



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

9th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to a new school year and hope you had an enjoyable summer. As we begin each new academic year there is always a sense of optimism and excitement for the year ahead. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined our school. This year 190 families requested West Lodge as their first choice. Once again we are the most popular school in Harrow!

Included in this letter are: a reminder of the academic year dates for 2016-17 and the revised diary dates for the Autumn term (there are a couple of tweaks from the version sent out in July). We look forward to a busy term ahead with some exciting trips and workshops planned across the curriculum – see the date grid for key dates.

The year has started with each year group exploring the Secrets of Successful Learners – this work will form the corridor displays for the term. The secret each year group is focusing on is as follows: Reception - try new things; Year 1 – concentrate; Year 2- work hard; Year 3 – don't give up; Year 4 – imagine; Year 5 – push yourself and Year 6 – understand others. We are still waiting to hear from Harrow that we have the go-ahead to start building the Celtic Roundhouse – but we are hopeful this project will start before half term.

Jim Dees—Headteacher

Staffing

We welcome some new members of staff this term:

Miss Anna Corby – Purple Classteacher
Miss Rubes Nurmohamed – Turquoise Classteacher
Miss Louise Jennings – Amber Classteacher
Mrs Darshana Vaghela – Aquamarine
Mrs Sonia Gobindlal – Sapphire Classteacher
Mr Andrew Maher – Maths groups across Years 5 & 6
Mrs Sumita Dasgupta – Finance Officer

I have included a reminder of the Leadership Structure, if any parent/carer has questions or requires a meeting relating to their child's well-being, progress or attainment – then you can arrange a meeting with the appropriate leader.

Leadership team

Jim Dees - Headteacher
Jenny Rolnick Deputy Headteacher (Teaching & Learning)
Jayne Grant Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion)
Claire Tester - Assistant Headteacher (EYFS - Reception)
Sarah Cooper - Assistant Headteacher (KS1 – Y1 & 2)
Hilary Haines – Assistant Headteacher (Lower KS2 – Y3 & 4)
Jeremy West – Assistant Headteacher (Upper KS2 – Y5 & 6)
Ian Bennett – Assistant Headteacher (Assessment & Action Research)

Year Group Leaders

Reception: Becki Kerl
Year 1: Reena Rajani
Year 2: Anjna Kambo
Year 3: Nik Kalidas
Year 4: James Went
Year 5: Jeremy West
Year 6: Paula Leigh

School Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back in smart uniform. We ask every Parent/Carer to check that items are clearly named.

PE bags, book bags, back packs and school caps can be purchased from Mrs Dines.

A reminder please—school shoes only—no trainers. Polo shirts are available from Mrs Dines for Reception to Year 2 only.

Attendance

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2. We operate a 'soft start' so the doors open at 8:40am, we encourage children to come in early and maximise all learning opportunities. If your child is absent, please inform the school via the absence line.

FOWLS

Once again, I would like to thank all the hard working members of FOWLS who do so much to support the school. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Namita Bhatia and Ruth Alberici, in particular, who have led the FOWLS team superbly over the last two years – raising over £50,000.

I would like to remind everyone of the new Chair and Treasurer, who were appointed in the Summer Term: Jenny Allsop will be the new Chair of FOWLS and Parvatha Swaminathan the new Treasurer.

Upcoming FOWLS Events:

Friday 7th October – FOWLS Navratri Evening
Saturday 8th October– FOWLS Navratri Afternoon
Friday 21st October – FOWLS Odd Shoe Day – wrap a present for Santa



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Term Dates 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

Term Commences (staff): Thursday 1st September 2016

Term commences (children): Monday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Staff INSET Days: Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Spring Term 2017

Term Commences (Staff): Thursday 5th January 2017

Term Commences (Children): Monday 9th January

Half Term: Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2017

Staff INSET Days: Thursday 5th January 2017

Friday 6th January 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term Commences (staff): Tuesday 18th April 2017

Term Commences (Children): Wednesday 19th April

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017

Term Ends: Friday 21st July 2017

Staff INSET Days: Tuesday 18th April 2017



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West Lodge Date Grid – Autumn Term 2016-17

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 th Aug – 2 nd Sept				Staff Training Day	Staff Training Day Reception home visits
5 th – 9 th Sept	Children return (Y1 – Y6) Reception home visits	Reception home visits	Reception home visits	Reception Pupils start am/pm Y6 Yoga taster – Sapphire & Diamond	
12 th – 16 th Sept	Y5 Swimming Top – up Head Boy & Girl Speeches Y6 Yoga taster - Amethyst	Eid – Al- Adha HT Nower Hill talk to Years 5 & 6		Bentley Wood HT talk to Y6 girls at 2:00pm	Head Boy & Girl announcement Amethyst Class Assembly
19 th – 23 rd Sept Y5 Bikeability Training	Pinner High School HT talk to Y6 Pupils at 2.pm and parents at 2.30pm Y5 Swimming Top - up		Y6 Breakfast Yoga starts (1) JGA Group Session for Parents 9am House & Sports Captains Speeches	Y6 Breakfast Yoga starts (2) Governor Training – Michael Larkin 7:00pm	Diamond Class Assembly
26 th – 30 th Sept Y5 Bikeability Training	Y5 Swimming Top - up	Y3 Trip to Stonehenge Curriculum Evening EYFS/KS1 6:30pm	Curriculum Evening KS2 6:30pm	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	Pearl Swimming	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)
24 th – 28 th Oct	Half Term				

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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	
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
28 th November – 2 nd December	Pearl Swimming		Y6 Ancient Greek Workshop	Y5/6 Gymnastics Full Governing Body meeting 7:30pm	FOWLS Christmas Jumper Day (Cakes, bottles & chocolates) Amber Class Assembly Cluster Carols – Pinner Free Church – Yr 6 9:00am – 11:00am FOWLS Xmas Fair (Sat 3 rd Dec)
5 th – 9 th December	Flu Vaccinations (Year 1, 2 & 3 Children) Pearl Swimming				
12 th – 16 th December	Pearl Swimming Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7pm – Pinner Free Church	Year 2 Production LS Hall 2.00pm	Year 3 Production US Hall 2.00pm	Year 1 Production 9am LS Hall Year 3 Production 7pm US Hall	Christmas lunch Rec – Y2
19 th – 23 rd Dec	Christmas lunch – Y3 – Y6 Pearl Swimming (last one)	Reception Production 9am LS Hall Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto LS – Cinderella US – Emperor’s New Clothes End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm		