



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. The children have been working hard this week and the school has been filled with joyful endeavour. This week our new Digital Leaders were appointed, as well as some Digital Innovators. Congratulations to the following children who have been appointed, Sapphire – Tia, Daisy, Adam, Zac, Reuben, Simeon, Avyaan, Arya; Amethyst – Atharva, Vivaan, Kiaan, Pranav; Diamond – Julia, Sara and Fraser.

COVID Update

As I have mentioned in the weekly update the week before last we have experienced a few confirmed positive cases linked to the school community. Since then, we have had two more positive cases linked to the community. At present we have not experienced any confirmed cases with staff or children at the school. On each occasion of a confirmed case linked to our community we have followed our protocol and called the PHE/DfE COVID Helpline to take guidance. Apart from ensuring that household members self-isolate, no further action has been required. If we do have a positive case involving a pupil or staff member we will carry out a 'close contact' risk assessment with PHE, on the completion of this risk assessment pupils and staff members deemed a 'close contact' will be sent home to self-isolate. At this point we will inform parents/carers as laid out in our [Return to School Plan](#). Please remember that if there is a positive case within your household you must inform the school immediately. A reminder that all of the [COVID Protocol](#) documents can be found on the school website. We have also been asked to send the following letter from Carole Furlong, Director of Public Health, Harrow out to all parents [COVID-19 and Seasonal Colds](#).

FOWLS

The FOWLS team have been working hard to come up with innovative ideas to raise funds for the school in such challenging times. The first event for this year has been scheduled for Sunday 18th October – Navratri on Zoom! This year Navratri will be celebrated on Zoom – you can learn some fantastic dance moves on this season's favourite song "Chogada" especially choreographed by the dynamic Poonam! Please visit [PTA Events - FOWLS](#) for more details and to book tickets.

SEND Parent Partnership

Our SEND Parent Partnership group has been running since January 2020. We have a very keen group of parents who are passionate about strengthening partnership with the school and providing a supportive network for parents of children with additional needs. The group aims to provide a relaxed and supportive atmosphere for parents to chat with other parent/carers of children with SEND. Regular opportunities to meet with the group are organised – please email wl.send.parents@hotmail.com for more information. The year group reps meet half-termly with the school leadership team where we look at key documents and discuss ways to improve the experience at school for pupils with additional needs.

It is important to note that the SEND Parent Partnership is not a conduit between school and families – parents of children with additional needs should contact the school directly send@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk with any queries of concerns related to SEND. The key SEND contacts at school are: **Deputy Head for Inclusion – Kathy-Ann McClean; Assistant Head and SENCO – Hilary Haines; Pastoral Lead – Caroline Kinsella; Governors with responsibility for Inclusion – Jessel Patel and Reena Anand**

The **West Lodge SEND Parent Partnership Year Group Representatives** are: Reception – Angela Arora; Year 1 – Vacancy; Year 2 - Agnieszka Piatkowska; Year 3 - Reena Anand; Year 4 - Shikha Tiwari; Year 5 - Sushmita Meredith; Year 6 – Vacancy; Kaleidoscope - Guinevere Moffett. As you can see we currently have two vacancies: in Year 1 and Year 6. Please contact the school at send@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk, if you would like to be a rep for Year 1 or Year 6.

Reminder Regarding Pick-up and Drop-off

We are incredibly grateful to the whole community for being so co-operative with all the measures we have put in place – please can I remind you that it is really important to stick to the timings to ensure we are reducing the number of adults in one place at any one time as much as possible. Also, if you do have anything that you would like to talk to the teacher about please email the school at office@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk rather than engaging in long conversations at the classroom door – once again this is important to ensure that we do our very best to reduce the number of close contacts that we have.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday – Return to Roar – episode 10 (5:30pm) **Wednesday** – Weekly Update – PHE Update & Remote Learning Update (2:00pm); **Thursday** – Return to Roar – episode 11 (5:30pm); **Friday** Just One Tree Day (non-uniform day – green or autumnal colours); Amber Class Assembly (a recording will be shared with the parents of Amber Class). Zoom links for each of the events listed will be sent out on the day of each event, each session will also be recorded, with the recording sent to all parents.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

Autumn 1 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 th – 16 th Oct			Parents' Virtual Tour	SIP Visit	RM Pay Committee 9:30am Amber Class Assembly
19 th – 23 rd		Parents Consultations 4:00 – 6:00pm	No CPD – Parents' Consultations Parents Consultations 4:00 – 6:00pm	RMC Committee 7pm Parents Consultations 4:00 – 6:00pm	Staff Inset Day
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half-term				