



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

4th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have enjoyed a busy, hard-working week at West Lodge – with the children continuing to make progress across the curriculum, whilst also preparing for the Christmas fun that awaits over the coming weeks. Rehearsals for the Nativity shows in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are in full swing – all taking place within class bubbles. The filming of the final performances will take place on Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th December. These will be available to view during the week of 14th December – the exact date of the viewings will be confirmed next week. There will also be an option to buy a copy – more information to follow. Thank you to Anup Parmar who is organising this for us. Since Tuesday we have been enjoying our very own virtual West Lodge Advent calendar. Each class is preparing their own unique Christmas message in creative ways. So far we have enjoyed Aquamarine, Ruby, Pink and Orange – each day all the classes across the school watch the new Christmas message from – the next few days will be Emerald, Gold and Amber.



Christmas Eve Pyjamas

Thank you for your support with the Christmas Eve Pyjamas initiative organised by Hilary Ford (Y6 parent). We received a total of 60 pairs of pyjamas – a fabulous effort (see the display in the photo opposite). These will be distributed to local children in need via Harrow Children's Services, a local women's refuge and a local family-support charity, Hillingdon HomeStart.

Just One Tree Day

We have received a certificate for taking part in One Tree Day – see opposite. A total of 537 trees will be planted as a result of the support of the West Lodge families. Thank you to Mrs Aldrich for organising this initiative.



Governors' Morning

The West Lodge Board of Governors carried out a virtual visit to the school on Wednesday morning. This started with the governors joining the assembly – where the children learned about the role that the governors play at school and the links with democracy. The rest of the morning involved meeting with members of the leadership team, a cross-section of the staff team and two different pupil groups. Throughout the morning they explored the school's approach to the recovery curriculum and the management of our return to school. We would like to thank the board of governors for their continued support.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 7th December – Donation Day - bottled drinks (soft or alcoholic drinks), tinned food (especially requested by St Luke's), and store cupboard foods (chocolates, biscuits, crackers, jam, treats).

Wednesday 9th December & Thursday 10th December – Filming of Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity shows

Friday 11th December – A Merry FOWLS Christmas – Elf Workshop & Christmas Jumper Day - The children can wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas colours.

Friday 11th December – Christmas Panto for Kaleidoscope & Reception

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunches

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Panto – A Christmas with Dickens (The Globe Players)

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

