



WEST KINGSDOWN NEWS

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Friday 25th September 2020

Outdoor Learning Day

It was wonderful to see the whole school outside and



getting muddy for our annual Outdoor Learning Day. School was a hive of activity, with every class having planned an exciting day of events using our beautiful school grounds or the local woods.

From dens, to whittled gnomes and hide and seek; every child had the chance to step away from the classroom and enjoy the great outdoors. This was an opportunity for all

children to be excited to learn! When adults think back to their own happiest memories of childhood, they frequently recall the joy of playing outdoors. Play is not only central to children's enjoyment of childhood, but teaches critical life skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and creativity. Thanks to Miss Machin for organising the day and to all the staff for planning such fun activities.



We are collecting food for the The Community Cupboard, an organisation that did so much work for West Kingsdown during lockdown and continue to support many families. If you have any dry or tinned food that you are able to donate, please send it in with your child over the next week. It will then be taken to St. Edmund's Church for Harvest next Sunday.

Trosley Park Trips

You should have received a letter this week regarding



trips to Trosley Park. If you did not, again apologies for this. A copy of the letter is available on class blogs and in paper form from Mrs Massey in the office.

These will go ahead whatever the weather, so please make sure that your child has suitable clothing. Children need to meet at 9.30 am at Trosley Park by parents – if you are unable to get your child there, please speak to their class teacher. The dates are listed below:

Monday 28th September	Year 2
Tuesday 29th September	Year 3/4
Thursday 1st October	Year 5
Monday 5th October	Year 1
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6
Thursday 8th October	Reception

School Communication

Thank you for your patience whilst we try and sort out the school e-mail system.



This issue has resulted in a number of communications

not being received by parents and I can only apologise for this. We are trying to keep everyone updated through the class blogs, website and Facebook page and I recognise that this means there is a lot for you to keep track of. As I wrote in my newsletter last week, we are moving across to Schoolcomms. This is a school communication system that will allow you to email and text into the school office with any questions or absence issues. In addition to this, we will be able to take online payments and book clubs online when they restart. If you have not returned your data collection sheet to Mrs Massey in the office, please make sure you do so that we can communicate with you. **You will need to download the app 'School Gateway' in order to text us and receive further information**

Harvest Festival

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to host Harvest as we normally would. Next week, Rev. Sarah will be coming into school to deliver 'bubble' harvest on different days.

Reception Intake 2021

We are busy planning our Open Days for 2021. At this stage we are hoping to host smaller events,

with less people attending. Adults will be asked to wear face coverings and limited to just two adults per child. We will be distributing flyers around to the local nurseries and preschools. If you are able to deliver some for us, please let us know. Bookings can be made by telephoning the School Office on 01474 853484 and booking

one of the dates. If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021, please do come and visit!



Are you a Parent or a Carer with children starting school in September 2021 and beyond?

If so, come and see West Kingsdown Church of England Primary School in West Kingsdown Village. We are a small school with 30 children in each year group, offering a wide range of exciting activities and opportunities for all of our children.

You will have a chance to see the school and classrooms in action, and speak to the children and staff. Please telephone the School Office on 01474 853484 or e-mail office@west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk, with your preferred date. For more information please view our website at www.west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk



Wednesday 14th October 2:00 pm	Tuesday 24th November 9:30 am	Wednesday 2nd December 2:00 pm	Wednesday 6th January 9:30 am
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