



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. I would like to start by thanking FOWLS for the organisation of the Light Festival – an incredible £2530 was raised contributing towards the purchase of the portable air filtration units. It was a wonderful event! Thank you to Mrs Richmond for co-ordinating all the work in school and to the pupils and school staff who worked so hard and creatively to create all of the items for the trail. Here is the video of the trail created by the FOWLS team. [Festival of Light Trail](#)

Key COVID Updates

The current restrictions will end next week and the government's new tier system will come into effect on Wednesday 2nd December. More details of the tier 2 restrictions can be found here. [Gov.uk - Local Restriction Tiers Explained](#). A more visual summary of the restrictions can be found via this link [Tier Restrictions Dec 2020 - Summary](#). The summary published by London City Hall can be found here [London City Hall Summary of Tier 2 & Christmas Bubble](#) – this also includes details of the arrangements for the Christmas period and the guidance on forming a Christmas bubble between 23rd and 27th December.

I wrote to you earlier this week regarding the changes to our advice regarding COVID 19 symptoms. This was based on advice from the health protection team at the London Coronavirus Response Cell who explained that due to our local context and what we had noticed regarding the types of symptoms within confirmed cases at West Lodge it was advisable to suggest getting a COVID19 test for these symptoms as well – namely an upset stomach (nausea/diarrhoea). Please see the letter for more detailed guidance [Letter - 24-11-2020](#).

FOWLS – A Merry FOWLS Christmas

As we mentioned in a previous bulletin FOWLS are organising a special Christmas themed day for the children on Friday 11th June (more details will be sent out by FOWLS early next week). One of the events will be for the children to take part in Elf Workshops – during these workshops the children will make cards, record messages and wrap presents for various different local charities to help spread some Christmas cheer. For this reason, the focus of our next round of donations will be in support of this initiative. We have two days for the donations: **Friday 4th December** - bottled drinks (alcoholic / non-alcoholic), chocolates, packed biscuits / cakes, crisps (For hampers) – this will be a **crazy hair day** and **Monday 7th December** - new toys, books, games for children; toiletries, books and socks for Adults; small boxes / shoe boxes. Any gifts/hampers that involve alcoholic drinks will be made up by adults.

Harrow Go Green 2021

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Harrow Go Green 2021 launches in November 2020. It is a *competition to raise awareness of, and enhance the borough's biodiversity*. **Harrow Go Green 2021** aims to inform and educate borough's residents, children and businesses about the importance of biodiversity. The hope is that it will encourage activity which will help to improve biodiversity and our own environment. Harrow Council is working with the newly formed Harrow Biodiversity and Environment to deliver the competition. You can enter the competition as a family and help make a difference in Harrow and raise awareness about enhancing biodiversity. You don't have to completely re-design your garden - even small projects make a massive difference - whether it's a clever way of managing rainwater in the garden, creating shelter and habitats, or plantings designed to encourage local wildlife. Please visit the website to get full details and register.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 1st December - 1.45pm - 2.45pm **SEND Parents Forum** – we have two external speakers attending to talk through the service they provide to the school and the support they provide for the children: - **Victoria Walker (Speech and Language Therapist)** and **Jane Bevan Cotton (Autism Advisory Teacher)**. The session will be on Zoom.

Wednesday 2nd December – Governors' Morning – The governors' will be meeting members of staff and pupils (virtually).

Friday 4th December – Crazy Hair Day - Donation Day - bottled drinks (alcoholic / non-alcoholic), chocolates, packed biscuits / cakes, crisps (For hampers)

Monday 7th December – Donation Day - new toys, books, games for children; toiletries, books and socks for Adults; small boxes / shoe boxes. Any gifts/hampers that involve alcoholic drinks

Friday 11th December – A Merry FOWLS Christmas – The children can wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas colours – they will take part in a range of Christmas themed activities during the day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

