WEST PARK NEWS



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NATIVITIES - The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have worked really hard over the last few weeks, rehearsing their songs and lines in preparation for having their nativities filmed. The results are fantastic and the password protected videos will be shared with each class on Thursday.



WELL DONE BERENICE AND SEBASTIAN!
At the end of September, Berenice and
Sebastian completed a Family Walk of Hope
raising money for Brain Tumour Research.
They walked from Littlehampton to Arundel
and back along the River Arun, a total of 10
miles! In doing so they raised £655.75.



WEAR IT FESTIVE - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £385.30 for St Barnabas. Check out the West Park Facebook page to see some of the staff modelling their jumpers!





PARKING - the movement of traffic and parking around the school at drop off and collection times is an ongoing concern. We've had a visit by the Police who have been made aware of the parking issues and they have said they will be visiting our site periodically to make sure that the roads are safe.

Our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl have written about returning to school and their hopes for next year:

James Skelton - Head Boy

Hello, I'm James Skelton and Head Boy of West Park Primary School. I'm in Rowling class and love the role. So far in my duty of Head Boy I have written in the school newsletter and read one of the Christingle stories for the school. In the future I am hoping we can do a raffle to raise money for the charity West Park supports. Also I really want to make improvements to the school as in add more playground equipment and make sure every one of the pupils work and try as hard as they can.

Catrin Hill - Head Girl

The first term of my final year at West Park.

It was good to be able to come back to school in September. Not being able to see my friends was hard and so I was really happy that we were back together again. During this first term of year 6 we have learnt so many new things. Our topics started with Evolution. I personally really like this topic because I like science and find it really fun.

Then we were taught about World War 2. We got to dress up and walk around the school pretending we were evacuating to Dorset. This was good as we got to see children in the younger years of the school.

We have also done loads of fun activities. Some of the things I liked the most this term were the cross country, watching a film, golden time, PE and playing with all my friends. My class also made Christingles which is fun and gets us in the Christmas spirit.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charlie Clayton - Deputy Head Boy

My name is Charlie Clayton from Rowling class in year 6. This year is not been normal for anyone but in year 6, we are all staying strong and keeping together as a team and that is what makes it lovely. I have such a lovely class and teacher.

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So far this year we have learnt about Charles Darwin DNA but unfortunately due to health issues I have had this year I didn't do as much of the work as my class. The second topic of the year was World War 2 which is my favourite so far, we have learnt about evacuees and how hard it was for them to leave home to go to the country side and start a new life with a different family so they were safe from the bombing where they lived. We also had what's called an evacuee day were we dressed up like an evacuee and did some activities and throughout the day if the alarm when off to say there might be a bombing we had to hide under the tables and put our hands over our head. We had to pretend to keep a gas mask with us just in case of an unexpected gas attack and if you got caught without it you would be punished, which is what happened in the war. We also did a war diary of an evacuee and we watched a short clip called beyond the lines and we had to write what our feelings were, what we noticed, what we heard and what we smelt. Then we did a recount on either telling the story or being one of the characters in the story. I decided to do first person and be the soldier on the front line. I have really enjoyed this topic and have learnt a lot about the second world war.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of the other years work on displays across the school. I'm also looking forward to spending time with my friends and the next topic which is extreme limits, I'm looking forward to finding out about this topic. Hope your all OK and have a fabulous Christmas, hope to see you around school and if you want to give me a little wave.

Ruby Ansell - Deputy Head Girl

This term has been exciting for me because I was elected as Deputy Head Girl. One of my roles was having to be filmed reading for our virtual Christingle service. During September, year six wrote their own Just So Stories inspired by Rudyard Kipling. I had lots of fun writing my own story because Rudyard Kipling writes in a different style to how I normally write. I have also really enjoyed the topic we have been focusing on this half term, (World War II), because we got to write our own war diary. On evacuee day we got to experience what it would be like to be evacuated during World War II.

I am looking forward to our next topic at school, and I am excited to see what the next term brings.

