



# West Ham Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Quality Marks

We are delighted to share with you all our success in being awarded the Early Years Quality mark award which demonstrates our commitment to continually improving standards of high quality education and care for young children.

We are applying for three other awards this year in recognition of the high quality provision at West Ham Church School in **R.E., Science and the Arts**. We will let you know if we are successful. Staff are working very hard in preparation for the assessments.



## Goodbyes and Hellos

Today, we shared with the children that we will be saying farewell to **Mrs. Baleka**, who is retiring at the **end of this term**. We would like to thank her for her seven years of service at West Ham Church School and long standing commitment to the teaching profession. She will be sorely missed by children and staff and we wish her well on her travels. She is looking forward to spending more time with family.



Fortunately, we have been able to secure the appointment of an excellent teacher, **Mrs. Aslam**, who will join us in January and also pop into school for a few days before the end of this term to get to know the children in Butterflies class.

With regret, we have also accepted **Mrs. Parveen's** resignation and wish her a speedy recovery. Fortunately, **Miss Jukes'** timely return from maternity leave has ensured the children in Badger's class are settled and their educational needs are being met to a high standard. Miss Jukes will be their class teacher for the rest of the academic year, Monday- Thursday, with Mr. Forster leading the class on Fridays.

## National Breakfast Programme

Starting Monday 6th December, we will be operating a free Bagel 'Grab and Go' stall in school to help parents ensure their children get something to eat in the mornings. Please ensure children bring their own water bottle into school to drink.

The gates will open earlier at 8:15am and children will be invited in to grab a pre-prepared bagel before going to class. Bagels will be available until 8:25am. Breakfast Club will still operate as usual from 7:30am offering breakfast and extended schools provision for families.

## Children's Health - diet and fitness

We did notice children's fitness levels deteriorated as an impact of the pandemic, with many children also gaining excess weight. Please do not give your child sugary drinks before coming into school - this can affect their behaviour in a negative way. We only allow water to be drunk in school. If you are concerned about your child's weight, please ring the office and ask to speak to Mrs. Nesbitt, our Family Support Worker. Happily, we have an engaging programme of P.E. provision including ballet, karate and swimming delivered by specialist teachers and our sports coach, Mr. Guerfi. Children participate in at least two sessions of physical activity a week. We also provide after school multi-sports clubs each week - please ring the office for further details.

Warm regards, Mrs. James, