

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mr O'Regan

Thank you to the children, staff and parent/carers who together ensured the nativity was able to go ahead – the performances were the highlight of my week. I am so proud of all the Reception and Y1 pupils; such a joy to see their confidence develop and their enjoyment in performing.

As you will have read in the previous newsletters, the school has COVID-19 cases. All parents and carers are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFT COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

The LFT (Lateral Flow Test) is not for anyone who is displaying symptoms.

If anyone is displaying symptoms they **should take a PCR test** and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, **the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared**. They can return to their normal routine and stop self-isolating after 10 full days if their symptoms have gone, or if the only symptoms they have are a cough or anosmia, which can last for several weeks. If they still have a **high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, stay at home** and seek medical advice. Get a [free PCR test](#) to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) or by calling 119. Further guidance can be [found at Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Reminder of dates for your diary

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

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

Warming Up the Homeless

We are extremely proud of the significant contributions made by both staff and children for our 'Warming Up the Homeless' collection which has been happening at our school office. In line with our POW value this month of Thoughtfulness, it truly shows the kindness and empathy of our community for those in need.



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.



Purposeful Acts of Kindness

Thank you to all the families that sent through photos of children showing purposeful acts of kindness. It was extremely heart warming to see how our children are so supportive of helping their families and loved ones. A special thank you to **Oliver** in Year 1, as well as **Jack, Jamie** and **Zeliha** in Year 2 for showing photographs of the thoughtfulness to their families, These have been shown during assemblies so far.

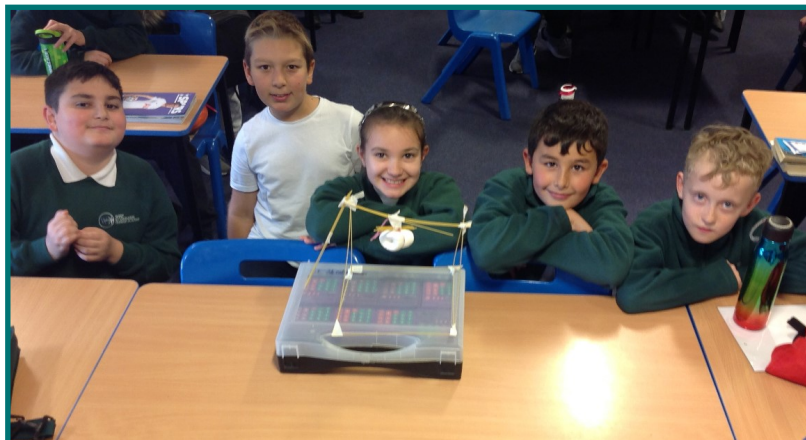
We would like to continue this for another week to share the thoughtfulness in one more assembly. If you are able to support your child with this, please take a photo of the task being completed and send it to office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk with the subject heading 'Kindness' and a short explanation of the image. We look forwards to seeing all of the thoughtfulness that is being shown across the community!

- 1.Call a relative to say you are thinking of them and ask about their day.
- 2.Help a family member with a household chore.
- 3.Give a sincere compliment to five different people.
- 4.Write to your teacher, telling them why you think he/she/they do a great job.
- 5.Create Kindness Rocks and place them around your neighbourhood.
- 6.Pick flowers and give them to someone you love (or make tissue paper flowers).
- 7.Help a neighbour with an errand/job.
- 8.Donate items to a clothing, canned food, or toy bank (or to another charitable cause of your choice).
- 9.Write encouraging pavement chalk messages for your community to enjoy.
- 10.Pick up litter in your neighbourhood (or throw away litter at home).
- 11.Make a point of smiling at everyone you see today.
- 12.Create a piece of art and share it with someone you love.
- 13.Plant something.
- 14.Brighten someone's day with a story, song, dance, poem, or other forms of entertainment.
- 15.Give someone a special handmade gift.
- 16.Learn something new today, then share it with a friend or family member.
- 17.Give a thank you note to someone who probably doesn't hear "thank you" often enough.
- 18.Write kindness notes and leave them in other places where people will find them.



