

West Lodge Primary School

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Governors' Newsletter Summer 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another excellent academic year at West Lodge, there is much achievement to celebrate, and many people to thank.

Congratulations to all of our staff and pupils who have worked incredibly hard getting to grips with the new curriculum. It's been a challenge that they've all risen to with aplomb and success. The latest assessment results for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are an excellent demonstration of the hard work put in by everyone at West Lodge - placing West Lodge ahead of the game against both the national average and other Harrow schools. Very, very well done.

A massive thank you must also be extended to Mr Dees and Miss Rolnick who, have both excelled in their new roles as Head and Deputy Head, transitioning seamlessly, whilst bringing in exciting new ideas and changes this year and with much more to come. As governors (and parents) we are very fortunate to have such a strong leadership team at West Lodge, led by Mr Dees and Miss Rolnick, allowing the school to flourish in all areas, whilst steering a steady ship and managing a few unexpected surprises, including 2 floods!

This year we also celebrated the opening of Kaleidoscope, our excellent new resource for children with autism situated in the heart of the school. Kaleidoscope reaffirms our commitment to inclusive learning at West Lodge, and all the benefits that inclusion brings to every pupil at West Lodge. A special thank you to Mrs Grant and the Kaleidoscope team who continue to work tirelessly to create a happy, safe and nurturing learning environment for our pupils. Additionally, congratulations are due to Mrs Grant who has been appointed as Deputy Head (Inclusion) from the beginning of September. Although a well-earned and well deserved recognition for Mrs Grant, the new position also strengthens West Lodge as a whole.

West Lodge has earned itself a few more awards this year - a Healthy Schools Silver Award (the first school in Harrow to achieve this award), a School Games Gold Award and an Investors in People Award. All excellent commendations - well done all!

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to the Friends of West Lodge (FOWLS) committee for organising some brilliant fundraising events this year: discos, fetes, cake sales, a football tournament and a Hoedown to name but a few. Their continued commitment and support makes a big difference to our school, allowing us to have both classroom and playground equipment that we would otherwise not be able to afford. Thank you to the whole FOWLS committee and especially to Ruth Alberici and Namita Bhatia who will be handing over their respective roles of treasurer and chair to Parvatha Swaminathan and Jenny Allsop next term - we look forward to another great year of fun fundraising.

Lastly, the governing body will be seeking a couple of new recruits in the Autumn Term as Ishbel Horsley, Tanya Jerrom and Julie Bliss leave us after many years of valued service, thank you! We're a friendly bunch and we'd love to hear from you if you are interested in finding out more about what is involved and what the role of Governor actually means. It's a great opportunity for you to help support our school as it grows from strength to strength, I can speak for all the governors when I say we find it an incredibly rewarding role.

I trust you will all have an excellent (and ideally warm) summer break!

Kind regards

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