

West Acton Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday 21st July 2021



School Jotter

Our app—available on the app store

I always feel very blessed to be a Head Teacher but this year I really felt that: when other people have spent most of the last eighteen months in isolation, I have been so lucky to see your children, my amazing staff and many of you. For that I am truly grateful and thank our whole school community for your hard work and support. In spite of all of the challenges, we have much to be proud of this year and many good memories have been made. I wish you all a very happy and safe summer and send my best wishes to those who are leaving us this year, we will miss you.

Miss Kondo

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Governing Board for your support of the school, Miss. Kondo and the staff this term over the whole year.

This has been a very difficult and worrying time for you and your children. Without your support it would have been impossible to have given all your children the experience of the summer term. We very much appreciate that.

As a parent I understand your frustrations with the ongoing closures of classes which remain necessary to control the spread of COVID. Hopefully this is the end of the closures and by September we will have returned to normal. I am looking forward to that and I am sure that you and your children are as well.

I wish all the children going on to their secondary school all the best and I am sure that they will look back on their time here with good memories.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Langston for her hard work and enormous contribution over the years and wish her all the best in her future plans. We will all miss her.

Finally we remember Miss Ferguson, Lorraine, and her family at this time and I am sure that you will join me in giving them our support in these difficult times.

I hope you all have relaxing and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September as we return to normality.

Please take care,

William Rollason Chair of Governors

The totals for summer term are –

Chiswick	16,563
Osterley	16,161
Pitzhanger	16,303
Syon	16,244

House Winners' End of Year event
Well done Chiswick!



Thank you to our PTA. They have supported us through this year even though they could not hold all of their usual events. We have really enjoyed the activities, treats and resources that they have donated including, art work, sewing work and globes and the Year 6 leavers' book.

Last week they held a second hand uniform sale and raised £100 in donations – thank you.

If you would still like to make a small donation you can do so online:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westactonuniformsale>

A special thank you to some Year 6 PTA mums who will be leaving us as their child moves to high school; Mrs Lipscombe, Mrs Shiromani and Mrs Hayashi who, with their team – have given so much time and support to West Acton. We will miss you – please come back to visit.

We are **SUGAR SMART!** We have been working really hard to become a sugar smart school. Sugar smart aims to help reduce the amount of sugar pupils consume in school. Sugar smart actions will also help to create an environment for staff and students to make the healthy choice the easy choice.

We have a new **Food policy** at school, please see it here: <https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/keyinformation/policies> Some of the key points:

- Celebrating birthdays and special occasions- children can bring in healthy fruit and or vegetable snacks (No more sweet treats)
- All snacks throughout the day, including morning snack and any they bring for clubs must be healthy choices (fruits and vegetables)
- We are a water only school

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO MISS FERRIERA FOR HER HARD WORK ON THIS.

They say a picture says a thousand words- or does it say just three?

Courage, Consideration, Collaboration



This is our Year 6 after they performed their fantastic show Shakespeare Rocks! We are very proud of them and we wish them all the best for their future success. We will miss you all.

Our School Garden

Thanks to the unpredictable weather this term of sun and rain, our garden is looking better than ever! In our garden, we are growing: broccoli, strawberries, carrots, peas, sweetcorn and pumpkins!



Miss Wharton and Year 2 have been working hard throughout the term to make sure all the plants are getting enough water and nutrients. We have also made sure to keep on top of the pesky weeds.



Last week, we harvested our first strawberries – delicious! We are hoping our carrots will be ready to harvest before the end of the term. The pumpkins should be ready in October, just in time for carving! We can't wait to see how big they grow. Thank you to our amazing PTA and Acton B&Q for supplying us with so many seeds and tools.



Maths update

Throughout the summer term, we have been focussing on our 'Ready to Progress' skills in maths. These are the essential maths skills needed from each year group so that children are able to access the learning in their next year group.

Do you want to know what your child will be learning next year?

Take a look at the maths section of our school website where we have lots of new Knowledge Organisers – helpful guides to each unit of maths in each year group.



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

If you want to practice with your children over the summer holiday, remember that you can use the free parent/carer workbooks, which have lots of fantastic units for you to work through. It's also really important that children know their times tables by the end of Year 4.



Parent
Workbooks





Free online maths club for your pupils this summer holidays

To support children after a challenging year, The Maths Factor is releasing a free new summer course: **Summer Adventure**.

Led by Carol Vorderman, this **6-week course** is completely free and **matched to each child's learning stage, ideal for boosting confidence and avoiding the summer dip!**

- For ages 4 to 11 years old.
- 1 x 20-minute session per day, 5 days a week.
- Content **tailored to their year group and confidence level**.
- Virtual rewards can be earned as they progress.
- **Proven methodology** with tutorials, warm-up questions and lots of practice.

Year 3 children had a fantastic teddy bear's *booknic* on Monday – including receiving their free books as part of the Young Readers' Programme. They were also lucky enough to have some tasty snacks and a chance to lie on a rug in the sun! Thank you Mrs Langston for organising this.



MAYOR OF LONDON

Karen Kondo

Headteacher

West Acton Primary School

Date: 12 July 2021

Dear Karen,

I was delighted to have been able to visit West Acton Primary School on 2 June and would like to thank you for taking the time to welcome me and my team.

It was highly rewarding to watch a London Community Energy Fund project come to life. I was also thankful for the opportunity to use the visit to launch some of my programmes that will improve London's environment and tackle climate change.

I am particularly grateful to Hamed, Elizabeth, David, Lara, Phong, Amber, Kairi, Rinka, Simone, Alice, Aisha, Sadiq and Yasmin for coming in during half term so they could tell me about their roles as green ambassadors for the school's Eco Committee. The work they and their peers are already undertaking is wonderful to see and I hope they continue to be inspired to help make London even greener.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

We now have two uniform suppliers – please take a look on our website for our school Uniform policy.

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/uniform>



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

Address:

154 - 156 Broadway, West Ealing, London W13 0TL

OPENING HOURS:

Monday-Saturday: 9am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

Tel: 020 8998 0144 Email: customers@juniperuniform.com

<https://www.juniperuniform.com/>

Try something new this holiday!

Hannah and Abdi joined London Youth Choir after their mum saw the group advertised on one of the emails we sent out about holiday activities. Over the past few weeks we have sent out several fliers for holiday activities for the children – please do take the plunge and join in some!



WATCH THIS SPACE

The Space – our pupil drop in service – is changing.

The School Council have been working hard to find out from their classes what they would like to have in the service and most importantly come up with a new name!

This week there was a vote across the whole school and you will find out the new name in September.

From over 40 ideas we got it down to 5 – very imaginative names!



Thank you to the School Council
from Miss Kondo for your help with this.

A big shout out – WELL DONE!

I couldn't let the year end without saying a huge well done to Persia and Caspian and their amazing mum.

This year they have cycled to school and back, EVERY day, whatever the weather! I am full of admiration.

Not only have they helped the environment and got fitter, their punctuality has improved too. They are always super sensible and arrive with a smile – thank you.



School starts back for pupils on Friday 3rd September 2021
