



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# West End Newsbites

## Stars of the Week

	W/E 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	W/E 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Mrs Cliff	Corie Hoque	Reece Morris-Dabbs
Year 6	Jowita Rutka	Kristopher Baines
Year 5	Crystal Dobson	Logan Duffy
Year 4	Lilith-May Hartley	James Howarth
Year 3	Laura-Jane Knowles	Ellie Jackson
Year 2	Lewis Priestley	Sadie Leslie
Year 1	Ollie Mackenzie-Denwood	Lacey-Mae Woodfield
Reception	Archie Evans	Faith Wright



## Outdoor Adventure

What a great time the children had on the Y4 adventure day. Can we say a huge thank you to the parents who ensured they had everything they needed and supported us.



## Parent Evening

Next week is parents evening for all children. This is a time to talk to your child's new teacher and discuss how they have settled in school. Our main focus this term has been the children's social, emotional well-being. It would be great if we could talk to you all about how important your child is to us. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please email your child's class teacher direct. The emails are the year group followed by @westend.lancs.sch.uk



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### **Remembrance Day**

Another thank you to all the parents who bought one of the accessorised for Remembrance Day. Can we give an extra special mention to a boy in Y4 who learnt a piece of music on the cornet to play on the day. If you haven't seen this on our Facebook page please have a look.



### **Congratulations**

To Mrs Grogan who is the new Deputy Headteacher at West End. As always if you have an issue the teacher is the first port of call for anything classroom related, but if you are unhappy with this then Mrs Grogan would be the next person to speak to. If you have a concern about your child's well-being, friendships or social, emotional mental health then this is Mrs Kitson. If your concern is about behaviour then this is Mrs Barr and if your concern is about a special educational need then this is Miss Lavelle.



### **Risk Assessment**

All schools have to follow a very detailed Risk Assessment from Lancashire County Council. A lot of the rules that have been out in place are because we have to follow this guidance. When we ask you to follow these rules it is not school making life hard for you but us following the statutory guidance. We have put the latest version of our Risk Assessment on the Website so you can see this is you have any concerns about the procedures we have put in place. This can be found using the following link.

<https://westend.lancs.sch.uk/parents/>

### **After School Clubs**

Classroom catch up clubs started this week for some children. These are to help children fill some gaps due to the lockdowns. Teachers are trying to make these fun by doing grammar hunts and playing games that help children learn. Can we say a huge thank you to the parents who have signed these form and allowing your child to stay. It will make a difference. This week we have been informed that sports clubs can start again but only in classroom bubbles, so next term we can get some of the sports back up and running.



### **Mini Bus**

This year school will be raising money to try and buy our own mini bus. If any parents have any great ideas of how we could raise some money virtually, then it would be great if you could help us. We do have a very small PTA and would love more parents to be involved. The PTA is going to have a virtual meeting soon so if you are interested in joining please email school and let us know. A mini bus would be amazing for our school and allow us to learn in different environments but we need your help to raise the money. Also some companies will match fund anything you raise so could parents ask the company they work for if they can do anything to support us.





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## **Dropping off in the morning**

We have seen a huge increase in parents stopping in the middle of the road to drop children off. This morning was particularly bad with the traffic being stopped at both sides and parents videoing it. This is not acceptable. The last thing we want in a morning is parents arguing in front of our children. It also doesn't paint a good picture for our school. We have got a few parents who are disabled and we have arranged for them to come a bit after the rush and we collect children from the car which we find acceptable but please can we ask that this stops for all other parents.



The PCSOs have been informed of this issue today and will be doing checks each morning and issuing fines if they find parents are still doing this. We need to ensure our children can come to school safely and cross the road. Many thanks for your understanding.

## **Swimming and PE changes**

Swimming has finally started again for our Y6 children. They will be getting the coach to Carnforth Swimming baths every Monday afternoon and doing a double session to catch up. This means that Y6 children need a packed lunch on this day. A school packed lunch will be provided if your child is on free school meals. Y6 children will have PE after this so they can wear their PE kits on this day but will not have PE on a Thursday. **Y2** will now have their PE session on a **Thursday** so their day has changed.



## **Working from home**

If your child is isolating at home it is important that they continue their education. We do not expect you to teach your child, so we have set up a number of remote learning platforms to allow them to just get on. We can access this at school so can see when they are struggling. All the passwords are in your child's reading record so please can you make sure you have a copy of these. Remote learning is unfortunately going to be a part of all our lives and we are worried that some children are spending the day on computer games and their learning is continuing to suffer through no fault of their own. School wants to support you in any way we can and will issue paper copies of work if you prefer. We will also loan laptops to allow children to complete the work set by their teacher. Mrs Taylor is also working on setting up Google Classrooms so work can be set, completed and marked by the teacher and instant feedback can be given. We understand this is a lot to take in, but the Government have now made this statutory for all school to do.



## **Is your child due to start school in September 2021?**

The deadline to apply for a school place for September 2021 is 15 January 2021 for primary schools. You need to apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

We will be producing a virtual tour of the school this year for families to watch. This is available at <https://westend.lancs.sch.uk/> at the bottom of the page. Please share this with friends and family so they can see our amazing school.



## **Term Dates**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 2 morning parents calls  
Reception afternoon parents calls  
Year 5 afternoon parents calls  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 morning parents calls  
Year 2 afternoon parents calls

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	Year 3 afternoon parents calls
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov -	Year 1 afternoon parents calls Year 5 afternoon parents calls Reception afternoon parents calls
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov –	Year 1 afternoon parents calls Year 3 afternoon parents calls
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov -	Whole school wellbeing day
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov -	Flu vaccinations
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec -	School photographer doing individual photos
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec -	KS1 Christmas dinner
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec -	KS2 Christmas dinner
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec -	School closes for Christmas holiday