

Soft Start

The school day starts at 8.55am –
this is the same as before.

What's new?

- Children can enter the classrooms from 8.45am.
- Children should go straight into class.
- A calm and structured start to the day.
- The gates will close at 8.55am.
- After 8.55am the children are late and must enter via the office.
- Improved safeguarding.
- Support staff in key areas to welcome pupils and take important messages to teachers.

What's not new?

- The school day starts at 8.55am.
- Some people thought it was at 9.00am – this was never the case but the gates did stay open until then which meant people could continue going through even though they were late.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts to be on time and positive feedback – the children are having a great start to their learning day.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Sociograms

At West Acton we recognise that pupils will achieve their best if they are happy at school. We are therefore committed to supporting pupils to build healthy relationships with each other.

Sociograms, which are a visual representation of the relationships in a group, will help us do this. These were carried out two years ago at West Acton.

In the next few weeks Lia, our school counsellor, along with Toni Metcalfe from the Ealing Counselling Partnership, will be carrying out a survey with all of the children in year 1-5 which will be administered on a 1:1 basis by members of our counselling service. The survey consists of asking each pupil two questions:

1. Who they most like working with and playing with in their class
2. Who they least like working with and playing with in their class

The counselling service and class teachers will use the results of the survey to help pupils build relationships with their peers and identify those children who have been struggling with friendships or work groups and put various interventions in place to help them. These interventions could include:

- Friendship Groups
- 1 to 1 Therapy
- Nurture Groups
- Anger Management
- Transition Work
- Babywatching



The teachers could make changes including:

- Reviewing seating arrangements and how pupils are grouped/paired in class
- Allocating class roles and responsibilities differently
- Identifying pupils for lunchtime support

We do ask that they don't discuss their answers with one another; however, they are welcome to go home and talk to you about them. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Lia Younes and Toni Metcalfe

**Homework at West Acton
will start after the New Year group meeting**

**Reading every night – new Reading Record with tips and
guidance**

Spelling and Timetables at least weekly

Spelling- booklet to be given at Autumn Consultation evening

**Times Tables- booklet to be given at Autumn Consultation
evening**

**Handwriting- booklet to be given at Autumn Consultation
evening**

Termly Homework Project – optional

**CPG study Booklets - booklet to be given at Spring
Consultation evening**

**Log in for Espresso and Purple Mash to use their fantastic
online resources and also other sites.**

How do you know what your child studies?

- Curriculum overviews given out each term and posted on website
- Half termly English letter informing about the term ahead
- Knowledge Organisers for other subjects coming during the year ahead

We want our children to develop healthy eating habits at West Acton

A reminder of our healthy packed lunch policy:

Food contained in a packed lunch

Packed lunches should be based on the Eat Well plate model and **should** include the following every day:

- Fruit and Vegetables - at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables or salad.
- Non-dairy source of protein - meat, fish, egg, beans or pulses such as lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel.
- A starchy food like bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals.
- Dairy foods such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais
- Water or reduced fat milk. The school provides this for all pupils.
- Oily fish, such as salmon, should be included at least once every three weeks.

To keep packed lunches in line with the food based standards for school meals, packed lunches **should not** include:

- High fat, high salt, high sugar snacks such as crisps, chocolate bars, cakes, chocolate-coated biscuits, pastries, puddings, fried foods, sweets and chewing gum.
- Chocolate spread as a sandwich filling.
- Fizzy / sugary drinks or fruit flavoured squash. This includes diet drinks and energy drinks which can contain high levels of caffeine and other additives and are not suitable for children. Water and milk are the only drinks allowed at school.

One of the following may be included ONLY on Friday:

- Meat products (such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas), crisps, cakes and biscuits. Fizzy drinks are not allowed on any day.

The only drink should be water or milk. The school will provide water for packed lunch pupils.

KS2 pupils should only have Fruit or Vegetables as snacks for break time – do not send anything else in for your child.

At home time please do not give your child unhealthy snacks to eat whilst leaving school.

How lucky are we to have had our first delivery from the Felix Project! They came to visit us in the summer and held an assembly for the pupils to explain how the project not only helps people but also the environment.

<https://thefelixproject.org/>

Who are we?

More than 10 million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK each year. At the same time food poverty is a huge and growing problem, with 1 in 10 children in the UK living with parents who struggle to put food on the table.

The Felix Project provides a free door-to-door service to collect surplus food from suppliers and deliver it to charities and schools. Since March 2016 we have delivered food to over 560 charities and schools across London.

What is the Schools Programme?

In December 2017 The Felix Project started its Schools Programme. We provide a free weekly delivery of surplus food that is made available to children and their families to take home and enjoy.

What does The Felix Project provide?

A weekly delivery of a wide range of produce including fresh fruit and Vegetables.

As we get started, we are just giving out the food and ask everyone to be respectful. Once we are into a routine of deliveries we may change how food is given out.

