



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

10th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead – last week we enjoyed a fabulous first week back at school and the children began their 2018-19 learning journey with enthusiasm and excitement. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined our school, this year 536 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. This is the same grid that I sent out in July – with just one change (Y6 Head Boy and Head Girl Speeches will be on Wednesday 12th September rather than Tuesday 11th September).

Building Works

You will have noticed that the summer building work is almost complete. We are expecting the installation of the window/hatch for the office and the access control doors by the end of this coming week. Ms Lakhani, our School Business Manager, has moved into a new office which has been created in the space where Mrs Dines used to be based and Mrs Dines has moved into the office. The desk for Mrs Dines will be installed along with the new sliding window in the hatch. Once the door and window have been put in place a new electronic visitor management system will be installed – this will help keep an electronic log of all adults on site. The visitor management system will be in place soon after the doors and windows have been installed. We will continue to keep you updated.

MindUp

This year we have embarked on a new adventure with the MindUp Curriculum – the purpose of this is to help children develop a better understanding of self and also further develop their abilities to self-regulate. The curriculum – which will be taught from Reception to Year 6 – is built on 4 core pillars: Neuroscience, Positive Psychology, Mindful Awareness and Social-Emotional Learning. We will share more information on this at the **curriculum evenings - Tuesday 25th September** (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) and Wednesday 26th September (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6). Both evenings will be at **6:30pm** – please click the link below to book yourself a place at the appropriate curriculum evening.

Parents' Forum

Our first parents' forum of the year is scheduled for Friday 21st September. The focus will be a review of last year's School Improvement Plan – including an analysis of the attainment and progress data from 2017-18. We will also be highlighting our core priorities for this coming year. <https://westlodge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Parliamentary Review

We are delighted and honoured to be included in the latest edition of the Parliamentary Review – the Parliamentary Review showcases a selection of schools across different regions of the country with the aim of highlighting and sharing good practice. Copies of the Parliamentary Review will be available to read in the school lobby.

Secondary School Applications – September 2019

The application for secondary school admissions for September 2019 is now available on the Harrow website. The closing date is 31 October 2018 – 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

Kind regards,

Jim Dees - Headteacher



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Staffing

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 Kathy-Ann McClean – Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion)	Mr Ronan O'Rourke – Amber Class	Miss Alice Fenton – Orange Class
Miss Amber Smyth – Topaz Class	Miss Paulina Staikopoulos – Diamond Class	Miss Lydia Hargreaves - Mandarin
Internal Promotions		
Kara Dunn – Y4 Year Group Leader	Grant Beckwith - PSHE Leader	Reena Patel – KS1 Maths Leader
New Support Staff		
Miss Megan Clifford	Mrs Maria Konkader – Year 1	Mrs Wendy Faustino – Kaleidoscope
Mrs Hande Gambrill - Kaleidoscope		

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Cale will be going on maternity leave in early and mid-October respectively and we would like to wish them all the very best for the special moments that lie ahead.

OPAL

During the first few days of term it is clear that the children continue to love playing with the OPAL equipment and are excited to build new structures and go on new adventures! We are always looking for new donations of loose parts – 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 (and 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*
- *Fabric (saris, curtains, sheets, yoga mats, pillows, cushions)*
- *Keyboards (these are very popular), phones (mobile and landlines), cameras,*
- *Plastic chairs*

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 Jen Allsop and Parvadh Swaminathan – who as Chair and treasurer of FOWLS worked tirelessly to raise the profile of FOWLS, organise events and further engender a strong sense of community. Thank you.

Nilaxi Patel and Rashmi Kripalani will be taking over the role of as Joint Chair of FOWLS and Nikita Kotecha and Mona Khatri will be assuming the role of Joint Treasurer.

Our next project is the redevelopment of the adventure playground next to the Jubilee Block, as well as supporting the school with a

Upcoming FOWLS Events:

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September – FOWLS 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
 Friday 5th October – Pyjama Movie Night
 Friday 12th October – Navratri Celebration (evening)
 Saturday 13th October – Navratri Celebration (afternoon)
 Friday 19th October – Christmas Fair Donation Day (Odd Shoe Day)
 Friday 2nd November – Halloween Disco
 Friday 9th November – Christmas Fair Donation Day (Jeans)
 Friday 7th December – Christmas Fair Donation Day (Christmas Jumper Day)
 Saturday 8th December – Christmas Fair

