

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. Today is Mrs Robinson's last day, after 16 years at West St Leonards, and a lifetime of dedication to children and their futures. I am sure you will all wish to join me and the WSLPA team in wishing Mrs Robinson the very best and a well-deserved rest and wonderful retirement full of adventures and memories. Once the school is re-opened we will hold a celebration to show our thanks and appreciation to which you will all be invited.

With very best wishes and keep safe,

Mr O'Regan.



Can you help us with our POW Values?

As you will know, we have the West St Leonards POW values as the core of how we support children in showing their character. At this time, children will be hopefully continuing to show these in their work and attitude at home so we want them to consider what images they can think of that match the different POW values. In the past, children have been told that bamboo could be a symbol of patience as it is looked after for 4 years and nothing seems to happen in that time. Then, it suddenly shoots up to around 90ft tall in a week. We have said that this is like our own patience where sometimes we do not see the results straight away but we know we must keep at it.

When children return to school, we will select the best images and explanations to be used as symbols for our POW values and to talk about regularly in our assemblies and across the school. We would also like to share ideas in future newsletters too.

Need more information? We have created a short animated video to explain this to children which can be found on our [West St Leonards Learning channel](https://www.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/home-learning/west-st-leonards-home-learning). Happy researching and good luck!

Home Learning Link

Just to remind you that the home learning given to children before the school closure can also be found on our West St Leonards home learning page:

<https://www.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/home-learning/west-st-leonards-home-learning>

A further four weeks of learning has been added in anticipation of the school remaining closed for the foreseeable future.

West St Leonards Learning Channel

We hope you have had the chance to view [our YouTube learning channel](#) and enjoy the first storytelling opportunity provided by Mr. Allen.

We have the pleasure of introducing new videos for you now, with Mrs Williams reading a story as well as other staff contributing to support the learning. As mentioned earlier, you will also see a video introducing our POW value challenge.

Enjoy!



Ongoing Communication with School

Please be aware that we have now moved to an 'email only' line of communication. Any correspondence you wish to make with the school will solely be through our office account at **office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk**

Jack in the Green Competition

As many of you know, The Jack in the Green Festival is an annual event that takes place in various parts of Hastings. It's a four day event and attracts thousands every year. Unfortunately this year it has been cancelled.

People however want to keep the spirit of Jack alive this year by creating a large piece of collaborative artwork to be shown at a location (TBC) in Hastings and St Leonards somewhere in the near future and would like to involve the children of Hastings and St Leonards in this project. The finished artwork will be unveiled online on the **3rd May 2020**.

How to get involved:

1. They are asking children (and adults) to design a leaf using whatever they have at home. This could be with coloured pens, pencils, felt tips, paint or collage. The size and shape of your leaf is totally up to you.

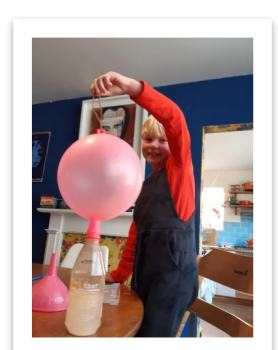
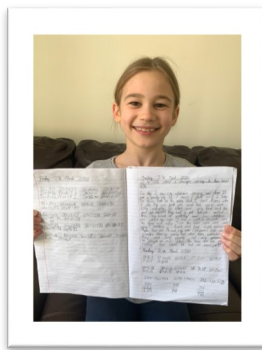
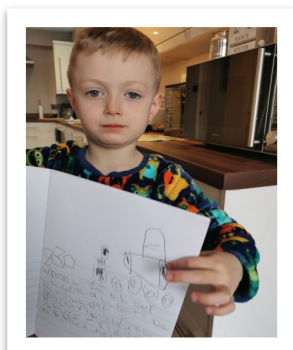
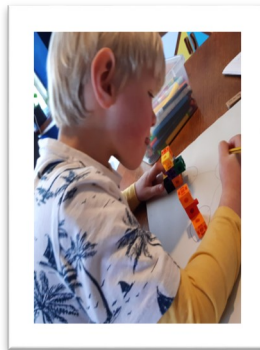
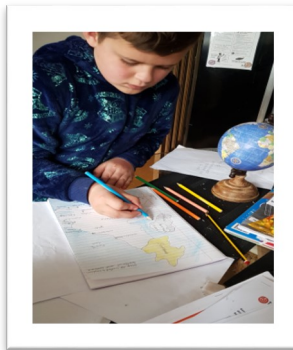
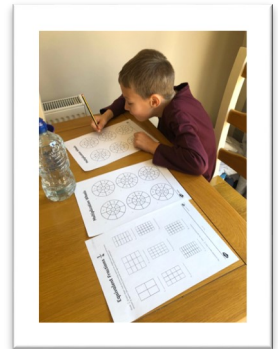
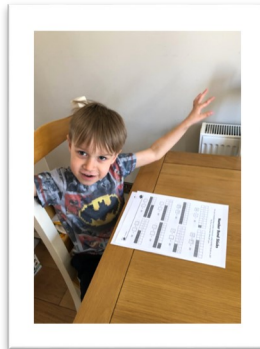
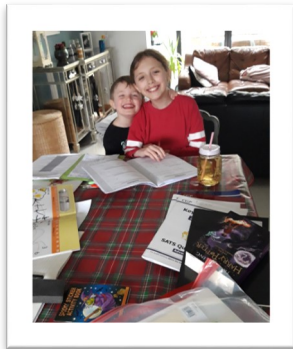
Once you have finished your leaf simply take a clear photo and send it to:
loveartmakes@gmail.com

2. They will incorporate each leaf into their finished piece. The artwork will be printed large scale and shown somewhere in the local area (size and location TBC) for everyone to visit and enjoy.

More information can be found [here](#).

Celebrating Our Superb Learners

There has been an overwhelming response to our request to obtain photos of fantastic home learning from West St Leonards pupils from all year groups. We will endeavour to show as many photos as possible as part of the newsletter but some may need to be displayed in later weeks. Thank you to all our excellent learners and please keep sending your photos of work and fun activities through to office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk



**GREAT
WORK!**

What Is It Like In School Right Now?

Here are some of the thoughts from our pupils that have been in school this week...

"We get to do lots of fun activities". **Ines**

"I enjoyed making daffodil pictures". **Alfie**

"We really enjoy going on the outdoor gym." **George and Jamie.**

"Everybody likes the Joe Wicks PE lesson!". **Amelia-Lily**

"It's really nice to get outside". **Jack**

"I like our woodland walk and seeing all the bugs". **Jamie**