



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

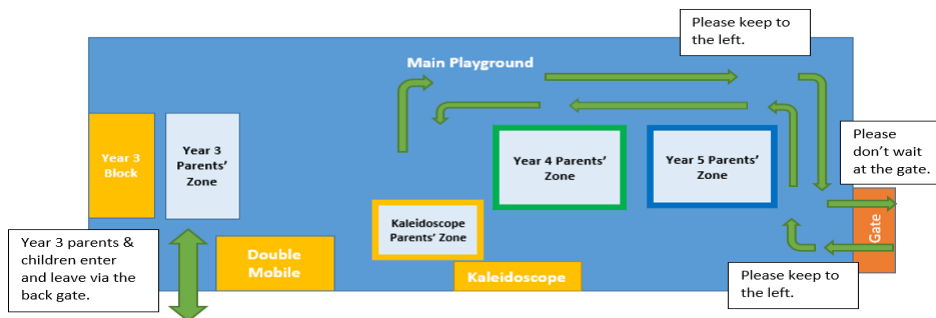
Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been a hugely enjoyable week with all the children back in school – bouncing into school with beaming smiles the children have lit up the corridors, classrooms and playgrounds this week. They have settled in really well – it has felt almost seamless. We have carried out some pupil conversations during the week to get feedback on their experience of remote learning, their feeling about being back in school and aspects of remote learning that they would like to keep hold of as we move forward. One theme that came through strongly was the sense of continuity with their learning – one quote from a child that illustrated this was: 'it feels like we never left, because we never stopped working.'

Thank you for taking time to complete the parent survey – 99% of parents who responded felt they have a good understanding of our risk assessment and protective measures and 100% of parents felt they understood the COVID protocols that we have outlined. If you are unsure about either of these aspects - all of the relevant information can be found on the school website: [COVID - Key Documents and Protocol](#). One area that I feel I haven't articulated quite as clearly as I would have hoped is the collection of children in Year 4 and Year 5. We have created specific zones for parents of children in these year groups to wait – see plan below – We have deliberately made these as large as possible to support physical distancing. The zones are marked out by cones (blue for Year 5 and green for Year 4), please wait inside the cones and leave the area for walking, marked on the plan with the green arrows, clear for parents to walk to and from zones.

It continues to be really important to maintain vigilance – there have been cases locally this week where schools have had to close bubbles. We are fully open as a school but the country is still in lockdown – let's keep working together to keep our community safe.



The pictures above show the sculptures created by the children in Kaleidoscope and the Year 5 – who have been working on an exciting project with a resident artist from CREATE – exploring different climates, indigenous cultures and endangered species. We also have Aarvi and Zara from Reception enjoying some cuddles with the guinea pigs: Blondie and Pippy. Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Polar Day this week – where they were guided through the challenges of being a Polar Explorer by author and adventurer Matt Dickinson. The children produced some inspired writing.

Well-being Tip of the Week - Do Something for Yourself

From enjoying your favourite hobby, learning something new or simply taking time to relax, it's important to do things that make you happy. Try a new hobby or skill - Setting goals and learning new skills can be a great way to meet people, build your self-esteem and feel a sense of achievement.

'Look after yourself, you can't pour from an empty cup'

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Jim Dees

