



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an enjoyable week at West lodge. The children really enjoyed the RSPB Birdwatch – I hope you were able to join in at home. We saw (and heard in the case of woodpeckers) a wide range of birds across the site. The surveys gave the children more opportunity to spend outdoors and appreciate nature – we saw genuine excitement about learning about the different types of birds. One to watch out for in the future is the Loof Lirpa – it can only be spotted on the morning of April 1st and it flies backwards!

Our annual trip to the O2 Arena for the Young Voices Choir was a great success once again. The children in the Upper School Choir joined 8,000 other children from across the South East to sing their hearts out – it was an amazing evening. For the second year running we were joined by Tony Hadley for a few songs. We have to try and convince former West Lodge pupil Simon Le Bon to take part next year! A big thank you to Mr Went and Mrs Taylor for organising the choir and our participation.

Attendance – Let's Strive for 97!

At West Lodge it is important that we are always striving to be the very best we can be in all areas and that includes having excellent attendance. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. We expect children at West Lodge to have 97%+ attendance over a school year – this is equivalent to a maximum of 6 days absence. Let's keep striving for attendance of over 97%!

Healthy Snacks Only

We want to remind you that, for a number of reasons, we do not want chocolates, sweets or cakes being brought in to school, or shared with children on the playground at the end of the day. One of the reasons for this is that we have a large number of children with allergies, some of which are very serious indeed. We do not want to put those children at risk. In addition, we are a healthy school, so please bring a fruit snack if you would like your child to have something to eat at the end of the day.

Reducing Plastic

As a school we aim to continue to reduce the use of single use plastic items – the children wrote some very powerful letters on this topic during Sustainability Week. We would like to continue to encourage parents/carers to send in snacks/lunches which use minimal plastic or even zero plastic! As the quote states:

‘Be the change you wish to see in the world.’ – Mahatma Gandhi

Parent Workshops

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

- Y4 Multiplication Check Meeting for parents – 10th February at 2:30pm
- Safer Internet Parents Workshop – 13th February at 9.00am and 6.30pm
- Reception Writing Workshop on 24th February at 9.00am and 2.00pm
- Parents Consultations on 26th February 4.00pm-7.00pm
- Parents Consultations on 27th February 4.00pm-7.00pm
- Parents Forum – Focus: Understanding Schools Performance Data – 28th February at 2.00pm

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Upcoming Dates						
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week beginning 10 th February	Year 4 swimming Y5/6 Indoor Athletics Finals Y4 Parents' Multiplication Check Meeting 2:30pm	Guitar Festival Author Visit – Zanib Miah	FOWLS £1 US Book Sale Y5/6 Rugby League Year 6 trip to see Wicked at the theatre	Safer Internet Day Y3/4 Gymnastics Safer Internet Parents' Workshop 9:00am and 6:30pm	Purple Class Assembly 9:00am Lower School Hall	
Week beginning 17 th February	Half-Term					
Week beginning 24 th February	Swimming Team Practice Reception Writing Workshop for Parents/carers 9:00am and 2:00pm	Harrow Y5/6 Netball Rally	Boys' Football (6-a-side Tournament) Parent Consultations 4:00 – 7:00pm Q & S Committee 7:30pm	Parent Consultations 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Forum - Focus: Understanding Schools Performance Data 2:00pm	
Week beginning 2 nd March	Swimming Team Practice	FOWLS Book Fair Harrow Y5/6 Table Tennis Competition	FOWLS Book Fair Harrow Girls' Football 6-a-side Tournament MindUp Day Parents' Workshop 2:00pm Harrow Table Tennis Tournament	FOWLS Book Fair Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 2:30pm	Topaz Class Assembly 9:00am Upper School Hall World Book Day – Dress up day	
Week beginning 9 th March	Year 4 swimming Y6 Maths Competition	Harrow Swimming Gala Choir Showcase 7:00pm		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 Maths Workshop for Parents/carers 9:00am and 2:00pm Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	Dance Showcase 7:00pm Reception 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	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