Year 6 PSHE

In year 6 PSHE, children have been working on their conflict resolution. After discussing strategies to resolve conflict, the children were put to the test with the spaghetti challenge. Each group had to work together efficiently to build the tallest spaghetti tower they could that could support the weight of a marshmallow in 18mins. One group in particular stood out for their great tower and teamwork skills.



Hastings United—Design a Flag Competition

Submit your best design for a flag for Hastings United! The design needs to include Hastings United and the spirit of the town but other than that it is up to you! The winners will have their design made into a flag and presented on the pitch at a Hastings United match!

Competition Guidelines:

Submit your entry to: info.huisc@gmail.com with **HUISC Flag Competition** in the subject line. Please include the name and age of who has designed it.

Age categories are: 0-5, 6-10 and 11-15

Submissions are open now with a closing date of 31.01.2022

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is next **Wednesday the 15th of December** . Please be sure to book via ParentPay by 23:59 the night before.



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, Tula, Tristan, Eluney, Sonny, Jack

KS2: Neyen, Yusriyah, Evie, Yasra

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **Sonny** in Warblers who completed 15 books! Well done!

Stay golden!

Non uniform donations Friday 17th December—Christmas Jumper Day

We suggest a donation of £1 which we are collecting for [St Michael's Hospice](#).

Y1 Handwriting Heroes

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

Roman (Blackbirds) and **Sneha** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the " Zig-Zag" 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 MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



Reception and Year 1 Nativity

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, parents and carers were delighted to see the first West St Leonards Nativity in two years. The children did an excellent job of learning all of their lines and bringing such a positive, festive feel to our school hall to tell the Christmas story.

We would like to thank the children and staff for their hard work in preparing this. However, we would also like to extend our thanks to parents, carers and family members for taking Lateral Flow Tests before attending the Nativity and wearing masks in the hall. These events are not able to go ahead without us following clear safety measures and it is your understanding that supported us to deliver this play.



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 **Maisie** and **Ellie Mae** 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.

