



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have enjoyed another busy week at West Lodge – as I mentioned last week the children have really enjoyed being back at school and have adapted really well to all the new systems and routines.



Here are a couple of children from Yellow Class. The picture encapsulates the joy of learning – we have seen many similar snapshots over the past fortnight and it has been wonderful to have a full school once again.

As we continue to navigate a path through this challenging period together, I would like to re-iterate our gratitude for the continued co-operation and support of the whole community. We must continue to be vigilant and keep the safety of our whole community at the forefront of our thinking. Please ensure that you follow the guide and flowcharts (I have attached them once again for your reference). Our absence is currently higher than it would normally be for this kind of year, I believe a large part of this is because we are all being cautious. I have consulted with the local Health Protection a few times over the last two weeks to check our processes and ask some key questions. They have been very helpful and it is reassuring to know that we are taking the right approach. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask – but also please check the Return to School Plan document (attached again for your reference – as the answer to your queries may already be in there).

Thank you for supporting our policy of wearing face coverings at drop-off and pick up. This is an important protective measure for us all and is way in which we can all work together to reduce or limit any potential transmission. Whilst the weather is good – it is important to make as much use of the outdoors as possible (while we still can) – outdoors is safer than indoors, but please remember to follow guidance related to the new Rule of 6 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>



World Peace Flame



We have some very exciting news! West Lodge has been asked by the World Peace Flame Foundation to launch the Footprints for Peace project, involving schools around the world. The launch will be on Monday 21st September, which is the UN International Day of Peace. The purpose is to help children understand that Peace begins with themselves and that they can take responsibility to spread Peace and Kindness to others. The children will be creating their own pledges for peace over the coming weeks. Other very exciting news is that our very own Mrs Ahmad has been appointed as the World Peace Flame Ambassador for London. More information about the Virtual Walk for Peace can be found on the following website: <https://www.worldpeaceflame.co.uk/walk-for-peace/>.

Head Girl & Head Boy

We are excited to announce our new Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy for 2020-21. This year we held the speeches outdoors on the school field. The children sat in their class bubbles and listened intently to a series of excellent speeches – well done to all the children who prepared and delivered a speech. Rather than announcing the news in the assembly hall – it was via a Zoom assembly that we congratulated the new appointees this morning. For 2020-21 the roles will be filled by: **Head Girl** – Maria Tzanidaki; **Deputy Head Girl** – Avni Patel; **Head Boy** – Kai Kothary; **Deputy Head Boy** – Hrishi Guruprasad. Congratulations to them all – their first task was to record a video for the World Peace Flame Foundation supported by the children from the RRS Steering Group. Next week children in Year 6 will be making their speeches for the Sports Captains Roles – good luck to all those taking part.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday – Return to Roar – episode 4 (5:30pm) **Tuesday** – EYFS/KS1 Curriculum Evening (6:30pm); **Wednesday** – Weekly Update-Remote Learning Plan (2:00pm), KS2 Curriculum Evening (6:30pm); **Thursday** – Return to Roar – episode 5 (5:30pm); **Friday** – Parents' Forum (Thinking about Secondary School) (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.

As we traverse a challenging path together a quote to inspire us: "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations!"

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

Autumn 1 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 st – 25 th Sept	Sports Captains' Speeches	EYFS/KS1 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm	Weekly Update – Remote Learning Plans 2:00pm KS2 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm	All Reception children in full days	Parents' Forum (Thinking about Secondary School) 2:00pm
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 (on Zoom) 4:00 – 6:00pm	No CPD – Parents' Consultations Parents Consultations (on Zoom) 4:00 – 6:00pm	RMC Committee Parents Consultations (on Zoom) 4:00 – 6:00pm	Staff Inset Day
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half-term				