2022
Valentine cake sale in aid of the Connor Saunders Foundation. (The charity who helped us obtain our defibrillator)	11.02.22. Please bring your baked goods donations to the main office on the day.
Last day of Term 3	11.02.2022
NEW: The Big Jubilee Tree Planting	TBC March 2022
NEW: The Big Jubilee Lunch	06.06.2022

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Parents and Carers

13 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Parents' and carers' role in reducing the impact of COVID-19 this winter

As we approach the end of term, levels of COVID-19 infections in school aged children remain high in East Sussex. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are closely watching the number of confirmed Omicron cases, and you will have seen the announcement from government about moving to 'Plan B'.

Pupils must continue to attend school; it is really important for their learning and their wellbeing. Headteachers and principals are working hard to make sure that their schools and colleges are as safe as they can be for your children. Please find below some important information about the current situation and the start of the term in January.

- Christmas events – individual schools have all completed a risk assessment and made important decisions regarding Christmas events. For some schools this has included cancelling/postponing events, changing them to reduce risk of transmission, or moving them online. Decisions made by individual schools will be different because they are specific to each school. This may mean that in your local area some schools are holding Christmas events face to face and others are not.
- Omicron – individuals who test positive for Omicron or are identified as a contact of a suspected or confirmed Omicron case, will be notified directly by Test and Trace. The Government plans to introduce daily contact testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months. This may come into effect on 14th December
- At the moment, we expect that the advice to schools and the additional measures to slow the spread of Omicron will stay in place for the start of Term 3. This includes face masks for all staff, students (year 7 upwards), and visitors to secondary schools and colleges. Face masks are advised for staff and visitors who visit primary schools and early years settings.

Further guidance may be released over the coming weeks and your school will inform you of any changes that affect schools, prior to the start of term.

We thank you for your support in respecting the measures schools are putting in place to protect the school community. We wish you a restful, safe and merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Jones".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Jeffery".

Make Up Flu Vaccination Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If you have already completed a consent form and your child missed the flu vaccination in school, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form.

However, if your child did not receive the flu vaccination, and you would like them to be vaccinated, it's not too late. We have clinics in the local area until February 2022. Please ensure prior to booking a clinic that you complete an online consent form if you have not already done so.

How do I consent / refuse to my child having these vaccinations?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visit the following web address: www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – <i>you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.</i>3. Enter the school code: INSERT YOUR PERSONAL SCHOOL CINNAMON CODE4. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - <i>Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.</i>
How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click the link in automated email you will receive on submission of your completed consent form(s) to book an appointment at one of our Community Catch up Clinics, for your child to receive the vaccination(s) – <i>You will require your booking reference number which can be found in the email.</i>2. Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to their clinic appointment.

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Excellent care at the heart of the community

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, Roman, Isaac, Sonny, JAck

KS2: Ezra, Evie, Yasra

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **Sonny** in Warblers who completed 8 books! Well done!

Stay golden!



Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and a big shout out to

Tristan (Blackbirds) and **Imogen** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the "Anti Clockwise" 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.



Year 5 Tudor Day

Year 5 Tudor day was a massive success. The children looked amazing in their creative costumes. Throughout the day the children planned and enjoyed a Tudor banquet where they did really eat like kings and queens! Apricots, Pork pies, crusty bread and hearty soup was consumed. We would like to thank you for your continued support in your child's learning.



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 **Sofia** and **Lucas** for always being polite across the week and showing others how to remain positive about their learning!



Attendance at Breakfast Club

We would like to remind families that Breakfast Club opens at 8am and that supervision of children before this time is the responsibility of parents and carers. We have noted that some children are arriving increasingly earlier despite the **doors not opening until 8am**. This is resulting in children needing to wait unsupervised longer each day at a time where the weather is becoming more unpredictable. Please take this into account when organising drop off at the start of the day. Thank you.



End of Term Treat

The lovely ladies in the kitchen have again gone above and beyond to prepare hot chocolate mix cones for each child. These were given out on the last day of term. Below please see photos of the products used and the allergens.

We would like to thank our lovely team in the kitchen for all that they do for the children at WSLPA and wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Marshmallows and hot chocolate:



Dave the Wonder Reading Dog

Dave has heard so many wonderfully fluent readers, telling him such exciting stories and sniffed out so many x7 readers that he is definitely ready for some R and R over Christmas.

Thank you so much Dave for all of your hard work and helping us to love reading even more at our school!

This is how tired Dave was when he got home from his last visit



Hastings Foodbank

This time of year can be difficult for families. If you are in need of assistance or know of someone who needs assistance please pass on the information below to them:

The Hastings Centre ~ Hastings Foodbank is currently open to the public for collections on Monday and Friday 10:30am - 3:00pm

Cambridge Hall ~ Hastings Foodbank is currently open to the public for collections on Wednesday from 10:30am - 3:00pm

Food banks are open until Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve at the Hastings Centre till 3pm.

