



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

13th March 2020

Congratulations to our netball squad and swimming squad who were both crowned Harrow Champions this week. After winning the netball rally last week the netball team travelled to Stanburn, who were the league winners, to take part in a play-off to decide on the outright champions. After being 5-1 down at one stage in the game West Lodge fought back to take the game extra time – in the dying minutes West Lodge edged past Stanburn to win the game. The swimming squad, comprising children from Year 3 to Year 6 finished Champions for the second year in a row! West Lodge now has four teams taking part in the London Youth Games later this month – netball, hockey, girls' football and indoor athletics. Our cross-country teams did very well in the Harrow event this week – a more detailed report will follow in the newsletter. Also, I would like to congratulate the Y4 Choir who sang beautifully at the Choir Showcase this week - their version of It Must be Love – took me back to my youth (many years ago)!

Sport Relief

We enjoyed a wonderful assembly this morning led by Pearl Class. In total we have raised a total of £761 for Sport Relief – thank you for your efforts and support with this. The children have enjoyed a range of sporting activities throughout the day – led expertly by the sports captains!

Coronavirus Update

I am sure most people saw or read the latest update from the government yesterday. As we move into the 'Delay' phase of the government's action plan there are currently no plans to close schools. This of course may change over the coming days and we are still preparing for the possibility that it may happen. One key change in the advice yesterday was related to anyone displaying new symptoms: **Anyone with a 'new, continuous' cough or high temperature is now advised to self-isolate for seven days, as the UK government moves to the 'delay' phase of its plan to tackle coronavirus.** Please click the link below to see the guidance document related to this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Following the guidance within our own risk assessment we have decided to reduce the number of contact situations within the school day from the beginning of next week. This also includes reducing the number of people coming onto the school site. As a result, we will not hold collective assemblies for Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2, each class will hold their own class assembly at different times during the week. We will postpone the Reception Family Day assembly planned for next Friday with the aim that we will re-schedule it for Friday 19th June – which is the Friday before Father's Day! The Reception Writing workshop planned for Monday 16th March will also be re-scheduled and will take place on Monday 4th May. We have just heard that the Harrow Dance Showcase scheduled for Tuesday 17th March has been cancelled. We are making these decisions on a day to day basis – we will confirm the status of events scheduled for after 23rd March at some point next week.

A reminder that personal hygiene continues to be the most important way we can tackle COVID-19 (see links below).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

If your child becomes unwell and you are concerned about the symptoms please use the **online NHS 111 service** <https://111.nhs.uk/>.

The following links provide updated information for the public – and foreign travel advice for all countries.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

The DfE have set up a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 in relation to education, the details are listed below and on the attached poster. Phone: 0800 046 8687; Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk; Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Mon to Fri)

Pupil Absence calls

Please may we request that parents be specific about their child's symptoms when leaving a message on the absence line – we are currently tracking the different reasons why pupils are off very closely. Thank you.

It is natural to feel a sense of anxiety in a time of uncertainty, we would like to reassure you that we are here to provide as much support as we can and if anyone has any queries – please do not hesitate to contact us. We are very grateful for your continued support and the calm way that you are approaching the situation. We have a wonderfully supportive community at West Lodge and this a time where that support is incredibly valuable for all. Thank you!

"Unity is strength, when there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved." Mattie Stepanek

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees



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Upcoming Dates						
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week beginning 16 th March	Year 4 swimming	Reception and Kaleidoscope - Animal Man	FOWLS Mothers' Day Pop-up Shop			
Week beginning 23 rd March	Year 4 swimming Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child 3:00 – 4:00pm String Festival 7:00pm	London Youth Games Drumming Assembly 2:30pm	Y5/6 Basketball Tournament Parents Forum with a SEND Focus 2.00pm	Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child 3:00 – 4:00pm Full Meeting of the Board of Governors 7:00pm	Ruby Class Assembly 9:00am Upper School Hall	FOWLS Quiz Night & Auction
March/April 30 th March – 3 rd April	Y6 Boys' Football Play-off Reception trip to Pinner Sainsbury's Year 2 St Pauls Cathedral Green Class	Y6 Girls' Football Play-off Year 2 St Pauls Cathedral – Red Class Early Career Teachers' Programme	Year 2 St Pauls Cathedral – Purple Class	Autism Acceptance Day RM Committee 6:00pm Autism Awareness – Parents' Session	Easter Raffle End of Term LS finish – 1.15pm US finish – 1.30pm	