

JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you for all of your support for this year's Jeans for Genes Day. Thanks to your generosity, the school raised £494.50 for the charity which helps care for children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. If you are interested in finding out more about how your money is helping, please visit <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>.



Year 5 enjoyed a visit from The Space Dome on Tuesday. The children absolutely loved crawling in to the inflatable dome for a brilliant presentation. they learnt a lot about the universe and star gazing, it was out of this world!



ABSEIL FOR AUTISM - WELL DONE MRS FITZSCOTT!

I did it! Thank you so much to everyone in the West Park family for your support - it truly means so much to me. Mrs Fitzscott - Year 4 Robins.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-fitzscott>



BOOK HUTS

Our book huts are restocked and back in use. You will find them in both entrance areas full of books for you to keep, borrow or swap. There is a little door at the top for returns.



PARKING

Thank you for continuing support regarding parking at drop off and collection times. Please can parent/carers be considerate when parking in Marlborough Road and Clive Avenue. Please do not park across driveways, on zig zag yellow lines or double-yellow lines or on the central grass reservation in Clive Avenue. Please be mindful that at drop-off and collection times there are lots of small children in the vicinity.

WELLESLEY AVENUE

Thank-you for keeping Wellesley Avenue clear of cars and for using this as our main exit, it really is helping to reduce congestion and stop the younger children feeling overwhelmed at the busy Clive entrance. Every now and again there will be a reward for parents who continue to walk all the way through. Please do not sit on the neighbours garden walls, we have had a complaint from one of our neighbours.

SAFETY AND AWARENESS

Please be aware of people around you when you are driving to and from school. Last week a parent reversed without looking and hit a parent. There was only slight contact and no-one was hurt but it would have been more serious if had been a child.

DOGS

Please can I ask anyone who walks their dog to the school, to stand slightly further away from the school gates. It's lovely seeing your furry friends but please bear in mind some children are fearful of dogs.

SING YOUR PRAISES



We love to celebrate the children's achievements at school but we would like to hear about your children's achievements outside of school too! Please let us know if your child has done something that would be good to acknowledge in our school assemblies or the newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY

Already this term we have accumulated a large amount of lost property despite children wearing their PE kits to school on PE/games days. Labelled items have been returned to children. Unnamed clothing will be kept for a month and then donated to the Clothes Bank.

PLEASE name all uniform and check periodically the labels/pen ink marking are still visible.



IN SEPTEMBER, OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN WENT TO PGL WINDMILL HILL AND HOVE LAGOON. HERE IS WHAT A FEW OF CHILDREN HAD TO SAY ABOUT IT...

Earlier this month, all of Year 6 went on a super fun trip to PGL at Windmill Hill. All of the activities were super fun too. The first thing we did at PGL was the giant swing which went really high. The second thing we did was to go hunting to find all of the places around the site and that was super good too. The third thing we did was climb a massive climbing wall and that was probably the scariest one. Last but not least, we did a really fast zip line. In my experience, the best thing I did was probably the giant swing.

Erin Gray (Carson Class)

Earlier this month, we went to Hove Lagoon for a day trip. The weather was really nice and warm, which made the day even better. The activities we did were stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, wakeboarding, a giant paddle board and ring riding. My favourite activity was stand-up paddle boarding because at the end, we got to do a game where we put half of the paddle boards against each other and 2 people run across them with everyone else holding on to them. I won my race. Our instructors were encouraging - I would definitely recommend Hove Lagoon to people who like water sports.

Lauren Gillette (Watson Class)

Earlier in the month, our year went to Hove Lagoon - we did kayaking, paddle boarding, raft building and wakeboarding. At the start of the day, it was cold but then it got hotter and hotter. Paddle boarding was really fun and I stood up straight away...and I fell in twice. I loved kayaking even though I only done it once - I was quite fast. Raft building was really cool too because we got to build our own raft and we paddled and pushed it so it can get to the other side. I would say wakeboarding was the best as it was very fun and I really enjoyed it.

Henry Moore (Berners-Lee Class)

Earlier this month, we went to PGL where we did rock climbing, zip lining, giant swing and 'Passports to the World'. My favourite was rock climbing and zip lining. I did zip lining first, 'Passports to the World', rock climbing and then giant swing. We did games at lunch too, including football and wink murder. It was sunny which made it better as well. The coaches were great and I would recommend Windmill Hill to people who like treetop activities.

Max Lewis (Farah Class)



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

In the past, we have been extremely fortunate and very grateful to have a large group of parents who regularly volunteered in school. This helps to support children's learning in a number of ways. Some examples of how volunteers can enrich and broaden our children's education include:

- ♦ Listening to children read in Key Stage 1 and 2.
- ♦ Accompanying classes on educational visits.
- ♦ Sharing real life experiences, beliefs and cultures to build upon learning taking place in the classroom.

Helping to run specialist clubs and coaching sessions. We always welcome new volunteers who can help, and we are interested to hear from parents who can offer new experiences for the children. If you think you may be able to volunteer please complete the application form found at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/FqwuaWqjtHwpZDHaa>

Things are now winding down in our garden. Tomatoes and potatoes have been picked with the children's help and weeds and plants trimmed and removed ready for Autumn.

We're still using our garden for drama, singing, science and reading activities so it's still a great benefit for the children.

Thank you all again for continued support

Ms Dickens



ROYAL MAIL HEROES STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION

Earlier in the year our children designed stamps to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Unfortunately we did not have any winners but we did receive a certificate acknowledging the part our children played in helping to achieve the Guinness World Records title for the largest postage stamp design competition!

AND FINALLY...

Please remember to look on the school website—<https://www.westpark.w-sussex.sch.uk/>. There is a huge amount of useful information including the school curriculum, privacy notices, holiday dates, clubs and all issues of the newsletter. The school development plan is on the For Parents page, I have included the main objectives and the parents and pupils strands of this for you.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September - Friday 17th December 2021

Half Term: 25th October – 29th October 2021

Inset Days: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

***Monday 1st November 2021**

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term: 21st February – 25th February 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Thursday 21st July 2022

Half Term: 30th May – 3rd June 2022

Inset Day: Thursday 21st July 2022

(Children's last day in school: Wednesday 20th July 2022)

Bank Holidays

Monday 27th December 2021

Tuesday 28th December 2021

Monday 3rd January 2022

Friday 15th April 2022

Monday 18th April 2022

Monday 2nd May 2022

Thursday 2nd June 2022

Friday 3rd June 2022

*Please note due to an amendment by WSCC to the last day of term, there is an additional inset day in November