They will re-open on Wednesday 5th January at Cambridge Hall.



Recommended Read

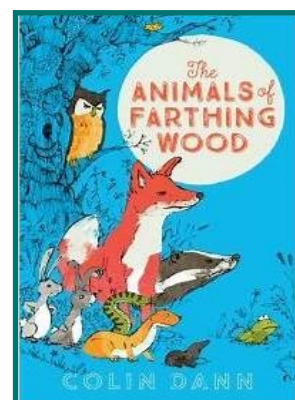
The Animals of Farthing Wood by Colin Dann

Farthing Wood is being bulldozed, and there's a drought. Fox, Badger, Toad, Tawny Owl, Mole and the other animals must band together and set off to a far-away nature reserve. Their journey is full of adventure and fraught with disasters, and the animals must work together to survive.

The Animals of Farthing Wood is one of the most popular animal stories in children's literature and is still in print nearly 40 years after first publication.

About the Author:

Colin Dann was born in Richmond in 1943. After leaving the local Grammar School he worked first for a large textile company before his real love – the world of books – brought him a job in publishing at William Collins in London where he worked as a manager in the Fontana paperback division. During this time, in odd hours at home, he wrote his first book THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD which was published finally in 1979 by William Heinemann after several rejections. It was an immediate success, winning the Arts Council of Great Britain's National Book Award for Children's Literature and has been translated into sixteen languages.



'12 Days Wild' activities for holidays

12 Days Wild is a festive nature challenge, encouraging you to do one wild thing a day from the 25th December to the 5th January. In those weird days between Christmas and New Year, winter wildlife is just waiting to be explored! Your wild acts could be little things to help nature - like recycling your Christmas tree or feeding the birds – or ways to connect to the natural world, like walking off your Christmas dinner in the woods or admiring the beauty of a winter sunset.

Full information can be found [here](#) but direct links to other activities can be found below:
[Wild winter Activity Ideas](#)

[Make Eco Friendly Christmas Decorations](#)

[Make Plastic Free Christmas Crackers](#)



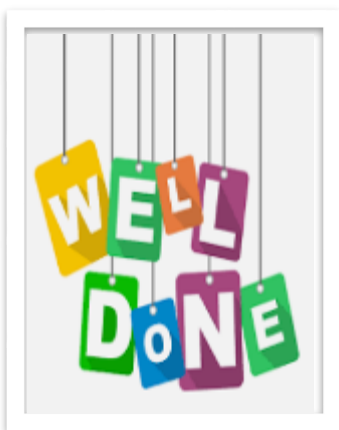
Christmas Carol Singing

Thank you to all our parents and carers that were able to attend our outdoor Christmas carol events. We were very fortunate to have the space to accommodate this and have our children provide that festive feel for the community in the lead up to Christmas. We would also like to thank Mr Elvy for providing a chance for us all to see the hard work that our choirs put into their singing as well.



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- Aria for always trying really hard with all your work. You are a great role model for others. Well done.



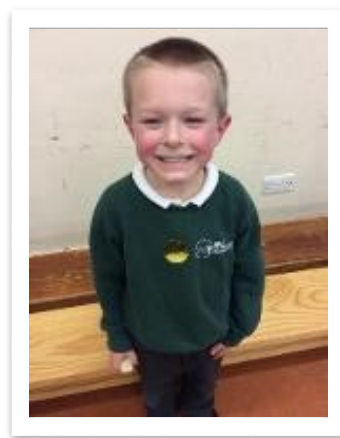
Ducklings - Finnbar has been working very hard on his fine motor skills this week. He has also been trying hard in Phonics, developing his knowledge of sounds. Well done Finnbar!



Robins-Teddie for his creativity as he has shared some brilliant ideas for our class poem about the woods; he is always willing to contribute to the shared writing and we are very proud of him!



Blackbirds - Tiffany for her perseverance in handwriting, continuous participation in class discussion and always aspiring to improve. Tiffany has shown she has a love for learning. Keep up the great work Tiffany!



Warblers - Jamie for delivering the final line at our Christmas singing so articulately and also for making considerable progress with handwriting this term. Well done Jamie!



Kingfishers - It has been a joy for all of us to see you engaging with your learning and being such a star in our class Noah. You have been so focused this week and we are all very proud of you!





