



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

6th March 2020

We have enjoyed many book-related activities this week including: library visits, Julia Donaldson drama workshops, visits to Brooks bookshop, the launch of our new authors of the month and the FOWLS book Fair. The children have really enjoyed the different experiences and we feel that we are making good progress in encouraging pupils to develop a love for reading – thank you for your continued support with this.

Coronavirus Update

Yesterday, we received an update from Carole Furlong the Director for Public Health Harrow. She explained that although numbers are rising in the UK the majority of the cases are travel related and also that the vast majority of cases are mild. However, she did explain that we are now beginning to see community spread. As the number of cases increases the situation may change and we have been informed that we are on the cusp of moving into the Delay Phase of the government's action plan – you can read the action plan in full using the following link. [Government Coronavirus Action Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-action-plan)

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Hand washing is our best defence – we are continuing to remind the children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Also, the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes – also helps in delaying the peak of the infection. Please see the attached poster and use the following NHS link for further information.

<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 then the advice is to use the online NHS 111 service <https://111.nhs.uk/> as the phone line is becoming overwhelmed with calls.

Current advice remains in place and we have been told that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. We have also been informed that we should continue to go ahead with planned educational visits for the time being. We continue to receive daily updates from the DfE and I will continue to keep you informed of any changes to the advice.

The following link provides updated information for the public – this includes information about international travel and returning travellers and whether travellers should self-isolate or not. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

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)

Fundraising update

We received a lovely letter of thanks from both the World Wildlife Fund and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity for the recent fundraising efforts, quotes from the letters are listed below. Thank ever so much for your continued support with such events.

- The WWF stated in the letter that the funds we raised will help 'provide emergency funds to care for injured wildlife, help restore homes for koalas and other wildlife and to put pressure on governments to strengthen laws that prevent excessive tree-clearing, before it's too late.'
- Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity explained: 'Your donation will help and empower seriously ill children to lead a marvellous life!'

"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference." Nelson Mandela

Parent Workshops

See below for a reminder of the upcoming parent workshops, please use the link below to book places.

- Tuesday 10th March – Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting at 2.15pm
- Monday 16th March- Writing in Reception @ 9.00am and 2.00pm
- Wednesday 25th March – Parents forum @ 2.00pm - with a SEND Focus and a presentation from our Speech and Language therapist on how to support your child's communication and development.

Please follow this link to book your places on the above workshops <https://westlodge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend, Jim Dees



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Upcoming Dates						
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week beginning 9 th March	Year 4 swimming Y6 Maths Competition	Harrow Swimming Gala Choir Showcase 7:00pm Yr 2 SATs Parents Meeting 2.15pm	Yr 5 Trip to Bentley Priory Museum – Amber and Aquamarine classes	Harrow Y5/6 Cross Country Competition Harrow Y3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament Y4 Trip to the British Museum	Pearl Class Assembly 9:00am Upper School Hall Sport Relief	
Week beginning 16 th March	Year 4 swimming Reception Writing Workshop for Parents/carers 9:00am and 2:00pm Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	Dance Showcase 7:00pm Reception and Kaleidoscope - Animal Man	FOWLS Mothers' Day Pop-up Shop		Family Day Assembly – Reception 9:15am Lower School Hall	
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	