

#### MESSAGE FROM MISS KONDO

Welcome back to the Summer term at West Acton. It has been lovely to have all of the children back on site, along with some sunshine! Thank you for continuing to wear face masks, adhere to social distancing and wait patiently in the lines. We really appreciate it and are so pleased to be working together to keep our school safe.

If you haven't already please do look on our website for your child's year group to see what they are studying this term. It has already been busy this week with Autism Awareness and we have many different events coming up throughout the term.

Please continue to work at home with your child using the CGP books provided by us and read every night.

Stay safe, Miss Kondo

Next week we are taking part in the **Big Pedal**. This is a competition to encourage children to travel to school in a healthy way. If your child is in Year 1 - 6 and walks, scoots or rides to school we will tally the numbers every day for a chance to win prizes like brand new scooters! Take a photo or video of you and your children talking part in the Big Pedal for a chance to win amazing prizes. Tag @Sustrans and use #BigPedalWin to enter.



Please do look on SchoolMoney and pay your £3.00 for your Year Group Tea Towel and support our school! The PTA are kindly organising School Towels and will have proofs to show you soon.

The children have drawn lovely pictures of themselves. It is a really great memory for this year.



The deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Please do support this fabulous project!







# Mobile Phone use by Parents/Carers on site

Please refrain from using your mobile phone whilst dropping off and collecting your child.

#### **ROAD SAFETY**

We expect all of our community to feel safe around our school in the morning and at afternoon collection time. Sadly, some of our parents have been driving disrespectfully or illegally. This was reported in the Autumn, by local residents and other parents since January.

This is unacceptable – please do not put people at risk.

# Breakfast Club – spaces still available

Book here:

https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/breakfastclub

Please do consider using and booking breakfast club so that we can continue to be able to offer this service at the competitive rate into the future.

# WEST ACTON - STOP EYES on ME! Listen to our new school chant of Our values and rules.

https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/keyinformation/behaviour-1

Which house has earnt the most house points this week?

We look forward to finding out next week and keeping an eye on the scores this Summer term!

#### **IMPORTANT COVID - 19**

If your child or anyone in your household has a positive COVID -19 test result during half term please email the school admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

It is very important that you keep your child at home if ANYONE in the house has symptoms or a positive test result, especially siblings.

It is also important to know the symptoms of COVID-19 (new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste)

Please test anyone who has symptoms

Please note the first day of symptoms.

#### **EYE TESTS**

Please do consider getting your child's eyes tested. We cannot get opticians onsite but I have called Specsavers, Vision Express and Eyes on the Common—they have appointments available.

#### **HERE to HEAR and HELP!**

Please do get in contact if you feel that your child or you need support during this time we are apart. Our school wellbeing team is continues to be very active and available for YOU.

### **Returning Laptops and Devices**

We hope that it was useful borrowing the devices during the partial closure.

We now need them back in. Each device will be checked for damage and have online safety checks.

Please ensure that you hand the laptop to the office or a member of staff and that your child's name is in with the device too.

Thank you.



Thank you to our PTA who donated money for our soil and seeds this term.

Children will be growing plants in Science lessons and in our garden.

This week the children have been learning about Autism. Empathy and understanding of Autism, is at the heart of West Acton Primary.

Please do ask your child what they have learnt this week.

# **AUTISM AWARENESS**



# Top tip from the School Counsellor – Louise

### **LEARNING** and WANTING to do the right thing

Children develop their 'inner compass' every day. They learn what they live, primarily by the example you set and the family culture that you create.

## How can parents help?

The most powerful way to teach a child a skill is to model it. When you treat others (including your child) with respect, when you apologise and when you regulate your emotions- then your child learns to do the same. Her inner compass will take shape from yours. In addition, your child constantly needs to make difficult choices so instead of telling him off and shaming him for making a "poor" choice, use it as an opportunity to develop that compass: help him reflect on how he feels and explain that we are all tempted to take the easy way over the right way: we are not perfect, but we can do better. In order to help your child, WANT to do the right thing, make sure your limits are reasonable and age-appropriate. Set them up for success so that they can feel good about being a person who does the right thing. Finally, help your child repair relationships following any damage and remember to stay connected: when your child feels you are on their side, they are more likely to WANT to follow your lead.

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Louise for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Wednesdays 9-10am. You can call/text Louise on 07582310756 or email her at <a href="mailto:lalltimes.307@lgflmail.org">lalltimes.307@lgflmail.org</a>

# RECEPTION OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

We had a revamp of our outdoor classroom for Reception in the holidays – the children are learning and enjoying it so much!







# CONSTRUCTION AREA







Next week we will have our lessons to remember Stephen Lawrence and his legacy of living your best life.



NEXT FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April is Individual School Photo Time.



Sadly, this year we cannot have sibling or class photos — **this will be the only photo for this school year for your child on their own.** Please remember to wear correct school uniform for this. Year 6 and Reception should wear regular school uniform on top with their PE tracksuit bottoms for this day.