



## West Green Primary School Newsletter

April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy Spring term at West Green Primary School. We have carried on as normal despite the sharp increase in Covid cases at the beginning of the year. It is an illness we have learned to live with as it is important for all of us that life carries on with minimal disruption. We know that Covid is not going away, but it seems to be a virus that we hope is getting weaker and causes less and less disruption over time.

Thank you for all the support you have shown your children during the past couple of years. The hard work that you have put in when having to oversee your children's school work during lockdowns and periods of isolation has really helped them.

Hopefully from now on school will continue as normal.

### Parent Governors

The West Green Governing Body are pleased to welcome Jodie Williams as their newest member. We are very lucky to have a full complement of parent and staff governors, but are currently seeking to appoint one or two governors from further afield. If anyone in the school community knows of an interested person who would like to be on the governing body and has an appropriate area of knowledge, for example in Finance, HR, Social Work or Building Maintenance, we would welcome a discussion with them about joining us. Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications from people with a connection to the school such as grandparents, uncles, aunties etc.

Our Clerk to Governors, Mrs Burrage, is stepping down from the role. She has been clerk for several years and has done a great job. We cannot thank her enough for the time and hard work she has put in.

On that note we are pleased to welcome our new Clerk to Governors, Cheryl Smith, who is a welcome addition to the West Green Governing Body.



### Music

This term Year 2 and Year 4 have been learning the ukulele. They seem to all be enjoying it, and it is the perfect size for a growing child. The concentration on their faces is fascinating. The sound is lovely, and much quieter than the drums some of the children were learning last term!



### Reception Class

Our Reception class had a terrific time during one of their PE lessons where they expressed their creative side with their scarf dancing skills. No words can express quite how much fun they had!





### Cricket Festival

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children attended a cricket festival at K2 in January. They played two games of cricket and performed exceptionally well. Once again we were complimented on how well behaved all the children were. Well done to Houssam, Eyad, Ilyas, Dolly-Rae, Emily, Aaliyah, Leo and Annabella for representing the school so well.



### Guitar Lessons

We are so pleased that guitar lessons have resumed in school. The children that have signed up to lessons are enjoying developing their musical side. If your child would like to learn the guitar, and you would like your child to have lessons, then you can find out more information at

[www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply).

Our guitar teacher is Ian Frost.

### New Starter

West Green Primary School is a very popular school, and every year is oversubscribed. However, we had a new visitor try to join our school. Sadly, we had to turn him (or her) away as we just don't have any spaces available (not to mention the health & safety nightmare/allergies etc). He/she was very persistent and sat there waiting to get in for over half an hour. Don't worry, he/she is obviously well known in the area as they had a tag on the collar that read "I am not lost".



## Half Term Opportunities

We have been informed of some free activities in February and March. Please see below and overleaf for further details.

LPK Learning CIC  
**UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS** February / March  
2022

**Thu**  
**24**  
**Feb**

**Capturing Lockdown**  
Crawley Museum  
*Join us for some family activities during half term and help us to add to the archives for future generations.*  
**12.30pm - 4.00pm FREE!**

**Sat**  
**05**  
**Mar**

**Wordfest Family Day**  
Charis Centre, West Green and on Zoom  
*Join Wordfest for an afternoon of family fun with authors and illustrators.*  
**1.00pm - 4.00pm FREE!**  
*See [facebook.com/WORDfestcrawleysussex](https://facebook.com/WORDfestcrawleysussex) for more details.*

The following weekly sessions will be running straight after half term:

- **CLANGERS Wellbeing for Parents and Carers**
- **STILL Method Anxiety and Resilience Coaching**
- **Girls' Net Mentoring**
- **One Step Beyond Work and Learning Workshops**

Don't miss out! Register your interest now!  
[www.lpklearning.org/whats-on](http://www.lpklearning.org/whats-on)



For more information about our family friendly activities follow us on social media @lpklearning



## IN THE ROOM

Simon James Green  
1pm in the room  
8-12 year olds  
author of Sleepover  
Take-over

Sally Nicholls  
2pm  
7-12 year olds  
author of A Chase in  
Time

## ON ZOOM

Christina Dendy &  
Katie Rewse  
3pm  
4-8 year olds  
author & illustrator of  
The Wall and the Wild

## IN THE ROOM

Krina Patel-Sage  
2pm in the room  
2-8 year olds  
author & illustrator of  
My Mindful A to Zen

