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12th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will publish a newsletter, each Friday but I just wanted to inform you of some important dates and events as soon as possible as well as a few housekeeping and safety reminders – you can also find key dates on our calendar feature of the school website.

As a very important safeguarding point could we remind you that you should not be entering school grounds before the gate timer opens at 8.40am and 3.15pm. Also we have noticed some children still riding bikes and scooters in the car park and across the busy playground – just a reminder that this should not be happening. This is very dangerous as people could get hurt and in the past staff cars have been damaged.

I was very impressed with the behaviours and attitudes of the children as they settled back into school last week – it was a really positive start to the year. I am looking forward to spending more time getting to know the staff, the children, and you, over the next few weeks, in classroom, assemblies and on the playground. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome already.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo
Head teacher

Autumn 1 Dates

Friday 14th September at 9.00am and Friday 21st September at 2.00pm: help with applying for Reception and Year 6 admissions for September 2019

w/c 17th Sept - Welcome to the new year group meetings – you will be told which day your child's year group is on.

Monday 24th September – Tissues and Teabags morning for Reception parents- your child's first full day in school.

Tuesday 25th September - meet the new Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team at 9.00am or 2.40pm or 6.30pm.

Monday 15th October - Harvest assembly, drop your donation for Ealing food bank directly to the hall from 8.30am.

Tuesday 16th October 3.30pm -6.00pm and Thursday 18th October 3.30 pm – 7.00pm: parents' consultation evening – one to one meeting with your child's teacher.

Friday 19th October - end of term at normal school time of 3.15pm

Autumn 2 Dates

Tuesday 30th October at 4.00 pm-5.00pm

Thursday 27th November at 9.00 am-10.00am Nursery Parents- is your child due to start Reception in September 2019? Come to our Reception Open day.

PTA Bonfire night – Thursday 1st November

Tuesday 27th November at 3.30pm -4.00pm and 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th November 8.30am- 8.55am –
Book look for parents – come and look at your child's learning so far.

Harrisons Christmas lunch – Wednesday 12th December.

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 18th December 9.30am

Year 1 Nativity –Wednesday 19th December 9.30am

Year 2 Nativity - Thursday 20th December at 9.30am

Year 3 & 4 show – Wednesday 19th December at 2.15pm

Year 5 &6 show - Thursday 20th December at 2.15pm

Friday 21st December - end of Autumn term school will finish at 1.30pm.

Return to school on Monday 7th January 2019

School uniform

At West Acton Primary School our children are proud to be members of our school and wear our uniform. The uniform has been designed to be practical for a primary school whilst reflecting the high standards expected at school – it is to be worn with pride at all times.

We feel that it is important that children learn to dress smartly and appropriately. We look to parents to work with the school to ensure that children come to school always maintaining the high standard of dress and with at least a minimum of the correct colours in their clothing.

Grey trousers, skirt or dress

Yellow Polo shirt with West Acton logo

Green sweater or fleece with West Acton logo

Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers

Grey or bottle green tights or socks

Grey or bottle green headscarf

We have two school uniform providers:

Tesco direct



Ace Clothing



CLOTHING COMPANY
The One-Stop Uniform Shop



Address: 5a Courtenay Road, East Lane Business Park, East Lane, Wembley HA9 7ND

Opening hours:

- Monday - Friday 9.30-5.00
- Saturdays 10.00 -5.00 (till 29th Sept)

Tel: 0208 045 0296 **Email:** info@aceclothing.co.uk **Website:** www.aceclothing.co.uk

Arrangements for collection and drop off of children

All children should be supervised, by parents/carers, in the playground before and after school – especially if they are using the play equipment. Pre- school age children should be held onto at all times so as to avoid getting separated from parents/carers during this busy time.

Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to walk home without an adult – however this requires permission from parents/carers – please complete the separate form about this and hand it in to the office.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be collected by an adult.

We must have up to date contact details for you - please ensure that we have numbers that are current and working, as well as names and numbers of alternative emergency contacts. We will not release a child to someone that we don't know unless you have given you prior permission.

Governors

Governors are an important part of the school's leadership and management team and we will soon be recruiting for a new parent governor- please look out for further information coming soon.

Harrisons school meals



Many children have a hot school meal, prepared from fresh ingredients daily by cooks from [Harrison Catering](http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk), our school caterers, in the school kitchen. We encourage all children to have a hot school meal. Meals are planned around a three week menu cycle, meeting all government dietary requirements for schools.

Children can take any meal for any number of days with no pre-booking or notice period. Mix and match hot school meals and packed lunches to suit your child's food tastes. Meals are served and eaten in the Main Hall. Children eat together with their friends.

Please ensure that you either pay for school meals in advance or have a current claim for Free School Meals. We are under no obligation to serve a hot meal to a child unless an account is in credit or there is a current Free School Meal claim.

www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

www.ealingmeals.com

Years 3 – 6 can bring fruit or vegetables

For a snack for morning break.

Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit.



Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership: a space to talk

Many of you will already know that last year ESCP set up their counselling services in our school. Lia Younes is our Counselling Services Manager and she is here to support your child(ren), you and also our staff through various services:

CHILDREN

The Space: Every week, Lia and Miss Ruth offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may be struggling with. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to in order to feel better or to better understand their emotions.

1:1 counselling: Lucy is our counsellor who works with specific children who may benefit from more regular support, using therapeutic play and the creative arts.

PARENTS/CARERS

Every Monday at 9-10am, Lia holds a safe and confidential space to meet with parents/carers who would like some support. She is here to help you to either think through some of your concerns with one of your children, or to support you with a personal struggle, such as grief or loss, for example. **If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Lia, please either email her at younl206.307@lgflmail.net or call/text her on 07469 701 260.**

If you would NOT like your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Coffee Mornings: Lia will be holding a Coffee Morning every term, for any parents who wish to attend. Topics will covered will help you support your child(ren)'s healthy emotional development and well-being.

Please sign up to our school app so that you can be kept up to date with events and news.



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