



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been an exciting first week back at West Lodge – and, as always, wonderful to have the school full with laughter and learning. We outlined our [West Lodge September 2021 Plans](#) last week – we will keep this under constant review, we will continue to be transparent with our communication and we will keep you updated and informed with regards to any changes.

COVID Protocol

Here is a reminder of the key documents that outline our COVID Protocol. A visual summary of the September 2021 plans can be found here: [Visual Summary of September 2021 Plans](#). Our COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan can be found here: [COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan Sept 21](#). The [Covid-19 Protocol Flowchart for Parents](#) has been updated – click the link to see the steps to follow if your child develops symptoms. We are still wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up – please continue to support this.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The 17 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are the world's best plan to build a better world for people and our planet by 2030. Adopted by all **United Nations** Member States in 2015, the SDGs are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the environment.

	Sustainable Goals
Reception	Responsible Consumption and Production
Year 1	Life on Land
Year 2	Life Below Water
Year 3	Climate Action
Year 4	Good Health & Well Being
Year 5	Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
Year 6	Reduced Inequalities, Including Gender Equality

Understanding and learning about the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** continues to be a key priority for us this year. There are 17 goals in total. Although we will touch on most of these goals, our focus is on the 7 we have chosen – one for each year group (see opposite). Sustainability is a core theme for us this year as we strive to ensure that West Lodge becomes a more sustainable community and that the children of West Lodge grow up with the knowledge and habits to build a sustainable future for the world.

Y6 homework on their SDG – Gender Equality



Year 1 have been making some excellent portraits; Year 5 enacting a freeze frame linked to Street Child; Year 4 performing a rap; Year 2 getting creative and some of the Year 6 SDG homework creations!

Healthy School

Reminder - children are not allowed to bring sweets, chocolates or edible treats into school to share with their friends for birthdays and other celebrations. This policy is in place due to the increasing number of children having specific dietary requirements and food allergies and is in line with our Healthy School status. Donating a reading book to the class or school library is a great way to give a gift to the class and aligns with our strong reading culture.

Road Safety – a few reminders to keep us all safe

Please help us to keep children safe by walking to school if you are able to or by parking a safe distance away in order to reduce the congestion near to the school. If you need to drive to school, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not obstruct driveways. Please do not drive into Dickson Fold to turn your car around – this is very dangerous when there are children around. Please be reminded that there is no stopping on the zig-zag lines before or after school. This is illegal and unsafe. Also, when crossing West End Lane – please ensure you use the Zebra crossing.

Wellbeing Tip - Acknowledge & Support 'separation anxiety'

For many of our children, returning to school after the summer, particularly after a very strange year in and out of lockdown, may be a huge source of anxiety. Whilst they have feelings of excitement, they may also be very reluctant to leave the safety and security of home and family and leave you behind. It is important not to ignore these feelings, but encourage your children to be able to label them and talk about them. If you are experiencing this with your child, remember neither they nor you are alone with these feelings, and there is a lot of support available in school for both you and your children, so do have a chat with the class teacher. There are also a number of useful websites with some top tips on dealing with separation anxiety in our children: 1) [Separation Anxiety Tips for Parents](#); 2) [Managing Children's Fears around Returning to School](#); 3) [Back to School Anxiety](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

Autumn 1 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 th – 17 th Sept	Head Boy & Girl Speeches	Parents' Tour	Yom Kippur	HT Nower Hill talk to Y6 2:30pm	Head Boy & Girl Assembly Governors SIP Review 9:30am Parents' Forum (Thinking about Secondary School) 2:00pm
20 th – 24 th Sept	Sports & House Captains' Speeches	Parents' Tour KS1 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm	Orchestra starts EYFS & KS2 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm All Reception children in full days	Harrow Fun Run Pinner High School HT talk to children 2:30pm	Harrow Fun Run
					Sapphire Class Assembly FOWLS Autumn Soiree
					Saturday 25th September Community Gardening Day
27 th Sept – 1 st Oct	Sewa Week ECO School project begins	Parents' Tour Emerald Class (2020-21 cohort) trip to Gordon Brown Centre		Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	Aquamarine Class Assembly Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) 2:00pm
4 th – 8 th Oct	Sewa Week Early Reading Session for Rec & Y1 - parents –9:00am & 2:00pm	Parents' Virtual Tour	Y5 Chiltern Open Air Trip Y2 Southend Trip	Census Day Y6 Residential Information Session for Parents (Zoom) Quality and Standards Committee 7:00pm	Diamond Class Assembly
11 th – 15 th Oct		Harvest Celebrations		Parents' Tour Just One Tree Day – fundraiser, dress in tree colours Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	FOWLS Donation Day – Crazy Hair Day RM Pay Committee 9:30am Amethyst Class Assembly
18 th – 22 nd	Yr1 Bracknell Discovery Centre		Parents' Tour Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm RMC Committee 7:00pm	Staff Inset Day
25 th – 29 th Oct	Half-term				