### WEST PARK NEWS



February 2022 (1)

#### THIS TERMS VALUE - COMPASSION

This term we will be focussing on the value of 'compassion'. Attached is some information and resources and challenges you could share at home together.



#### YEAR 5 GREEK DAY

Year 5 have enjoyed a visit from the Konflux theatre group. Each Year 5 class learned a Greek myth and then performed to an audience at the end of the day. It was a fantastic experience for the children and really helped them in writing their own myths!







I liked my part in the show and seeing my classmates having a good time. Elsie - Squirrel class Otter class did a play about Perserphone. I was the mum and it was really fun. Evie - Otter class

We did an exciting play about Hercules. It was really fun because we all had a part to play and we didn't have to English!

English! Lily - Hedgehog class



I found the Greek food tasting fun as I enjoy trying new things. Pippa - Badger class

## THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE ON SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 2022

Here are 8 of the changes that you need to know about:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-needto-know-from-29-january-2022

#### 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.

We have also received a report of a parent driving the wrong way down Clive Avenue in order to park last week. Drivers must be mindful that at drop-off and collection times there are lots of small children in the vicinity.

### NEWS FROM OUR YEAR 6 HEADS AND DEPUTIES



Bye for now!

Hello everyone! My name is Finlay and I am the head boy at West Park. I hope you all had a LOVELY Christmas break and a happy new year. This new beginning has really shone through at West Park. The term has begun with some fantastical activities- here are just a few! Let us start with our geography this half term. Our main focus was mountains and how they were formed. We had to craft a papier Mache volcano which we are going to experiment with an eruption! We have also had a great beginning with PE, as we had a new teacher... MR CALVERT! I hope you all have a great rest of term!

Hello, my name is Olivia and I am your Head Girl at West Park School! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year too. Today, I am writing to tell you all about this upcoming term and the awesome activities we have done so far. To start this term, we had to look at the EXTREME LIMITS topic! From reading true survival stories and writing our own survival narrative, believe that Year 6 have really pushed themselves with their work however, it does not just stop there. We are soon going to be taking part in a survival workshop, which I am sure all the Year 6s are really excited about.

In DT, we are making are own ENERGY BARS! For P.E, we were trying out different exercises for a set amount of time and jogging between them. It was exhausting, but worth it. I hope you have a great term as well!



Hello, it is Henry Moore here - your Deputy Head Boy. I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and a great start of the year. This term, we are learning about mountains and what is inside of our world. In art, we are learning about energy bars and soon we are making are own. We had lots of planning to do! In English, we are reading an amazing book called Kensuke's Kingdom and in shared reading, we are reading real-life stories in the book Survivors - there are many different survival stories like escaping sinking mud.



Hi everyone! It's Hannah Spitteler - your Deputy Head Girl. I'm guessing you all had a wonderful Christmas break, judging by the happiness flooding through the school. Year 6 have started this term with our new topic: Extreme Limits. It is about how volcanoes and mountains are formed over the years. In DT, we are designing and making our own energy bars, which is really cool because we get to learn about all the ingredients used to make them. In shared reading, we are reading stories from the book - Survivors - that is about people who have survived the impossible. In English, we are

writing our own survivor stories about children going on a journey, but then a big disaster strikes and they have to find a way out of it.

I hope to see you all soon and have a lovely rest of term.



Hi! It is Isabella Webb here and I am Deputy Head Girl at West Park. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and you are enjoying 2022 so far. I am very excited for this year because already in this term we have some survival workshops coming up, which I am very excited for! We have already done some very cool experiments in Geography on Mountains. We have started writing a story in English that I am very excited to finish this week. We have done some amazing PE lessons: hockey and circuit training too. I hope you have an amazing February!

Hello again! William Standing here, your Deputy Head Boy. I am guessing you all had



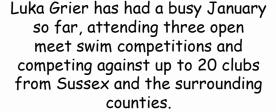
a nice Christmas because of all the happy pupils in West Park at the start of this term. I am writing because I need to tell you about what has and is happening this term. We have started off this term with amazing adventure stories from every single y6 pupil and we have extraordinary P.E. lessons from our brand new P.E. teacher... Mr Calvert! You might be wondering," Why adventure stories?" and if you are it is because our topic this half term is... EXTREME LIMITS! It is all about natural disasters, like volcanos and people who have survived them - hence we are reading Survivors for our

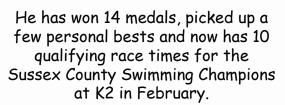
shared reading. I am bringing my writing to a close but one last thing; for my class this week but it could be next week for yours... we are making our very own energy bars! Lots of planning has gone into this from the teachers and TA and the pupils. That about wraps up our term so far, bye for now!

## SING YOUR PRAISES

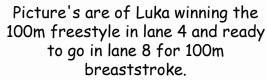








Go Luka!



















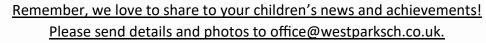






















## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

#### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Half Term: 21<sup>st</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### **Summer Term 2022**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Half Term:  $30^{th}$  May –  $3^{rd}$  June 2022

Inset Day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (Children's last day in school: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

#### **Bank Holidays**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Half Term: 24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Inset Days: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Half Term: 13<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Inset Day: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** 

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

(Children's last day in school: Friday 21st July 2023)

#### **Bank Holidays**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023