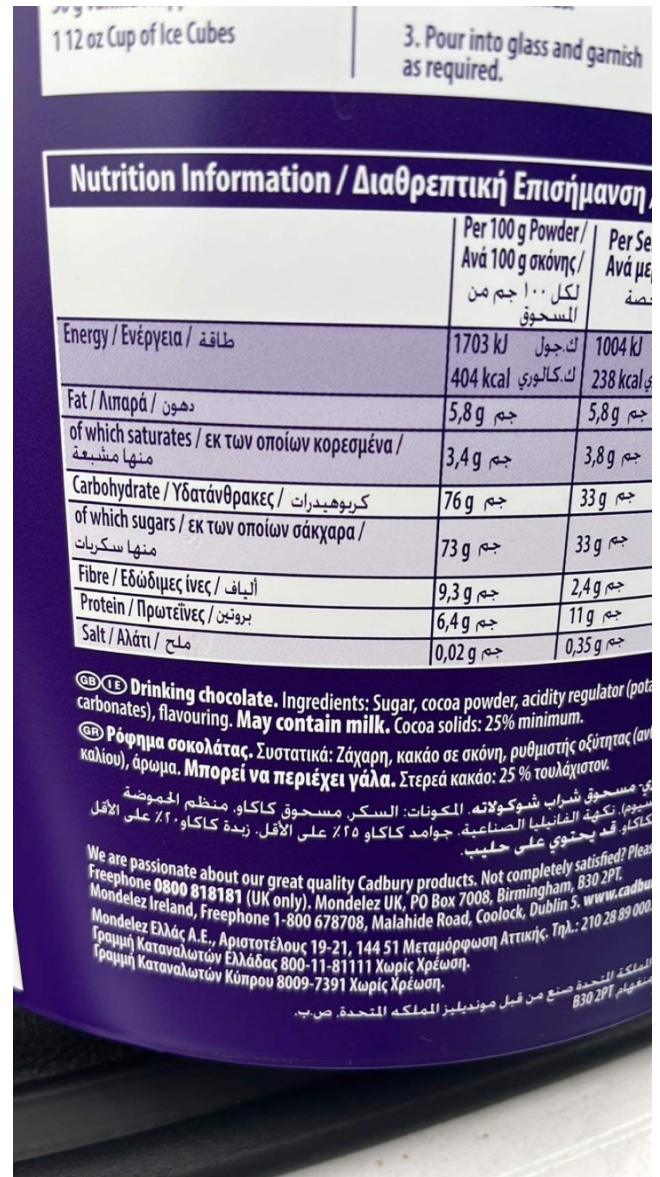
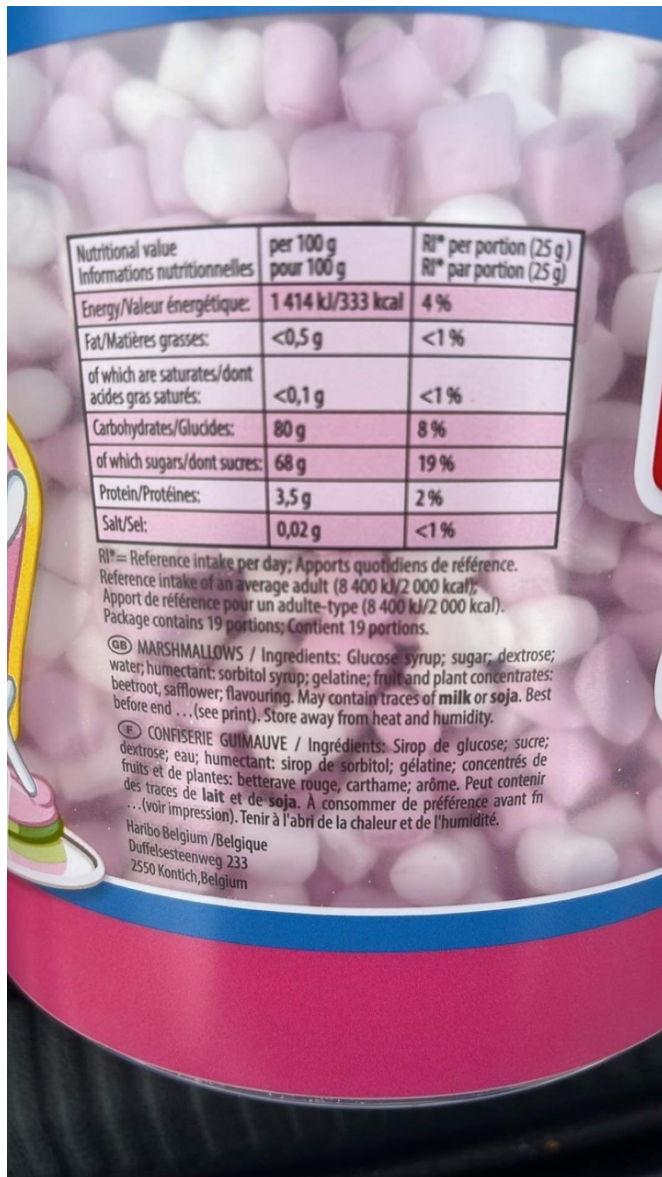


End of Term Treat

The lovely ladies in the kitchen have again gone above and beyond to prepare hot chocolate mix cones for each child. These will be 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:



Choir Performance

We are really looking forward to the festive performances that are due to take place next week outside in the amphitheatre area. These are informal 'carolling style' performances where adults and families can assemble to listen to their children sing. The theme this year is to perform a festive song from around the world as well as a Christmas pop classic!

The timetable for these performances is as follows:

Monday - Year 2 - 2:30pm

Tuesday - Year 3 - 2:30pm

Wednesday - Junior Choir (Year 1, 2, 3 and Doves)- 8:20am & Year 4 - 2:30pm

Thursday - Senior Choir (Year 4, 5 and 6) - 8:20am & Year 5 - 2:30pm

Friday - Year 6 - 2:30pm

The Junior and Senior choir would like to welcome you to school on their normal rehearsal day. **Please could you bring them in for 8:20am on their normal rehearsal day (Wednesday for Juniors and Thursday for Seniors)**



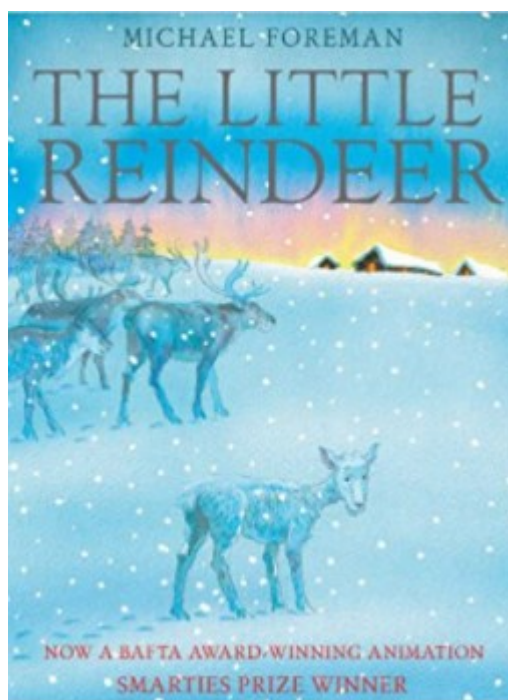
Recommended Read

The Little Reindeer by Michael Foreman

The smallest reindeer is exploring Santa's workshop when he accidentally falls into the gift wrapping machine, and finds himself being delivered as a present! The little boy who receives him is overjoyed and cares for him with devotion. One day he discovers that his reindeer is special - he can fly! When Christmas comes round again, the little reindeer disappears, but in his bed of straw the boy finds a thank you note...from Santa Claus.

About the Author:

Michael Foreman is one of the most talented and popular creators of children's books today. He has won the **Kate Greenaway Medal** two times and has been the UK nominee for the **Hans Christian Andersen Award** twice. His highly acclaimed books are published all over the world. He is married and has three sons. He divides his time between St Ives in Cornwall and London.



Upcoming Workshops

Year 6 will be participating in a World War 2 Workshop on **14 January 2022**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£4.85** to be made on Parentpay by **17 December 2021** to support this exciting event.

Year 4 will be participating in a Roman Workshop on **21 January 2022**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.02** to be made on Parentpay by **17 December 2021** to support this exciting event.

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

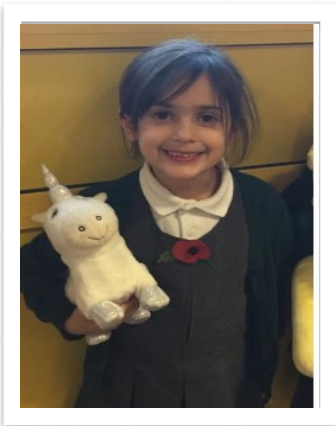
Year 5 Tudor Day

Year 5 will be having a Tudor day on **Wednesday 15th December**. Pupils may dress up in a Tudor outfit if they wish to. During the day there will be Tudor themed core learning and throughout the day they will be exploring life as someone from the Tudor period.

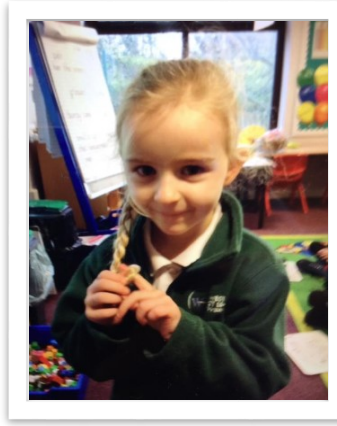


Gold Awards

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- Emnie for always showing her POW values and for producing a fantastic paper chain, using all her fine motor skills.



Ducklings - Luanah has worked hard in Phonics this week. She has been trying very hard with her sounds and applying her knowledge of digraphs. Well done Luanah!



Robins - All of Robins for their fantastic singing and the two day performance of our school Nativity. Each child showed their self control and perseverance to show their parents the meaning of Christmas. Well done Robins!



Blackbirds - All of Blackbirds for their fantastic singing and the two day performance of our school Nativity. Each child showed their self control and perseverance to show their parents the meaning of Christmas. Well done Blackbirds!



