



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

19th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. We have had another enjoyable week at West Lodge. Thank you for all your support with our **Children in Need 2021** collections – we had an incredible response for the bake sale – there was a huge selection of tasty and creatively designed baked goods. The total amount raised from the bake sale was £983.82 and the amount raised for mufti day along with online donations was £1,017.48, giving a **grand total of £2,001.30**. An incredible achievement – thank you for your support.

Road Safety

I would like to thank you for supporting the school in keeping everyone safe during the time of drop-off and pick-up. The vast majority of children and parents use the zebra crossing safely – but I would like to remind everyone to adhere to this. Three key points:

- 1) **Only cross West End Lane at the zebra crossing.**
- 2) **Always stop and wait at the dropped curb** – wait until you are told it is safe to cross by Safiya our school crossing patroller.
- 3) **Walk straight across – don't cut corners or approach at an angle** (this can cause you to appear from a driver's 'blind spot' – which is very dangerous).

I would also like to remind parents that we encourage everyone to adhere to the three core principles of our school travel plan:

- 1) *encourage an active lifestyle;*
- 2) *improve safety for pupils on the school journey;*
- 3) *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. If you live far enough away to need transport, then please remember:

- *Under no circumstances stop or park on the yellow zig-zag markings, or the white zig-zag markings.*
- *Park in a safe place away from the school and walk to school for the remainder of your journey.*
- *Avoid driving into Dickson Fold – this can become very congested and become dangerous.*



This week's pictures show: Year 5 enjoying the Cake Sale. Some kind messages Purple Class have written to each other during anti-bullying week. The children in Reception learnt about oral health in a fun workshop delivered by the community nursing team. Each child received a pack with a toothbrush, toothpaste and a sand timer to take home.

Anti-Bullying Week

Classes across the school have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week this week. The theme this year has been 'One Kind Word' – and how the impact of one kind word can change someone's whole day – and also how one kind word leads to another – sending ripples throughout the world. We will continue to help to support children to feel safe in all areas of school life. Next week, classes will focus on learning about the importance of respecting each other's privacy. Here is a link to the [Bullying Prevention Presentation](#) which was shared at the parents' forum - this has been updated following input from parents who attended. Our latest **Safeguarding Update** poster from National Online Safety is linked to the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 'One Kind Word' – here is the link: [10 Ways to Share Kindness Online](#)

Flu Nasal Spray - Reminder

If for any reason your child missed the opportunity in school for the flu nasal spray on 10th November 2021, the Harrow Immunisation Team will be holding catch-up clinics for the next four Saturdays at the Alexandra Avenue Health Centre, 275 Alexandra Avenue, HA2 9DX **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call them for further information on 020 8102 6333.

Sustainable Living Tip

Wise words from Greta Thunberg following COP26 - *"The people in power don't need conferences, treaties, or agreements to start taking real climate action. They can start today. When enough people come together, then change will come and we can achieve almost anything. So instead of looking for hope - start creating it. Now the real work begins and we will never give up."*

Well-being Tip - Charity begins at home ... but should not end there!

Giving, in all its forms, not only benefits those you help, but also instils feelings of improved well-being. Studies have shown that giving is beneficial for combating stress, depression and anxiety and also serves to keep you mentally stimulated, improve your self-confidence and provide you with a sense of purpose. It's Children In Need today, so just like the children who baked for our cake sale, why not take part in a charitable act to boost your feeling of wellbeing?

"It's not how much we give, it's how much love we put into giving" - Mother Teresa

Please note the **KS1 and KS2 English workshops are now on Thursday 2nd December** – these will be at **9:30am for KS1 and 2:00pm for KS2**, both sessions will be on Zoom and will be recorded.

Have a lovely weekend,
Jim Dees

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 rd – 26 th Nov	Individual and Sibling school photographs	Yr 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp Reception Learning Journals – Parents 8:15 – 9:00am		Parents' tour Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm	Aquamarine Class Assembly FOWLS Donation Day – Crazy Hair Day
29 th - 3 rd Dec		Governors' Morning & Full Board of Governors		KS1 & KS2 English Parents' Workshop Parents' tour Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Union) Pinner Pantomime	FOWLS Donation Day - Christmas Colours
					Saturday 4th Dec FOWLS Christmas Fair
6 th – 10 th Dec	Drop-in sessions for parents of adopted children with Dr Malik 9-12pm	Parents' tour FOWLS Elf Workshop	Y6 Ancient Greek Workshops 1:30pm US Hall	Y5/6 Gymnastics Finals Reception Nativity	Ruby Class Assembly Year 5 YSC: Romeo and Juliet Workshop in school Year 2 Christingles & Christmas Concert at Pinner Methodist Church Y5/6 Carol Concert
13 th – 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch Rec – Y1	Year 1 Nativity Christmas lunch – Y2/3 Parents' tour	Christmas lunch – Y4/5/6 Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto – 9:15am LS – Christmas with Dickens! Globe Players US – 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