Friday 13th December 2019

When people say are you winding down for Christmas, they obviously haven’t been anywhere near West Acton Primary School! Thank you to the PTA for such a lovely Christmas fair last week – it takes a tremendous amount of work to organise and we are very grateful. This week saw our Billy and Belinda bollards arrive to improve the safety at the front of the school and a new metal pole replace the wooden one that was starting to lean, in our car park.

On Monday we had our very own Hustings and were luckily enough to have 5 local election candidates visit us. We were so proud of our children who spoke with wisdom and confidence. I was pleased to see so many parents/carers in looking at their child’s books this week and it really means a lot to the children too. We have had Nursery singing, Reception Nativity and the Year 2 Christmas show already this week and they were so fantastic. Beautiful singing, sparkling costumes and bright smiles. Looking forward to the last week of term!

Thank you Miss Kondo

Change the Conversation

When your child comes home from school, it would be good to ask them:

What have you learnt today?
What new words have you learnt today?
What book are you reading?

If they are reluctant to talk after a busy day, why not model it first by telling them about your day and I’m sure they will begin to join in.

Asking your child about their behavior isn’t always helpful – you will be informed of anything significant if staff are concerned.

HELP US WITH SAFEGUARDING –

Never give your child medicine to bring in and take – make sure that you come to our office and fill out the form.

Please do be careful – some medication was found dropped on our playground. Luckily this was picked up and handed in by an adult.
READING AT WEST ACTON
Hearing your child read and talking to him/her about their book is the most effective way to help your child.
Children must read every night and their reading book and reading record book must be kept in their book bag at all times.
Children should be bringing two books home each week – a library book of their choice and a reading book at their correct comprehension level.
Please use the questions in the books and the space provided to note down vocabulary to help.

SHOW TIME at West Acton
Year 1 - Tuesday 17th December
9.30am, take a seat from 8.45am
Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 17th December
Gates open at 2.00pm, show starts at 2.15pm
Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday 18th December
Gates open at 2.00pm, show starts at 2.15pm

Top tip from our School Councilor
Creating meaningful traditions for your family
Rituals and traditions can help to bring even more joy and connection to your family. It helps to give your child(ren) a feeling of belonging and a sense of security.

How can parents help?
The key is to keep things simple, so that you can focus on what really matters. Here are a few ideas to hopefully inspire you to create your own, based on your values:

- Have a special date with each child scheduled regularly in the family diary. Keep a journal with ticket stubs, photos/drawings made together, etc
- Pick a day every year to take a photo of your child and/or family in the same spot and save them in a photobook
- Write a letter to your child on every birthday, sharing memories and special events from the previous year and hopes for the next
- Fill a gratitude jar with notes of things you are thankful for at the end of every day and read them all together on Sunday
- Have a special way of saying goodbye to each other using a special word or hand signs

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 appointment, you can call/text Lia on 07469 701 260 or email her at youni206.307@lgflmail.net.

School Website
Please do look at the school website for policies and updated curriculum news.
https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/

West Acton Primary School is tweeting!
Follow us on twitter to keep up to date with all the exciting events and learning that take place. Our handle is @westactonpri

West Acton Primary School will close at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th December for the Christmas holiday.
We open again for the Spring term on Monday 6th January 2020.