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

Date Grid - Autumn Term 2018-19

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 rd – 7 th Sept	Staff Training Day	Staff Training Day	Y1 – Y6 Children return to school Reception home visits Y5/6 Cricket Trial	Reception home visits	Reception home visits
10 th – 14 th Sept	Y4 Swimming Reception home visits FOWLS Assembly Magical Maths Presentation 2:45pm (KS1 & LKS2) LS Hall Rosh Hashanah	Reception children start Rosh Hashanah	Head Boy & Girl Speeches		Head Boy & Girl Announcement
17 th – 21 st Sept	Y4 Swimming	House & Sports Captains Speeches	Yom Kippur Orchestra Starts	Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Union)	Parents' Forum 2:00pm
24 th – 28 th Sept	Y4 Swimming All Reception children in full days Y5 Trip to Ragged School Museum – Emerald	Y5 Trip to Ragged School Museum – Aquamarine & Amber EYFS/KS1 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm (Including RWI Workshop) FOWLS Bring & Buy Uniform Sale	Parents' Tour Digital Leader Interviews KS2 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm FOWLS Bring & Buy Uniform Sale	Y3 Trip to Stonehenge Digital Leader Training West Lodge PALs Training	Emerald Class Assembly Governors SIP Review Meeting 9:30am
1 st – 5 th Oct	Y4 Swimming	Parents' Tour	Photos – Individual & Families	School Census Day Y1 Bracknell Discovery Centre Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	Y2 Southend Aquamarine Class Assembly FOWLS Cinema Experience 3:30pm Saturday 6th October Harrow 7-a-side Tournament

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8 th – 12 th Oct	Y4 Swimming Early Reading Session for Reception Parents 9:00am & 2:00pm Y5 Shakespeare Workshop – Emerald 9:45am & Aquamarine 1:30pm	Parents’ Tour Y5 Shakespeare Workshop 9:45am - Amber		Harvest Festival at Pinner Parish Church LS – 9:30am; US 2:00pm	Governors RM Pay Committee 9:30am Boccia Festival FOWLS Art Project Deadline Navratri FOWLS Saturday 13th October Navratri FOWLS
15 th – 19 th Oct	Y4 Swimming	Parents’ Tour	Y5/6 Cross Country Parents Consultations KS1 + 2 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents Consultations KS1 + 2 4:00 – 7:00pm Governors Q & S Committee & Governors RM Committee 7:30pm	FOWLS Donation Day – Odd Shoes Evolution Workshops (Paleoquest) for Y6 in US Hall
22 nd – 26 th Oct	Half Term				
29 th Oct– 2 nd Nov	Staff Training Day	Children return Reception begin Soft Start Flu Vaccinations Rec – Y5 Dodgeball Festival	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Gold 8:00am – 5:00pm	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Silver 8:00am – 5:00pm	Reception Parents’ Consultations - Yellow 8:00am – 5:00pm FOWLS Donation Day – Jeans & Uniform FOWLS Halloween Disco
5 th –9 th Nov	Y4 Swimming	KS1 Sports Festival Y5 Shakespeare Trip – Millfield Theatre	Diwali		Amber Class Assembly Parents’ Forum 2:00pm
12 th – 16 th Nov	Y4 Swimming				Sapphire Class Assembly Children in Need

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19 th – 23 rd Nov	Y4 Swimming		English Parents' Workshop – Reading Focus 9:00am & 6:30pm	Y4 Trip – Aladdin	FOWLS Donation Day – Jeans Amethyst Class Assembly Indoor Athletics – Harrow Leisure Centre
26 th – 30 th Nov	Y4 Swimming	Harrow Table Tennis Competition (Y4 – 6) Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm Band Festival		Y4 Tag Rugby (Union) Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm Pinner Pantomime	Diamond Class Assembly
3 rd – 7 th Dec	Y6 Swimming Governors' Morning at West Lodge and Full GB in afternoon	Harrow Chess Competition	Y6 Ancient Greek Workshops 1:30pm US Hall	Y5/6 Gymnastics	FOWLS Donation Day - Christmas Jumper Cluster Carols at St Albans Church – Y6 10:00am
					Saturday 8th Dec FOWLS Christmas Fair
10 th – 14 th Dec	Y6 Swimming Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7:00pm – Pinner Baptist Church		Reception Production 9:00am LS Hall Reception Production 2:00pm LS Hall		Year 1 Production 9:00am LS Hall Year 1 Production 2:00pm LS Hall Year 2 – Christingles at Pinner Methodist Church
17 th – 21 st Dec	Christmas Lunch – Y2/3 Y6 Swimming	Christmas Lunch Rec – Y1 Year 2 Production LS Hall 09:00am Year 2 Production LS Hall 2:00pm	Christmas Raffle Christmas Lunch – Y4/5/6 Year 3 Production US Hall 2:00pm Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm Year 3 Production 7:00pm US Hall	Panto – 9:15am LS – Beauty & the Beast US – The Reluctant Dragon End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm	Staff Training Day

