



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We are all very excited to be welcoming all the pupils back to school on Monday 8th March. We have been so impressed with how they have engaged with remote learning and our aim is maintain the continuity of learning by re-establishing routines immediately and cracking on with the curriculum. Our focus for the month of March and as we return to school is **Spring into Health** – aiming to work hard to inspire healthy lifestyles within the whole community – healthy mind, healthy body, healthy spirit, healthy world. In order to achieve this we will: keep a strong sense of continuity with the learning; create opportunities for the children to reflect and talk about their experiences; support the children rebuilding connections and relationships; think carefully about all aspects of healthy lifestyles and think about how we can spend time with nature. As a community we will continue to build forward together! **Our launch event – organised by FOWLS is scheduled for 2pm on Monday 1st March - [Spring into Health - Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles](#) .**

The key documents outlining our plans for the return of all pupils on the 8th March can be located here: [Return of all Pupils - March 2021 - Key Documents](#) . The link for the recording of the presentation is [Plans for the Return of all Pupils - March 2021](#) Passcode: A*+Me^83



The pictures above show some of the children's recent learning: Katie created her own rocket after listening to the story Whatever Next? Dhiyan's reading den; Lily and Shayan created their own books; Amara and Arran in their reading den; Felix and his wonderful solar system; the Y4 key worker group planting wildflower seeds in the raised bed on the school field.

Spring into Health

As part of our Spring into Health theme – the children have embarked on a planting programme. Firstly, they have been planting seed bombs with wildflower seeds in the two beds next to the Roundhouse. We talked about hope and growth and about creating a colourful flower display to make people smile. We are hoping to see the first flowers in June. We have also embarked on extending our school orchard – Mrs Aldrich has started this week working with Y2 and Reception to plant two new apple trees.



Ventilation & Filtration

Mitigating against airborne or aerosol transmission continues to be of vital importance. Effective ventilation and air filtration continue to be crucial protective measures to help us reduce this risk. This week, as part of reviewing our risk assessment for the March return, we re-appraised our filtration capacity. Having identified more vulnerable spaces across the school we have decided to purchase more portable air filtration units – these will offer greater protection to a wider variety of spaces across the school. In addition to the current units (covering all classrooms, the ICT Suite and shared office spaces) we will now be placing units in the dining room, the halls, the music room, intervention spaces, staffroom spaces and small office spaces. We are very grateful for the advice and generous support of Mr Rollason and to FOWLS for continuing to support this initiative.

Schools are fully opening, but we are still in lockdown

Schools may be opening fully on 8th March, however the country will still be in lockdown. The details of the roadmap out of lockdown can be found via the following link [Gov.uk - Roadmap out of Lockdown](#) . A visual summary of the roadmap is available on the presentation I shared yesterday (link above). It is vital that we continue to follow the public health guidance – **please remember to avoid congregating at the school gate or meeting up in the park after school**. We all want to avoid schools closing again in the future – one way we can help to ensure this happens is by continuing to follow the public health guidance.

Well-being Tip of the Week

With sunshine and highs of a 'scorching' 12 tomorrow, get outside for your daily allowance and enjoy the sunshine. Nature trails aren't just for kids, take a list of things to look out for on your walk to immerse your mind in the outdoors. Or, if you have a garden, get it ready for spring or do some planting with the children.

A Peace Haiku

Stop the arguing
Peace enlightens spirits wide
Never give up hope
Meera (Topaz Class)

We are very grateful for all your continued support – thank you. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Jim Dees

