



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been another enjoyable week at West Lodge, the children have been working hard and have adapted so well to the new routines. Congratulations to our new Sports Captains – the candidates all recorded their speeches on Zoom and these were then played to the classrooms across the Key Stage 2, the children then voted for their chosen candidate. The following children have been voted into post. **Lancaster:** Lilli Alexander and Leighton Elliott; **Stuart:** Sophie Malhotra and Niam Morjaria; **York:** Honey Aldrich and Leo Walter; **Tudor:** Maya Parmar and Ben Waller. Thank you to Mr West for co-ordinating and organising this. Next week we will use the same process to appoint House Captains.

As we stated in the [Home - School Agreement](#) it is the responsibility of all parents to read all communications from school. We will ensure that communication is regular, clear, up to date and supportive. In the update letter that I sent on Monday I reminded everyone regarding the protocol of isolating if **one** or more of the COVID-19 [symptoms](#) are present. In this situation all household members will need to self-isolate and you will need to book a test for your child immediately. Please remember that this applies to all household members – if a household member is symptomatic: persistent cough **or** high temperature **or** a loss of taste or smell, then the household should self-isolate. **May I remind you that this applies to just one of the symptoms being present, not necessarily all of them.** A reminder that all of the COVID Protocol documents and the Return to School booklet can be found on the website; here is the link [Website - COVID Protocol Documents](#).

This is a challenge for all of us, however it is vital that we follow this protocol to keep our community safe. We really appreciate how co-operative and supportive you have all been in this regard since the beginning of term. There are signs that the testing system seems to be improving and so hopefully the time taken to get a test and receive results will be much quicker as we move forward.

Thank you for continuing to support our policy of wearing face coverings at drop-off and pick up. The following article in the Telegraph is a powerful read and illustrates the importance of wearing face coverings. The information is still at a theoretical stage, but it makes sense. [Telegraph - Research Face Masks Immunity](#). We are undergoing a cultural mindset shift - but when we adopt the mindset that: I am wearing a face covering to protect others and others are wearing face coverings to protect me; it all makes so much sense. Year 3 have articulated this so well with their new display (see below).



Here is the link to the new NHS app - you may have downloaded and signed up already, but I would recommend that everyone does this - the more we track as a community the better. <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/> We have also registered the school as a venue and we will be placing the QR code posters in the lobby area for all visitors. This will complement the systems we have in place to support track and trace if required.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday – Return to Roar – episode 4 (5:30pm) **Wednesday** – Weekly Update - Sharing an update from Public Health Harrow (2:00pm); **Thursday** – Return to Roar – episode 5 (5:30pm); **Friday** – Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) (2:00pm).

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. The remaining dates for this half-term can be found on page 2 of this bulletin.

The following Twitter thread below from Dr Aisha Ahmad is a very powerful read and with some sage advice for us all during this challenging time. <https://twitter.com/ProfAishaAhmad/status/1307697965260328961?s=03>

I regularly reflect on how fortunate we are to have such a supportive, collaborative community. It is very easy to feel like Frodo in the following quote, however it is important to follow Gandalf's advice. "I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

As we travel this path together over the coming months we must continue to hold onto the strength of community that we have, support each other, focus on what we can control and keep choosing hope, courage and optimism.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

Autumn 1 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 th Sept – 2 nd Oct	Yom Kippur Sewa Week Assembly	Parents' Virtual Tour	House Captains' Speeches Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	Census Day Digital Leader Assembly	Aquamarine Class Assembly Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) 2:00pm
5 th – 9 th Oct		Parents' Virtual Tour Early Reading Session for Rec & Y1 - parents –9:00am & 2:00pm	Digital Leader Interviews Quality and Standards Committee 7pm		Emerald Class Assembly
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				