Do you need some support with food? We can issue Ealing foodbank vouchers- please see Miss Kondo or Mrs Ives.

Class Assembly Rota 2019-2020

| | Half term 21 ST - 25 th October |
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| Lime Class | Friday 8 th November |
| Tamarind Class | Friday 15 th November |
| Zaytouna Class | Friday 22 nd November |
| Quince Class | Friday 29 th November |

Autumn Term

| Class | Date |
|----------------|--|
| Elder Class | Friday 17 th January |
| Willow class | Friday 24 th January |
| Damson Class | Friday 31 st January |
| Chestnut Class | Friday 7 th February |
| Juniper class | Friday 14 th February |
| | Half term 17 th - 21st February |
| Mulberry Class | Friday 6 th March |
| Sycamore Class | Friday 13th March |
| Pine Class | Friday 20th March |
| Guava | Friday 27 th March |

Spring Term

| Class | Date |
|---------------|---|
| Katsura Class | Friday 1st May |
| Ash class | Wednesday 6th May |
| Rowan Class | Friday 15th May |
| Holly class | Friday 22nd May |
| | Half Term 25 th May – 29 th May |
| Ivy Class | Friday 12 th June |
| Olive Class | Friday 19th June |
| Fir Class | Friday 26 th June |
| Banyan Class | Friday 3rd July |

Summer Term

Autumn 2019 – Please do join us for these events

Year 6 Applying to High School
Wednesday 18th September 9.00am

Parents/Carers Coffee Morning with Lia (all year groups)
Monday 23rd September 9.00am

Head Teacher start of Year Presentation (all year groups)
Tuesday 24th September 9.00am, 2.45pm and 6.15pm

Year 1 Parents/Carers Phonics meeting
Thursday 3rd October 9.00am

Supporting SEND pupils working at home with a focus on reading (all year groups)
Thursday 3rd October 9.00am

Reception Parents/Carers Phonics Stay and Learn - info to follow
Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th October 9.00am

Parents/Carers Consultation evenings - info to follow (all year groups)
Monday 14th October 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 16th October 3.30pm to 7.00pm

No School for pupils INSET day (all year groups)
Friday 18th October

RSE Policy working party – info to follow (all year groups)
Tuesday 5th November 9.00am

Positive approaches to managing behaviour (all year groups)
Thursday 7th 9.00am

PTA Fireworks Night (all year groups)

Online Safety meeting (all year groups)
Thursday 14th November 9.00am, 2.15pm and 6.15pm

PTA Christmas Fair (all year groups)
Friday 6th December after school

Parent/Carer forum (all year groups)
Tuesday 10th December 3.00pm, 6.30pm and Wednesday 11th December at 8.45am

Parent/Carer book look – come and see your child's work (all year groups)
Tuesday 10th December 3.00pm, 6.30pm and Wednesday 11th December at 8.30am

Christmas Shows

Reception – Thursday 12th December 9.30am,
Year 1 – Friday 13th December 9.30am, Year 2 – Tuesday 17th December 9.30am,
Year 3 & 4 Tuesday 17th December afternoon tbc,
Year 5 & 6 Wednesday 18th December afternoon tbc

West Acton Primary School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2019/2020

| Autumn Term – Monday 2nd September to Thursday 19th December 2019 | |
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| Monday 2 nd September 2019 | SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 | SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Wednesday 4 th September 2019 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Friday 18 th October 2019 | SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Half Term Holiday: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 | |
| Monday 28 th October 2019 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Thursday 19 th December 2019 | Last Day of School – End of term school closes at 13:30 |
| Christmas Holidays – Friday 20th December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020 | |

| Spring Term – Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020 | |
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| Monday 6 th January 2020 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Friday 14 th February 2020 | Last day of school – Half Term |
| Half Term Holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020 | |
| Monday 24 th February 2020 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Friday 3 rd April 2020 | Last day of school – End of term school closes at 13:30 |
| Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020 | |

| Summer Term – Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020 | |
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| Monday 20 th April 2020 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Thursday 7th May 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY – Mayor of London Election |
| Friday 8th May 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day Bank Holiday Friday (UK VE day for 2020 only on Friday) |
| Friday 22 nd May 2020 | Last day of School – Half Term |
| Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020 | |
| Monday 1 st June 2020 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Friday 17 th July 2020 | Last day of school – End of term school closes at 13:30 |
| Monday 20 th July 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Tuesday 21 st July 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Wednesday 22 nd July 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – OCCASIONAL DAY |
| Thursday 23 rd July 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – OCCASIONAL DAY |
| Friday 24 th July 2020 | SCHOOL CLOSED – OCCASIONAL DAY |

Please ensure you book routine medical and dental appointments during the school holidays as any leave taken during term time may result in a penalty fine from the Local Authority.

Please note School is:
Closed Friday 18th October 2019 and
Open Friday 14th Friday 2020