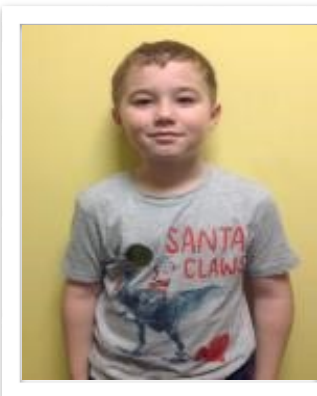
Nightingales- Teddy for always demonstrating his excellent friendship to others in Nightingales. Well done for showing your thoughtfulness and empathy.



Sandmartins- Lucas for determination in all areas of his learning, striving for a 5 especially in his handwriting. Lucas always wants to do his best.



Avocets-Mae for her continuous hard work across all areas of her learning and her fantastic poem about dragons this week.



Oystercatchers - Harris for his enthusiasm within the Christmas performance and always demonstrating optimism towards contributing in class discussion.



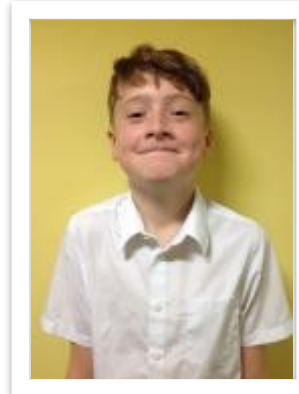
Heron - Stanley H for fantastic perseverance in the carol concert- despite being nervous at first- and for smiling through the whole experience! Keep it up Stanley.



Cranes - All of Cranes for showing their POW values during the carol concert. They all worked extremely hard to learn the lyrics and actions. You have blown us away with your excellent learning and friendship!



Razorbills - Leo for his excellent application of his skills in printing, carving carefully into polystyrene to create a themed design.



Swifts - Tyler for his creativity in Talk for Writing this week, producing an excellent non-chronological report and a very promising start to his final published piece. Well done Tyler!



Doves- Despite not feeling 100%, Spencer gave 100% to his learning this week. This was reflected in the wonderful maths work he completed when adding three one digit numbers. Well done Spencer!

Choir Practice — First practice of Term 3

Please note that choir practices will begin again on the first week of term. This means that junior choir will be required from 8:30am on the 5th January and the senior choir will be required at a new time of 8:20am starting from the 6th January.

PE in Term 3

We now ask that your child comes into school in PE kit on their PE day. Your child will remain in full PE kit for the whole day. Therefore, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

A reminder of the PE kit expectations

- A white WSLPA t-shirt or plain white top
- Dark green PE shorts
- Dark green or black jogging bottoms/leggings
- An unbranded sweatshirt or school jumper
- Black plimsolls or appropriate sports trainers

Puffins	Tuesday and Wednesday
Ducklings	Tuesday and Thursday
Robins	Tuesday and Wednesday
Blackbirds	Tuesday and Wednesday
Warblers	Thursday and Friday
Kingfishers	Thursday and Friday
Sandmartins	Monday and Thursday
Nightingales	Monday and Thursday
Avocets	Monday and Friday
Oystercatchers	Monday and Friday
Hérons	Monday and Friday
Cranes	Monday and Friday
Razorbills	Wednesday and Thursday
Swifts	Wednesday and Thursday

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Dear Parent,

We are pleased to inform you that Pass+Move will be running after school MultiSports Club for West St. Leonards Primary Academy.

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Sessions will be running from 15.15 until 16.15. Sessions will be ONLY £1 per session in a SPECIAL NEWYEAR OFFER. Payable a term in advance. The schedule is below

Monday - KS1 'DODGEBALL'
Tuesday- KS1'FOOTBALL'
Tuesday-KS2'MULTISPORTS'
Wednesday - KS2 'FOOTBALL'
Thursday - KS1 'MULTISPORTS'

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE VIA OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM.

Please go to www.pass-move.com and click on the tab for Booking School Clubs. Under this section you will find a secure on line portal with relevant links for your specific school.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a new website under construction. Booking portals will go live at some point over the festive period when the new site goes live.

Children will need indoor and outdoor footwear and attire and plenty to drink.

Please note that if your child is not booked on 24 hours in advance to the first session they will not be able to take part and will be returned to the school office, who will in turn contact you. We require every child to be booked on correctly for Health and Safety and Safeguarding reasons. Should you wish to pay in cash please contact passmove@outlook.com to arrange making payment.

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Please note:

Bookings must be made and paid for in advance.

Spaces may be limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

If an outdoor session is not possible an indoor game/quiz session will be offered where facilities are available.

By booking onto the course you accept that Pass+Move and their representatives shall not have any liability in respect of injuries sustained by your child. And if your child is injured whilst attending the course, and where emergency contact(s) cannot be reached on numbers provided, that you give consent for your child to receive any necessary medical treatment