Friday 28th February 2020

I hope that you all had a nice half term - I am definitely enjoying the lighter evenings as I drive home which is a big change from before the holiday.

On Wednesday we were visited by two other local Head Teachers and a SENDCO as part of an ELP Peer Review. They were very impressed with the pupils and the learning taking place: especially in our EYFS and the provision for our SEND and EAL pupils.

I have been informed that our OFSTED report will be available early next week so I look forward to sharing that and our continued plans with you next week and at the Spring parent forum. 

Miss Kondo

Thursday 5th March 2020 is World Book Day
PLEASE DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER. Maybe you could dress up as someone inspirational from history or a non fiction book?
We are excited to see the children’s costumes!
Please do join us at 2.55pm to see what the children have been learning.
Next week the children will be learning about different authors.

However it doesn’t stop there – w/c 9th March each year group will have a visit from an author and the book fair will be visiting us too.

Message from Amin Dawuda, Interim Chair of Governors

I hope that you and your families all had a pleasant half-term. West Acton Primary school is a vibrant, diverse and supportive community. Our values of courage, collaboration and consideration are at the heart of what we do, which is something we should all be proud of. In this context, the Governing Body has been made aware of some isolated incidents of unacceptable behaviour which have compromised the safety of staff and pupils at the school. I would like to remind all parents of the code of conduct that you have committed to and to make it clear that we will not tolerate any behaviour that poses a risk to the wellbeing of staff or pupils. We within the Governing Body have high expectations regarding behaviour which we hope that you share and that you will lead by example.
Tip from School Counsellor Lia

Bedtime Fears

All children will go through a time when they find it difficult to go to bed and fall asleep. They may tell you they are scared of the dark or of the monsters under their bed. However, it is actually what their “worry brain” is telling them about those things that is making them so frightened. This is why reassuring them that everything is fine, doesn’t usually work.

How can parents help?

By empowering your child to be the boss of their own brain and teaching them to not always believe their “worry brain”. It works really hard to keep them safe, but this means that it can create (often scary!) stories whenever it doesn’t understand or know something. Always empathise first: “I know you’re feeling scared right now…” Then, try not to rush to reassure. Instead, show your child that they have a choice: “OK—let’s hear from worry, what is it telling you? And then we’ll hear from you about what you really think.” You can then be curious about their fears and even get creative with them: can they draw a silly version of the monster? It can also help to have a “worry time” earlier in your schedule, so that your child doesn’t need to talk about them just before bedtime. Finally, ask your child to think of four things they’d like to think about instead. Have them draw four doors on a sheet of paper and fill in each door with an idea (birthday party, decorating cupcakes, blowing bubbles, etc). Before going to sleep, ask them which door they want to go through tonight and they can tell you all about their adventures in the morning.

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 younl206.307@lgflmail.net.

SAFEGUARDING PROJECT – Relationships and Sex Education – FGM session

As you know we are taking part in a safeguarding project which is a series of 6 sessions, the 6th meeting final meeting is on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.00am. Check the December Safeguarding meetings letter here: https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/news-and-dates/letters-to-parents

In Session 6 we will explain the FGM lessons for pupils.

CORONAVIRUS – latest Information

Please ensure that you follow the relevant PHE advice (including isolation procedures and general hygiene practices) and also the relevant Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice on travel:


https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

Please be mindful of this when booking your Easter holidays overseas.

Assemblies for Spring term at 9.00 am in the Jubilee Hall

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REMINDERS

• We have a Healthy Lunch Box policy – crisps and chocolate are only allowed on Friday.

• Children must be through the gate by 8.55am - otherwise they are late. If a member of staff tells you that your child is late and asks them to enter via the office please accept this without confrontation - there is also no need to get your phones out and show us the time.

• Children must not ride their bike or scooters on school paths – they must walk beside them.