



West Ham Church Primary School

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Newsletter 4, 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

These last few weeks have flown by and I am so proud with how we have pulled together as a community. The children are settled and working hard. Behaviour is exemplary (teachers are happy!).

We would like to welcome Rev Simon Nicholls the new incumbent at West Ham Church and we are looking forward to working with him in the new year. Next half term, we are starting with a whole school project on Remembrance. The children will be creating a poppy 'installation' display inspired by the memorial at the Tower of London and a remembrance corridor full of poppies, art work and poetry. Our value for the autumn 2 half term is Peace.

Warm regards,

Mrs James, Headteacher

Covid 19 Update

As you know, due to rising cases, London has been placed into Tier 2 of the Government's new tier system. For a breakdown of what it means to be in this tier, please see the Newham London Update <https://www.newham.gov.uk/>

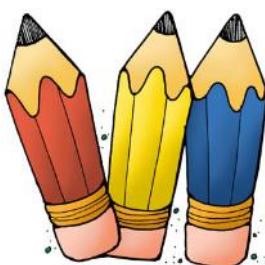
For further local updates use this link:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-dashboard/1>

Free Homework Club — Thursdays

Demand for homework club exceeded the number of places available this half term and we are sorry if your child was not able to secure a place.

Next half term, we have arranged for more staff to work overtime to enable more children to attend. Please contact the school office to book your child's place.



Reminders

- Next week is half-term holiday (one week)
- No school on Monday 2nd November (staff first aid and curriculum training day)
- Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November
- Keep children busy — reading, on google classroom, educationcity and Times table rockstars

**Please have a good break,
take care and keep safe**

Attendance Expectations

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind.

Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term.



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School Uniform

We would like to politely remind parents to send children into school in our agreed school uniform.

On PE days children are allowed to wear **navy** jogging bottoms to school, but on other days they should wear smart trousers/skirts.

Kindly note, our **red** sweat shirt should be worn every day (some children have been wearing navy jumpers which is not part of our school uniform).

Good ventilation

As part of our Covid-19 prevention controls, we are always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

Department of Education guidance says 'Increased ventilation may make school buildings cooler than usual over the winter months. While schools will want to maintain the benefits of their uniform, they may wish to consider allowing additional, suitable indoor items of clothing to be worn during the winter period in addition to the school's current uniform. Where this occurs, schools should ensure that no extra financial pressure is placed on parents.'

In light of the above, we would like to draw your attention to the West Ham Church of England Primary School Fleece priced at £14.00 available in size 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13. You can purchase this from Ian Howard Schoolwear.



Children can wear school uniform fleeces over their sweatshirts in the classroom to keep warmer. Winter coats need to be saved for wearing outdoors during breaks especially as the weather gets even colder.

<https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com/product/west-ham-church-of-england-primary-school-fleece/>

We are offering to purchase fleeces for children eligible for free school meals (pupil premium). We will telephone each family to enquire whether you would like to take up this offer. Please note, this is a one off gesture/purchase to help our families during this challenging pandemic.

We also encourage parents to buy a woolly hat and fingerless gloves for children in school uniform colours.

Coronavirus

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus
— **cough, fever, loss of smell/taste** —
please do not send them into school



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Some of the still life art work created by children for our Harvest Festival.

A big thank you to Miss Zucconi for her excellent teaching. Well done, children - superb work!