



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

9th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We are very much looking forward to the year ahead – last week we enjoyed a fabulous first week back at school and the children have begun 2019-20 with lots of excitement and energy. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined our school, this year 518 families applied for a place in Reception at West Lodge and we continue to be the most heavily oversubscribed school in Harrow. We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead with some exciting trips and workshops planned across the curriculum – see the date grid for the Autumn Term on pages 3 – 5 of this newsletter.

Building Works

Over the summer break work was carried out on our drainage system – this included repairs and re-patching of sections across the site. There is likely to be more work on this later in the year, which will be carried out in a holiday period. The system is fine and in good working order. We are very excited about the new adventure playground in Kaleidoscope which will be completed later this week. We would like to thank FOWLS for all their support and for your support for the various FOWLS events which has helped to raise the money to create the playground. We will hold an official opening later this year. Work is planned to start later this month on repairing the roof in Lower School – scaffolding has been erected and fencing is in place to ensure safety. A weekly health & safety check will be carried out on the site with the contractor and members of the school leadership team. The work is expected to last approximately 6 – 8 weeks.

Upcoming Parental Workshops

1) Parents' Forums

a) Friday 13th September

Focus - Thinking About Secondary School – this session will be aimed at parents of children KS2 and will aim to share information about all the possibilities for secondary school. If you had already signed up in the summer term your booking has been reserved.

b) Friday 27th September

Focus – School Improvement Plan – During this session we will review the 2018-19 School Improvement Plan including an analysis of the attainment and progress data. We will also talk through the priorities for 2019-20. This will be a chance for parents to have an input in to setting our priorities for the coming year.

2) Curriculum Evenings

a) Tuesday 24th September (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

b) Wednesday 25th September (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6). Both evenings will start at 6:30pm

Please use the link below to book yourself a place on the curriculum evening and parent forum sessions.

<https://westlodge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Secondary School Applications – September 2020

The application for secondary school admissions for September 2020 is now available on the Harrow website. The closing date is 31 October 2019 – the link below will take you to the appropriate section of the Harrow website. If you have any queries about the process or would like more information on the options available please do not hesitate to ask.

http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200129/school_admissions/381/secondary_school_admissions

We are looking forward to continuing to work in collaboration with the whole community to ensure another successful year at West Lodge.

Kind regards,

Jim Dees
Headteacher



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Staffing

We say goodbye to Caroline Mitchell and Ben Barrell at the beginning of term. Caroline Mitchell, who has worked at West Lodge since 2005 and is taking up an administration role in the motor industry. Caroline has been an excellent learning assistant – initially she was appointed to work in West Lodge Middle School, after amalgamation she worked primarily in KS2 and in recent years she has worked in KS1. Ben Barrell has taken up a role working for a charity supporting adults with mental health difficulties – he supported children in Year 6 and Kaleidoscope from November to July last year and had a positive impact. We would like to wish Caroline and Ben all the very best for the future and in their new roles.

I would like to welcome all the new staff who have joined the West Lodge team this term – please see the table below for an outline. A reminder of our staffing structure will be sent with this newsletter.

New Teaching Staff		
Mrs Hayley Bowerman – Assistant Headteacher (EYFS)	Mr Joseph Khalfi – Ruby Class	Mrs Kirtsy Weir – Purple Class
Miss Michela Tabinski – Gold Class	Miss Emily Futchter – Diamond Class	Mrs Leizl Stander - Kaleidoscope
Staff Changes & Promotions		
Hilary Haines - SENDCo	Miss Casey Zhang – Y6 Year Group Leader	Miss Reena Patel – Y2 Year Group Leader
Miss Emma Mrowiec – Science Leader	Mr Grant Beckwith – Y4 Group Leader	Mr Damian Nevins – PE Leader
Mrs Paula Leigh – KS2 Maths Lead	Miss Amber Smyth – MFL Leader	Miss Sofia Quisbert-Davies – Associate Teacher
Miss Anna Corby – KS1 English Lead	Mrs Caroline Kinsella – Pastoral Lead	
New Support Staff		
Mrs Claire Larkman – School Business Manager	Mrs Preeti Dabral – Year 2	Miss Lauren Van-Wijnen – Kaleidoscope
Mr Andrew McCabe - Kaleidoscope	Miss Riana Mistry – Y5/6	Miss Rebecca Miranda - Reception
Mrs Shazia Basaria – Y3	Mrs Lorraine Abrahams – Y1	Mrs Sonia Manukonda – Y6