Warblers - Scarlett for showing fantastic empathy and helping a friend with their work sequencing the events of the Nativity story. Thank you Scarlett for making the classroom such a caring place.

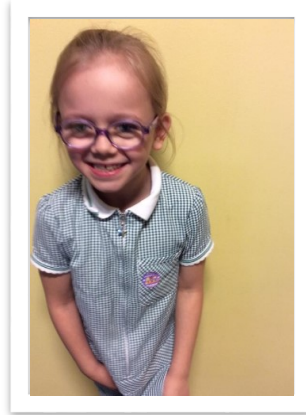


Kingfishers - Ailya for always being 100% focused on your learning. You are a fantastic role model to the class in so many ways: polite, kind and conscientious. Well done!





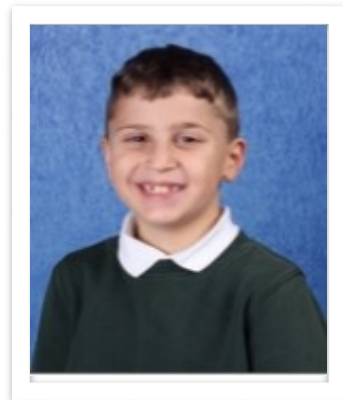
Nightingales- Luna for the fantastic start she has made to her time at West Leonards. You have settled in so quickly and you are already demonstrating a number of your POW values. Well done , Luna!



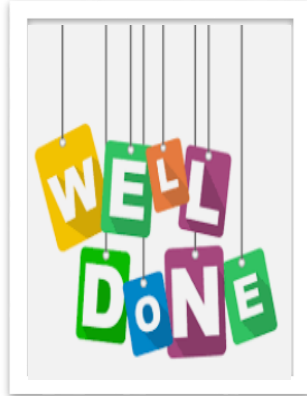
Sandmartins- Emily for creating a fabulous piece of home learning and being able to recall all of the facts to an adult confidently.



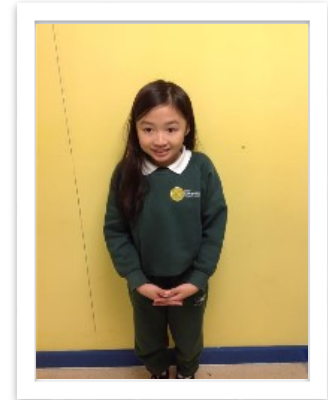
Avocets - Alice-May for always being such a fantastic role model to others. She tries so hard with her work all the time and is always responsible and reliable.



Oystercatchers - Karam for always being a responsible member of the class and being really supportive of his peers especially with their reading. Well done Karam!



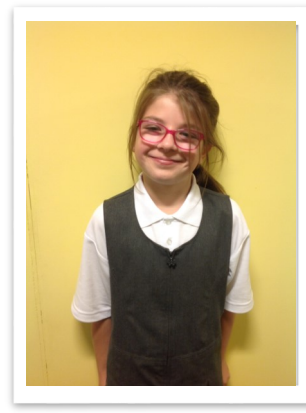
Heron - Seaneen for always striving to do her best and for writing a great independent application in her Talk for Writing with a title of: One Chance to be a Ghost! Keep up the good work Seaneen!



Cranes - Saoirse for her fantastic sketching to create a portrait of one of Henry VIII's wives. You have shown your resilience, creativity and patience during art lessons. Well done!



Razorbills - Stuart for improving his stamina in guided reading and demonstrating an improved ability to answer comprehension questions. Well done!



Swifts - Maci for always setting a good example by showing kindness and thoughtfulness towards others. Well done!



Doves- Jack for always showing an exemplary attitude towards his learning. This can be seen in the wonderful maths work he has completed this week. Well Done Jack!

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 let us know as we can help with vouchers for the foodbank. Call into the office and ask to speak with Mrs Scott, Safeguarding Officer or Mrs Fleri, PA to Principal.

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.





Supporting children,
young people and families

Drop in and play

For fathers, grandfathers
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their children

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