**SAT  
5TH  
MARCH  
1-4PM**

## THE CHARIS CENTRE

West Green Drive  
West Green  
Crawley  
RH11 7EL

**PLUS DROP IN  
ART ACTIVITIES  
WITH GINGER MOO**

## IN THE ROOM

Vashti Hardy  
3pm in the room  
9-12 year olds  
author of Crowfall

SEE EVENTBRITE FOR MORE DETAILS, SEARCH WORDFEST CRAWLEY



## Staffing Updates



We are so sad that Mrs Ahmed, one of our lunchtime Midday Meal Supervisors, is leaving us for pastures new. She has been with us for over 6 years now and it will be so strange for both staff and children alike to not see her in school everyday. She is so cheerful and kind and we will all miss her greatly. Her new workplace are lucky to have her, and we wish her all the best.



We are also saying goodbye to Miss Matthews, our Admin Assistant in the school office. She has not been with us long, but she has proved to be a friendly face for a lot of parents who visit the school office. She is moving to a job nearer her home, as otherwise she would have stayed, and we would have loved to have had her stay with us. We wish her all the best in her new job.

We will keep you updated on our new starters as and when they arrive. You can find information on school jobs that are currently available by visiting:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

You can then type in the location where you are searching for jobs, i.e. Crawley, Horsham etc.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Online Gaming Safety Tips**

Many children play games online, which is fine in moderation and if the game is age appropriate, but it is a parents responsibility to monitor their child/children in order to protect them from harm. Here are some useful tips you can share with your child if you are at all concerned about them playing games online.

**O**nly add people you know in real life, these are people you can trust.

**N**ever be mean to someone else when you are playing a game, that makes you a bully!

**L**anguage is important, don't use swear words even if others do.

**I**n App purchases can end up costing lots of money; make sure you get permission to purchase them.

**N**obody likes to lose, so don't get too upset if someone beats you... remember it's just a game!

**E**njoying yourself is important, but don't spend too long playing games online.

**G**aming can be so much fun, but make sure you tell your parents when you go online.

**A**lways be careful when chatting to someone online—they may not be who they say they are!

**M**ake sure your password is strong so nobody can hack your account.

**I**f you think you may have been tricked or cheated, don't keep it a secret. Tell someone you trust straight away.

**N**ever give anyone your personal information.

**G**ames are a great way to relax and have fun, but it is important to be careful about what you share online to keep yourself safe.

## Current Government Covid Advice...

This guidance came into effect on 24 February 2022, and will be updated by the government on 1 April 2022. Please continue to check the government website for future updates.

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

This includes:-

- people with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19
- people who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result
- people who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19

## Know the symptoms of COVID-19

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

There is additional guidance for people who have been informed by the NHS that they are at highest risk of becoming severely unwell and who might be eligible for new COVID-19 treatments.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

If you are concerned about your symptoms, or they are worsening, contact 111 or speak to your GP. In an emergency dial 999.

Most children and young people with COVID-19 experience a mild illness or do not have any symptoms at all. Children who have symptoms of COVID-19 are more likely to pass the virus onto others than those who do not.





#### **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.

#### **TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL**

At the end of the school day it has been noted that parents are allowing their children to play on the trim trail outside the classrooms. If you do allow your child to use the trim trail (or tyres) at drop off/collection time it is **your responsibility** to ensure they use it safely. Please keep an eye on your children at all times during drop off/collection to/from school to ensure their safety.

#### **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](http://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.**

#### **FILMS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER (AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

Mainly at Christmas and Easter time we will sometimes arrange for the children to watch a film as an end of term treat. The films will either be a 'U' or 'PG' certificate. We would never show a film that we judged to be inappropriate. However, if you do not wish for your child to watch a 'PG' certificate film then please let the school office know so that a different film can be chosen for your child's class to watch.

#### **NO NUTS REMINDER**

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school. This means that no food brought into school by either children or staff should contain nuts. This includes Nutella (there are other alternative chocolate spreads available that do not contain nuts).

#### **VOMITING & DIARRHOEA BUGS**

Please remember that if your child should be struck down with a vomiting and/or diarrhoea bug, **they must remain off school for 48 hours from their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.** If you send your child back to school before 48 hours has elapsed you will be contacted to come and collect your child from school. This is a WSCC policy throughout all their schools, it is not a rule that West Green Primary has put in place.