OPAL

We are always looking for new donations of loose parts –children continue to love playing with the OPAL equipment and are excited to build new structures and go on new adventures! See below for a list of items that are very popular.

- *Plastic crates – the bottle-crate kind are best as they are super strong but other crates/boxes are also good! If you have any or know of any companies who may donate some – we would be very grateful!*
- *Wooden planks*
- *Wheel office chairs (& things to be pushed, pulled around on)*
- *Dressing up clothes*
- *Pots, pans, baking trays and tins, wooden spoons and other baking/cooking utensils*
- *Wooden pallets*
- *Cable drums – these are great – the children often create mini trains with these.*
- *Fabric (sarīs, curtains, sheets, yoga mats, pillows, cushions)*
- *Keyboards (these are very popular), phones (mobile and landlines), cameras,*
- *Plastic chairs*
- *Suitcases (particularly those with wheels)*

We welcome any resources you believe have play value – as long as they are not sharp or are not likely to shatter. Please do not put items on the playground when you bring them in – please make sure that they come to the main reception.

FOWLS

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Nilaxi Patel and Rashmi Kripalani will be taking over the role of as Joint Chair of FOWLS and Nikita Kotecha and Mona Khatri - they worked tirelessly during 2018-19 to raise the profile of FOWLS, organise events and strengthen our sense of community.

Our next project is the redevelopment of the ICT Suite and the creation of pastoral and nurture spaces around the school.

Upcoming FOWLS Events:

Tuesday 25th September – £1 Book Sale for Lower School
 Saturday 12th October – Comdey Night with Lucy Porter
 Friday 18th October – Christmas Fair Donation Day – 2nd Hand Books and Toys (Crazy Hair Day)
 Wednesday 30th October – Halloween Pop-up Shop
 Friday 8th November – Christmas Fair Donation Day – New Toys for Santa's Grotto (Jeans Day)
 Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair Donation Day – Chocolates, Cakes and Bottles (Christmas Jumper Day)
 Saturday 7th December – Christmas Fair

Further details about the events will be sent out by the FOWLS team.

