



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The reception children produced wonderful nativity performances this week – well done to all the children and staff! The performances have been professionally filmed and will be available to view on our private YouTube channel later next week. We also enjoyed the first of our Key Stage 1 outdoor Carol Concerts this week – well done to Red Class for a great performance! Please remember that if you are coming to watch any of the Year 1 or remaining Year 2 performances this week to ensure that you have tested negative on a lateral flow test on the day of the performance and please remember to wear a face covering. We ask everyone to continue to be vigilant and cautious during the last week of term: please wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up. Also, if your child does develop symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure that they self-isolate and take a PCR test. Next Friday is the last day of term. Finish times are as follows: Reception 1:10pm; KS1 – 1:15pm; LKS2 – 1:20pm and UKS2 1:30pm. Term begins again on Tuesday 4th January.



This week the children in Crystal class we have been learning about money. First, we learnt about all the different UK coins and denominations. Then, we applied this new knowledge in our classroom's festive toy shop by pretending to buy different priced items. Kai, Alex and Ayaan are checking that they have the correct change. Children have been exploring old photos – the history topic teaches us about the world, our country, our town and our community and how these came to be what they are today. The children in Reception have been doing lots of Christmas maths activities this week and are developing their subitising skills – this means to instantaneously recognise a number of objects in a small group without counting them individually – this helps to deepen children's understanding of number and to form a foundation for remembering number bonds.

Safeguarding Update

Bots are computer-generated accounts which sit on social media, masquerading as humans. While many are harmless or even have good intentions, others are designed to extort, sell products, spread propaganda or bully human users. Here is a guide for parents from National Online Safety. [What Parents Need to Know about Social Bots](#)

Sustainable Living Tip

Did you know that during the festive season each person, on average, produces an additional 635kg of CO₂? Luckily there are many ways we can reduce our carbon footprint this Christmas:

1. Get a real tree. Real Christmas trees have a carbon footprint that is 10 times lower than fake ones.
2. Reuse baubles or use plastic free decorations such as dried citrus slices, cinnamon sticks and gingerbread biscuits.
3. If you're looking for new lighting, consider LED. LED lights produce zero toxic elements and are up to 80% more efficient.
4. Send e-cards instead of paper cards.

Bags in School

A reminder that – as we outlined in the [Visual Summary](#) document - children should not be bringing large bags into school. The West Lodge school bag can be used or a drawstring bag – these items will take up less space as we have limited storage capacity.

Road Safety

Please remember to continue using the zebra crossing at drop-off and pick-up. We talk regularly to the children about different ways to stay safe – this includes how to cross the road safely. Please continue to support us with this.

Well-being Tip - Today is a gift

'Winding down for Christmas' is not a phrase that is often used here at West Lodge! It's a hectic time of the year for all and it's good to remind ourselves to find space in our day to still your mind, relax and be calm in the moment.

'Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present' - Bil Keane

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 th – 17 th Dec	Year 1 Nativity Pink Class 9:15am Y5/6 Carol Concert Purple Class Carol Concert 2:30 – 3:00 pm	Year 1 Nativity Orange Class 9:15am Green Class Carol Concert 2:30 – 3:00 pm	Year 1 Nativity Blue Class 9:15am Christmas lunch – All classes Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto – 9:15am Wind in the Willows – Wizard Theatre – virtual performance beamed into classrooms FOWLS Christmas Quiz	Christmas Raffle Assembly End of Term – Reception finish at 1:10pm Y1 & Y2 finish at 1:15pm Y3 & Y4 finish at 1:20pm Y5 & Y6 finish at 1:30pm

