



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

11th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. As we approach the end of term we would like to hold another **parent/carers survey** to gather feedback on the most recent phase. The surveys we held in April and May were very helpful and supported our continued efforts to evolve and adapt throughout this period. As things stand, in accordance with government guidance, all children will return to school on Monday 7th September with a number of protective measures in place. I will write to you with more detail regarding our plans next Tuesday and we will hold a parent/carers briefing at 4pm on Wednesday to talk it through with you. The purpose of the survey is give you the opportunity to reflect on this period and think about things that have worked well and also aspects that you feel are important to hold onto when all children return. This will help ensure that we don't just slip back into the old routine without using the learning we have all gained from this period to improve how we work in September. Also, the information from the survey will support us in ensuring we have a strong plan in place if we do go into lockdown again. **Here is the link to the survey – this is time sensitive – please complete by 10am on Monday 13th July.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MTK5LQZ>

We are almost home! One week remaining of our epic challenge to reach New Zealand and return home by 17th July! Only 2003 miles to go. Can we summon the energy for the final push? You can still join the team and help with the last few miles.

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/westlodge> . Also, please help us achieve our target of raising £2,000 for Save the Children by donating – share the link with friends and family <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/west-lodge-school-26-challenge>.

Here are some pictures from this week's activities – Y3 created some brilliant shadow puppet theatre shows – below you can see stills from the videos. The Y4/5 key worker bubble at school created some imaginative leaf creatures.



The composer of the week for next week is Ennio Morricone, who sadly passed away this week at the age of 91. The iconic composer is famous for some of the best movie soundtracks of all time – most notably the spaghetti western trilogy of films which were directed by his schoolmate Sergio Leone. Please see the website for next week's home learning plans <https://www.westlodge.harrow.sch.uk/home-learning-week-14/> .

When we return in September, we will be re-instating **school uniform**, however in a slightly relaxed form. We wanted to ensure that you had advance notice of this. The slight changes are: children across the school will be encouraged to wear the **school polo shirt (with the school logo)** rather than a shirt and tie. On PE Days children will be asked to come in their PE kit - including the maroon tracksuit. The maroon tracksuit will now be part of school uniform for all year groups from Y1 to Y6. The full uniform list can be found on the school website. <https://www.westlodge.harrow.sch.uk/school-uniform/> and the uniform can be purchased from Angels <https://angelsuniforms.co.uk/> .

We would be grateful of any **donations of uniform** to support other families, so please donate if your child as grown out of any items. We will hold a **second hand uniform sale on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September** (date and time to be confirmed). Details about how we will organise the dropping off of any uniform donations will be sent out on Monday.

Key Dates

Parent/Carer Session

Wednesday 15th July 4:00pm - Parent/Carer Zoom Meeting on Plans for September (this will be recorded)

Assemblies:

Monday 13th July 10:30am (Whole School); Tuesday 14th July 11:30 Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Peter Daffon Award (on the field not on Zoom); Wednesday 15th July 10:30am (Rec, Y1, Y2 & Y3); Thursday 16th July 10:30am (Y4, Y5 & Y6); Friday 17th July 10:30am (Whole School)

Y6 Celebration & Outdoor Cinema

Tuesday 14th July 1:00pm on the field

Storytime:

Monday 13th July 2:30pm (James & the Giant Peach); Tuesday 14th July 2:30pm (A Spell of Trouble); Wednesday 15th July 2:30pm (James & the Giant Peach); Thursday 16th July 2:30pm (A Spell of Trouble); Friday 17th July 2:30pm (James & the Giant Peach)

Thank you for your continued support during such a challenging time. Christopher Reeve said: *'Once you choose hope, anything is possible.'*

Jim Dees

