Friday 28th June 2019

Didn’t the children look fantastic dressed up last week in their different outfits – and I hope that you enjoyed their poems. The pupils were so reflective and thoughtful with their words.

Last week also saw the Local Authority come in and look at our work in Year 2 and Year 6 for statutory moderation. Both were very successful and the moderators were so impressed with the quality and range of work. Well done and thank you to all involved, a real celebration of the hard work that takes place at West Acton.

ACE UNIFORM will be onsite Tuesday after school to take orders for the new school jumper, tie (optional) and book bag.

End of School report and meet the new teacher on Monday 8th July.

Summer Fair tickets
In advance - a family of 4 - £5.00 and adults/Children over 3 - £3.00
On entry - a family of 4 - £7.00 and adults/Children over 3 - £3.00

Well done to our first Reception class ROO who had their assembly last week: it was about money and talked about the importance of sharing and charity. The children all spoke really clearly and sang lots of songs really beautifully.

SPORTS DAYS
Tuesday 9th July
KS1 9.30 am & EYFS 1.30 pm
Wednesday 10th July
Y3&4 9.30 am & Y 5&6 1.30 pm

PTA Summer Fair on Friday 5th July

The PTA have asked for parents to donate cakes for the bake sale at the summer fair next Friday 5th please. Cakes can be dropped off in the morning on the day - homemade or shop bought, all donations gratefully received. Thank you.

Pupils will not be able to access Mathletics after 30th June but can continue to use https://www.sumdog.com/
Mr Downs will be sending out Maths news before the holidays.

From September 2019

Further details to come but please do note:

- No balls to be played with before school on the playground
- For health and safety reasons children should switch to book bags and not rucksacks
- Pupils cannot keep their large pencil cases on their tables for use in class
- Soft start from 8.45am - doors will open for pupils to enter the class and be ready for registration at 8.55am
- Charge for lost library or reading books will be £5.00
Tip of the week from Lia the school counsellor

Things to know about saying ‘NO’ to your child
We all wish our children would just comply when we ask them to do something. However we all know that really isn’t always the case! Thankfully, it is possible to help children want to cooperate without resorting to yelling, threats or harshness.

How can parents help?
The most important thing to remember is that children only listen to us because of who we are to them. So be sure to keep strengthening your relationship: consciously connect with them before giving them a direction. Kids will accept your limit when you first accept their feelings about your limits (sadness, anger, disappointment,...). Children follow our requests when they feel they have some control in the situation: avoid power struggles by giving them a choice and some autonomy. Finally, You can also try to transform it into something fun and inviting!

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Lia for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child or any other worries, she is available on Mondays 9-10am. To book an initial appointment, you can call/text Lia on 07469 701 260 or email her at younl206.307@lgflmail.net.

On Monday our assemblies were by the Felix Project - who will be coming to school to deliver food that we can share with our families for free, starting in the Autumn term. https://thefelixproject.org/
Ask your child -

- How much food waste there is per year?
- What can you do with a lemon?
- What is the difference between USE BY DATE and BEST BEFORE DATE?

I am very pleased to say that we have a RED BOX in school – the first in Ealing – for our girls. Please do let your daughters know that they can easily access sanitary products in our medical room if they need them. If you would like to donate for the box then please drop a donation into the office – thank you. The Red Box Project is a community-based, not-for-profit initiative, which aims to support young people throughout their periods by providing red boxes filled with free period products to local schools. The Red Box Project was founded in March 2017 by three friends who wanted to give young people in their local area access to sanitary products. After reading about ‘Period Poverty’ in the news, they were angered at the idea that young people were missing out on their education because they couldn’t afford the products they needed during their period. They decided to take action and contacted several secondary schools in Portsmouth to ask if a constantly stocked box of menstrual products would be welcomed. The feedback from teachers was that the issue was real and the resource was needed. Recognising that the need was nationwide, they invited individuals from across the country to be a part of this movement and the response was overwhelming. From Scotland to Cornwall as well as overseas, people began to group together, set up Red Boxes filled with tampons, pads, tights and underwear which were then delivered into local schools. They fundraised, collected, had craft sales and donations drives, all to make sure their boxes never became empty. http://redboxproject.org/