Date Grid - Autumn Term 2019-20

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 nd – 6 th Sept	Staff Training Day	Staff Training Day	Children Return Reception Home Visits	Reception Home Visits	Reception Home Visits	
9 th – 13 th Sept	FOWLS Assembly Reception Home Visits Y4 Swimming	Reception Children Start Head Boy & Girl Speeches	HT Nower Hill Talk to Y6 2:30pm	JCA Residential Trip Talk to Y6 Parents 2:30pm	Head Boy & Girl Assembly 9:00am Parents' Forum (Thinking about Secondary School) 2:00pm	
16 th – 20 th Sept	Y4 Swimming Pinner High School Talk to Y6 2:30pm	Y5 Trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum (Victorians) Kaleidoscope Parents' Workshop 2:00pm	House & Sports Captains Speeches Orchestra Starts 3:30 – 5:00pm			
23 rd – 27 th Sept	Y4 Swimming WL PALs Assembly	EYFS/KS1 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm	Digital Leader Interviews FOWLS £1 Book Sale for Lower School – 3:15pm KS2 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm	Y3 Trip - Stonehenge	Aquamarine Class Assembly 9:00am Governors SIP Review 9:30am Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) 2:00pm	
30 th – 4 th Oct Sewa Week 1	Rosh Hashanah Y4 Swimming	Y1 Trip - Bracknell Discovery Centre	Photos – Individual & Families	Census Day Full GB Meeting 7:00pm	Sewa Week Assembly	
7 th – 11 th Oct Sewa Week 2	Y4 Swimming Early Reading Session for Rec & Y1 - parents – 9:00am & 2:00pm Y5 Shakespeare Workshop – Emerald 9:45am & Aquamarine 1:30pm	Y2 Trip - Southend Y5 Shakespeare Workshop – Amber 9:45am	Yom Kippur	Harvest Festival Pinner Baptist Church LS – 9:30am; US 2:00pm	RM Committee 9:30am Boccia Festival	Saturday 12th October Harrow 7-a-side Tournament FOWLS Comedy Night with Lucy Porter 7:00pm
14 th – 18 th Oct	Y4 Swimming		Evolution Workshops for Y6 in US Hall	Y5/6 Cross Country Q & S Committee & RM Committee 7:30pm	FOWLS Donation Day (2 nd hand books) - Crazy Hair Day Amber Class Assembly 9:00am	

21 st – 25 th Oct	Half Term					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Staff Training Day	Reception – Soft Start begins Y2 Puppet Show	Halloween Pop-up Shop 3:15 – 4:00pm Parents’ Consultations Y1 – Y6 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents’ Consultations Y1 – Y6 4:00 – 7:00pm	Y3/4 New Age Kurling	
4 th – 8 th Nov	Y4 Swimming	KS1 Sports Festival Y5 Shakespeare Trip – Millfield Theatre	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Gold 8:00am – 4:00pm	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Silver 8:00am – 4:00pm	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Yellow 8:00am – 4:00pm FOWLS Donation Day (new toys & gifts for Santa’s Grotto) – Jeans Day Emerald Class Assembly 9:00am Parents’ Forum 2:00pm	
11 th – 15 th Nov	Y4 Swimming		Y4 Trip – Lion King	Y5/6 Gymnastics Qualifiers	Amethyst Class Assembly 9:00am Children in Need	
18 th – 22 nd Nov	Y4 Swimming			KS1 & KS2 English Parents’ Workshop – 9:00am & 6:30pm	Sapphire Class Assembly 9:00am Indoor Athletics – HLC	
25 th – 29 th Nov	Y4 Swimming Y4-6 Table Tennis		Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm	Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Union) Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm Pinner Pantomime (eve)	Diamond Class Assembly 9:00am	
2 nd – 6 th Dec	Y4 Swimming Governors’ Morning at West Lodge (9:00 – 12:00) and Full GB Meeting 1:00 – 3:00pm	Harrow Chess Competition	Y6 Ancient Greek Workshops 1:30pm US Hall	Y5/6 Gymnastics Finals	FOWLS Donation Day (chocolates & bottles for Christmas Fair) - Christmas Jumper Day Y6 attend Cluster Carols – St Albans Church 10:00am	FOWLS Christmas Fair 11:00am – 3:00pm

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9 th – 13 th Dec	Y4 Swimming	Flu Vaccinations – Rec – Y6		Reception Production 9:00am Reception Production 2:00pm	Year 2 Christingles (am) & Year 2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm Pinner Methodist Church	
16 th – 20 th Dec	Christmas lunch Rec – Y1 Y4 Swimming Y3 Class Christmas Party (pm) Y4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7:00pm	Christmas lunch – Y2/3 Year 1 Production 9:00am LS Hall Year 1 Production 2:00pm LS Hall	Christmas Raffle Assembly Christmas lunch – Y4/5/6 Year 3 Production 2:00pm Class Christmas Parties (Rec, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6) (pm) Year 3 Production 7:00pm	Panto – 9:15am LS – Rumpelstiltskin US – Dr Dolittle End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm		

