



# West Ham Church School

*With God all things are possible*

**Headteacher**  
Monthly  
Newsletter  
September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

**A warm welcome to all our WHCS families, particularly those who have joined us this term.** We hope you and your children will be happy and enjoy working with us. We place children and their families at the heart of everything we do and that means we strive to be a listening school where your ideas and contributions are valued and welcomed. You will be encouraged to play a full part in the life of our school and we encourage you to engage with us so that we can work together to provide the best educational experience for our children.

Our Christian core values - **Wonder, Harmony, Compassion and Strength** - underpin everything we do providing the ethos for the school. Our Vision, renewed with all stakeholders in January 2020, has been instrumental in supporting our school community through the recent challenging times. Our school has an inclusive culture - we value and seek to empower everyone so they know they belong in our school. We cherish inclusion and diversity, with the belief that we are inherently better and richer in our differences. Our doors are held open to people from all backgrounds and traditions.

We are all very glad to be operating a 'normal' school day for the children with no bubbles, masks or staggered arrival and departure times. When we held our first whole school assembly at the beginning of this academic year (the last being 18 months ago!), the sense of community and togetherness was amazing. We have missed being together and social and emotional experiences that come from mixing with others around the school.

Nevertheless, we are still cautious in our approach and our updated **Risk Assessment**, which can be found on our website, details the control measures we are taking to mitigate the transmission of coronavirus within the school. We also have a Coronavirus **Outbreak Management Plan**, again on our website, which will be used if we experience an outbreak of 5+ cases or 10% of the cohort.

During the summer break, school improvement and maintenance works continued including the internal **expansion of the lobby/reception area**. We are delighted that this bigger space allows us to safely accept visitors into school - so parents, we welcome you to come into school to speak with staff in the office should you need to do so. We politely request that you maintain 2 metre social distancing and encourage wearing a mask on the premises - to be on the safe side, thank you.

We have updated our curriculum offer and have some inspirational subjects for the children to learn about this term. For example, in History this half term, Year 5 & 6 are learning about the Suffragettes and women's fight for equality and the right to vote; Year 3 & 4 are studying early British history through the ages starting with the Stone Age and Year 1 & 2 are investigating early childhood comparing children's in the 1950s to their own. How life has changed over those 70 years!

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. I hope to get to know you better over the next year as well.

Kind regards, Mrs. James, Headteacher



## Our Vision

is to enable children, with God's guidance,  
to know and appreciate the wonder of God's creation,  
to live in harmony, embracing differences,  
to always act with compassion inspired by the example of Jesus,  
and to have the strength to follow their dreams  
and achieve their goals.

## Our Values

Wonder  
Harmony  
Compassion  
Strength

*With God, all things are possible' Matthew 19:26*



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**Our Teaching Team**

Phase	Class	Year	Class teacher	Subject Lead
EYFS	Little Owls	Nursery	<b>Miss Holroyde</b> EYFS Phase Leader /MissDavis	<b>Early Reading</b>
EYFS	Ladybirds	Reception	Miss Rice	Music
EYFS & KS1	Dragonflies	Reception and Year 1	Miss Upson	Geography
KS1	Butterflies	Year 1	Mrs. Baleka	English as an additional language (EAL)
KS1	Hedgehogs	Year 2	Mrs. Jordan	RSHE
KS1	Squirrels	Year 2	<b>Mr. Dickey</b> KS1 Phase Leader /Miss Ahmed	<b>Science</b>
Lower KS2	Otters	Year 3	Miss Gilliland	Design & Technology
Lower KS2	Badgers	Year 3 and 4	<b>Mrs. Parveen</b> LKS2 Phase Leader /Miss Ishaq	<b>Maths</b>
Lower KS2	Foxes	Year 4	Ms Nemeth	Computing
Upper KS2	Wolves	Year 5	Miss Pandya	
Upper KS2	Kingfishers	Year 5 and 6	<b>Miss Shaw</b> UKS2 Phase Leader /Mr. Forster	<b>English</b>
Upper KS2	Eagles	Year 6	Miss Thurman	History
Whole school			Ms Zucconi	Art & Design
Whole school			Mr. Guerfi	P.E.
Whole school			Ms Qureshi (SENCO)	R.E.



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**Senior Leadership Team**

Headteacher	Mrs. James	Strategy & Vision Collective Worship
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs. Lord-Attivor	Inclusion & Diversity
Assistant Headteachers (AHTs)	Miss Holrodye Miss Jukes (maternity leave)	Remote Learning
SENCO	Ms Qureshi (Acting AHT)	Mental Health & Wellbeing
Senior Teacher	Miss Shaw	Assessment
School Business Manager	Mrs. Forster	Health & Safety, Attendance

**Inclusion Team**

Inclusion & Diversity Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mrs. Lord-Attivor
Deputy DSL, SENCO, mental Health & Wellbeing	Ms Qureshi
Deputy DSL, Family Support Worker & Learning Mentor	Mrs. Nesbitt
School Home Support Practitioner	Mrs. Theodosiou
Welfare Assistant	Mrs. De Montagnac

**West Ham Church School is committed to the safety  
and the wellbeing of our children and staff.**

**If you have any concerns, please contact our designated individuals who have  
responsibility for safeguarding and child protection in our school.**