



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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23rd September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been experiencing some variable weather since the beginning of term, however I am pleased that our drainage system withstood the deluge that descended last week. A lot of work was carried out over the Summer on the drainage system and it seems to have paid off (I am touching every piece of wood possible as I type this)! I did notice however that some children came to school on wet days without a coat – please ensure that as we move through Autumn into Winter that children bring coats to school on days when it looks like there may be rain or when it is cold.

The new Reception children in Gold, Silver and Yellow Class have settled really well into school life. According to the transition plan – some of the children will be beginning full days next week. It has been wonderful to see them settle so quickly, showing a real eagerness to learn.

As part of this newsletter, I have attached the updated Autumn Term dates. There are a couple of minor changes: Topaz class Assembly has now moved to Friday 4th November and the Year 5 top-up swimming has changed. Thank you for continued co-operation.

Kind regards,

Jim Dees—Headteacher

High School Applications

Please apply online via eadmissions.org.uk by Monday 31st October. We strongly advise that you apply for a place in a Harrow School even if you are applying for a place in a selective school.

Pupil Census Information

We now need to include each pupil's nationality and their country of birth on our administration system and report this in the school census. Our current admission form includes this information, however this new form has only been used for the current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We will be sending out a short form to all other year groups to ensure that we capture this information. Please complete and return by Thursday 29th September.

Reminder – Labelling School Uniform

Please remember to ensure that all school uniform, lunchboxes and drink bottles are labelled clearly - so that we can return them to children if they are mislaid. In such a big school it is crucial that all items are clearly labelled. Please use a sew-in or iron-in label on all clothing items.

Curriculum Evening

We would like to remind you that our year group curriculum evenings are taking place next week. These will be held in year groups and will cover: the key curriculum topics for the year, the expectations within each year group and how to support your child throughout the year. **Each session will start at 6:30pm and finish at 7:30pm.**

There will also be a session in the **US Hall** on both evenings for all parents **between 7:30pm and 8:00pm** where Mr Dees will share the **vision for West Lodge and key points from our School Improvement Plan.**

In addition, **Kaleidoscope** will be set up for all parents to view between **6:00 and 6:30pm on both Tuesday and Wednesday** and Mr Revens and Mrs Grant will be available to talk through how we use the provision.

Road Safety

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have respected the Yellow Zig-Zag lines outside the front gate. We really appreciate the efforts that the majority of parents make to ensure that drop off and pick up times are safe.

However, the volume of traffic both before school and at pick up times continues to be very large, both on West End Lane (front entrance) and Northfield Avenue (back entrance). If possible, I would like to see a reduction in the volume of traffic and would encourage everyone to adhere to the three core principles of our school travel plan:

- Encourage an active lifestyle
- Improve safety for pupils on the school journey
- Cut down pollution

I would like to ask for your help by trying to uphold these principles, so firstly please choose the healthy, safer option and walk your children to school instead of driving. There are very few families who live far enough away to need transport to come to school. If you really must drive, please:

- Under no circumstances stop or park on the yellow 'SCHOOL-KEEP-CLEAR' zig-zag markings, or the white zig-zag markings. The intention of these markings is to restrict parking so that pedestrians, in particular school children wishing to cross, have a clear view, making it safer to cross the road.
- Park in a safe place away from the entrance and walk to school for the remainder of your journey.

Also, a reminder that as Dickson Fold is such a small road and also cul-de-sac – I would urge parents/carers to avoid parking and/or turning in this road.



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West Lodge Date Grid – Autumn Term 2016-17

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 th – 30 th Sept Y5 Bikeability Training	Pearl Swimming Y5 Trip to Ragged School Museum - Emerald class	Y3 Trip to Stonehenge Y5 Trip to Ragged School Museum - Aquamarine class Curriculum Evening EYFS/KS1 6:00 – 8:00pm	Curriculum Evening KS2 6:30 – 8:30pm	Y5 Trip to Ragged School Museum - Amber class Full GB Meeting 7:30pm	Sapphire Class Assembly Navratri FOWls event
3 rd – 7 th Oct Sewa Week	All reception Children in Full Days Y5 Swimming Top – up TfL Talk to Y6 Pupils Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah	Photos – Individual & families	Governors Q & S Committee 7:30pm	Pearl Class Assembly
10 th – 14 th Oct	Y5 Swimming Top - up	Harvest Festival L/S: 9.30am U/S: 2pm Pinner Parish Church	Y5 Shakespeare workshop 9:45am & 1:30pm Y2 Trip to Southend	Y5 Shakespeare workshop 9:45am & 1:30pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby Harrow RFC	Topaz Class Assembly Inclusion Sports Festival
17 th – 21 st Oct	Pearl Swimming	Yr 1 Aldenham Country Park Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents 9:00am & 2:30pm	JGA Group Session for Parents 9am Y5/6 Cross Country Parents Consultations KS1 + 2 4.00- 7.00pm	Parents Consultations KS1 + 2 4.00- 7.00pm	Emerald Class Assembly FOWls Odd Shoe Day – donations (Wrap a Present for Santa)
Half Term					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 st Oct– 4 th Nov	Pearl Swimming	Reception Parents' Consultations – Gold Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm	Reception Parents' Consultations – Silver Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm	Reception Parents' Consultations – Yellow Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm Governors RM Committee	Topaz Class Assembly
7 th – 11 th Nov	Y5 Shakespeare Trip Romeo & Juliet Pearl Swimming	KS1 Sports Festival			FOWls – Mad hair Day (2 nd hand games & soft toys) Indoor Athletics – Harrow Leisure Centre
14 th – 18 th Nov	Pearl Swimming	Reception RWI Workshop for Parents 9:00am & 2:30pm	Parents' Forum Harrow Table Tennis Competition	Y4 Tag Rugby Festival	Children in Need Aquamarine Class Assembly
21 st – 25 th Nov	Governors' Morning at West Lodge Pearl Swimming	Reception Learning Journals - Parents	KS1 & KS2 Maths Workshop for parents' 9am and 6:30am	Y4 Trip – Aladdin Reception Learning Journals - Parents	Ruby Class Assembly

