



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another enjoyable week at West Lodge – with an MP visit, nativity rehearsals and lots of active learning across the school!



On Monday, our local MP, David Simmonds, came to West Lodge to see how the school is developing children as leaders and to gain a better understanding of the school's commitment towards the UN's Sustainability Development Goals. As part of the visit, David Simmonds had separate meetings with all the school councillors in each phase, where he explained his role and was also quizzed by the children on his commitment to climate change. David Simmonds tweeted later that day, commenting on how inspired he was on the children's engagement and commitment to climate change and how much he enjoyed the flapjacks made by Diane our chef!



In Year 2 the children did some 'Couch to 5k' training, as well as some Blue Peter challenge activities to earn a Blue Peter Badge. Y6 have been learning how to recognise the different features and colours of animals in their recent Spanish lessons – the children made short Spanish presentations. There has been some creative and inventive play with the OPAL loose parts this week: children in Y3 built their own house and a tennis ball chute! In Reception, children have been busy preparing for their Christmas performance. They have also been role playing the story of the Nativity in the classroom. Thank you to Emily, Dhruv, Shrimukund and Anassa for doing a great job decorating our Christmas tree. Year 2 have been very creative this week – creating some excellent puppets, inspired by the recent puppet show – it was lots of fun! Turquoise class had lots of fun exploring the properties of 3D shapes.



Vision Checks - The school nurses will be coming in to school to do vision checks with our Reception children on Wed 8th December.

Punctuality Please can I remind you that children should arrive to school on time – please remember to stick to your start time: Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 – 8:35 – 8:45am; Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 – 8:45 – 8:55am. It is vital that children arrive on time, so they are able to access the learning which begins promptly. Additionally, where possible, please arrange dentist/doctor appointments for after school or during half-term breaks or school holiday periods.

SEND Information - Please see the attached flyer from the Harrow SENDIAS Group regarding their Festive gathering for parents/carers - [Parents and Carers Festive Coffee Morning 07-12-21](#) . Also, here is the **latest newsletter from HAD - Harrow Association of Disabled People** – which showcases the amazing work they do – they recently did a powerful presentation to our SEND Parent Partnership: [HAD Junior Club Newsletter 2021](#) . If you want to find out more about HAD – here is the website link <https://www.had.org.uk/>

Safeguarding Update – it can be difficult navigating the rapidly changing online world and children can innocently run into inappropriate content online – here is a useful guide for parents and carers which contains some excellent advice: [What Parents Need to Know about Age-Inappropriate Content](#)

Sustainable Living Tip - Be mindful when buying cards and wrapping paper this festive season. Christmas cards and wrapping paper with glitter, foil or 3D images **cannot** be recycled. These contaminate the waste stream and must be disposed of through your household bin – let's aim for a more sustainable Christmas!

Well-being Tip - Be kind to yourself this Christmas!

With another festive season nearly upon us with its own set of demands, look after yourself, don't take on too much and remember it's ok to say no! Try to be honest with people if you're not feeling up to getting involved in everything. Don't be afraid to cancel plans if you aren't in the mood. Sometimes you need to put yourself first. *"To be a good parent, you need to take care of yourself so that you can have the physical and emotional energy to take care of your family."* Michelle Obama.

Have a lovely weekend, Jim Dees

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th – 10 th Dec	Drop-in sessions for parents of adopted children with Dr Malik 9-12pm Purple Class Christingles	Parents' tour FOWLS Elf Workshop	Green Class Christingles	Y5/6 Gymnastics Finals Reception Nativity Red Class Carol Concert 2:30 – 3:00pm	Ruby Class Assembly Year 5 YSC: Romeo and Juliet Workshop in school
13 th – 17 th Dec	Year 1 Nativity Pink Class 9:15am Christmas lunch Rec – Y1 Y5/6 Carol Concert Purple Class Carol Concert 2:30 – 3:00 pm	Year 1 Nativity Orange Class 9:15am Parents' tour Christmas lunch – Y2/3 Green Class Carol Concert 2:30 – 3:00 pm	Year 1 Nativity Blue Class 9:15am Christmas lunch – Y4/5/6 Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto – 9:15am Wind in the Willows – Wizard Theatre 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

