

West Green Primary School Newsletter

END OF SUMMER TERM 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would just like to say a final 'thank you' to you all for your support, positivity, kindness and understanding throughout the last year-and-a-bit.

Wishing you all a great summer break, and we will see you again on Monday, 6th September 2021.

With kindest regards,

Mr A Hodgson
Headteacher



EGYPTIAN MYSTIQUE!

Year 3 had a lovely time making Egyptian masks. The results were excellent. In fact they were so good we decided to display some of them in the cabinet at the front of the school.





A CUT ABOVE THE REST

We are very proud of our students at West Green Primary School for their good manners and excellent work ethic. Sometimes our students go above and beyond in an effort to help others. In an act of real kindness one of our students, Erin, took the plunge and cut off all her hair in aid of the Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

What an amazing achievement. Well done Erin!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The after school clubs for Years 4, 5 and 6 proved very successful (between class isolations)! We will be monitoring the situation over the Summer and will update you in September as to the probability of recommencing the clubs, and possibly opening them up to KS1 as well.

COVID NOTIFICATION AFTER THE SCHOOL HAS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As set out in the updated Government guidelines from 19 July 2021, once school has closed for the holidays there is no need to inform the school if your child tests positive following a LTF or PCR test. You will however need to follow the isolation guidelines relayed to you via the Test & Trace, or PCR, service.

HOT DINNERS ANNUAL REMINDER

If your child is currently in Year 2 they will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) from September 2021, when they go up to Year 3. Therefore, you must either provide your child with a packed lunch, or book a hot lunch via the Chartwells website. We have already sent home information regarding this. Families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) will continue to get them.

SAFEGUARDING

Instagram is used by many of us. The app is very popular with both adults and children. Although children of all ages use Instagram, the minimum age to use the app is 13. Due to the app's primary focus on image, it can create themes of comparison, inadequacy and anxiety in young people. Other effects include:

- Body consciousness.
- FoMo (fear of missing out). Young people may spend all their time checking for posts to ensure they're not being left out of anything.
- Bullying.
- Loneliness, especially if they frequently see posts of large groups of friends.
- Lack of sleep, either from being up late on the app or due to other mental health conditions.

However, if you do allow your child to use Instagram please keep them safe by following these guidelines:-

- Talk to them and make them aware of cyberbullying.
- Make sure they are **Share Aware**. Help them think more carefully about what they post, and who can see it.
- Be aware of explicit content on the app. There are no parental controls yet available on Instagram.
- Know how and when to report inappropriate content or behaviour on Instagram.
- Make sure you and your child are aware of Instagram's policy of what is and isn't acceptable to post.

Goodbye Year 6

TIME TO MOVE ON

Although it is normal for Year 6 to move on, we can't help but feel a bit sad that such a lovely class are leaving us to seek pastures new. Year 6 have been such a fun class to have in school. They are normally laughing and smiling, and they treat each other and other members of the school with such kindness and respect that they will be genuinely missed.

However, they have got exciting times ahead waiting for them at their new schools. We have no doubt that they will be very successful in the future. They are a tough act to follow so buck up Year 5, you have some mighty big shoes to fill. Here are a few pictures of what Year 6 have been getting up to in their final term.

Good luck Year 6, YOU ARE AMAZING!



Just chillin' at the ice cream van before the disco...



Then making them work it off at Gaveston Hall.



They were VIPS for the day by having the entire cinema at The Hawth all to themselves!



To top it all off they had a dance workshop and were seen throwing some awesome moves. We felt exhausted just watching them.



SUMMER HOLIDAY IDEAS...

What can you spot at Goff's Park pond this summer. So far, our staff have spotted..



A Canada goose...

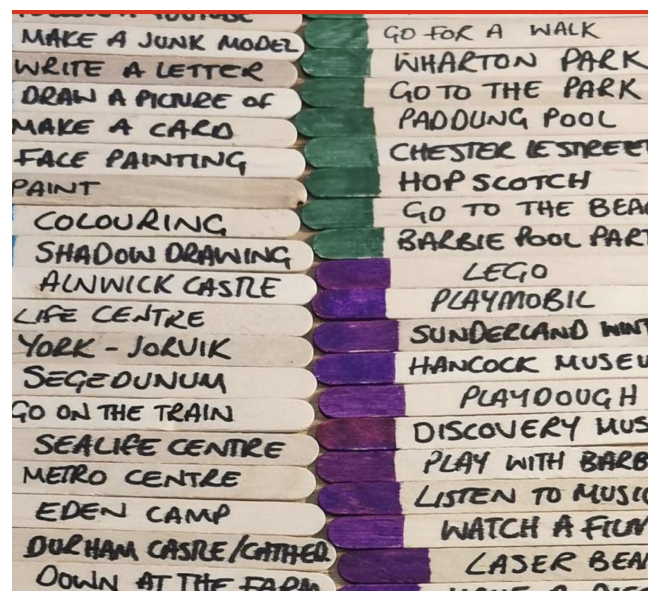


A heron...

...and believe it or not a very large terrapin (or turtle we are not really sure). There are also some enormous fish in the pond. What can you spot?



Another thing to try is to write down a list of activities on lolly sticks, put them in a bag and when you have days where you are at a loss of what to do you can pull one out of the bag and that is a happy child (for a little while at least). Have a lovely summer from all of us at West Green Primary



Regular Reminders

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is either Calpol paracetamol 6+ sachets or meltlets (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. If you have already signed a permission slip you do not need to do anything else.

UNIFORM

We no longer take school uniform orders via the school office. When you require new uniform for your child you can order it from: www.myclothing.com

Tel: 0800 069 9949

MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

BIRTHDAYS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are individually wrapped, nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade for obvious reasons. Thank you.

ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, please be aware that we need two, one in the classroom, and one in our medical room. When that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/2022

JULY 2021

21 st July 2021	Reception Teddy Bear's picnic
22 nd July 2021	Non uniform day – no donations please
23 rd July 2021	Inset day – school closed
w/c 26/07/2021	Summer holidays

SEPTEMBER 2021

2 nd September 2021	Inset day – school closed
3 rd September 2021	Inset day – school closed
6 th September 2021	Back to school for all pupils (except Reception children)
9 th & 10 th September 2021	Reception children start half days, information already pro-
13 th September 2021	Reception children start full days from today.
30 th September 2021	School photos

OCTOBER 2021

25 th -29 th October 2021	Half term
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NOVEMBER 2021

1 st November 2021	Inset day – school closed
25 th November 2021	Flu vaccination all classes – details to follow

DECEMBER 2021

17 th December 2021	Last day of Autumn term
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JANUARY 2022

4 th January 2022	Back to school for all pupils
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FEBRUARY 2022

21 st – 25 th February 2022	Half term
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APRIL 2022

11 th – 22 nd April 2022	Easter holidays
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MAY 2022

30 th May – 3 rd June 2022	Half term
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JULY 2022

22 nd July 2022	End of Summer term
w/c 25 th July 2022	Summer holidays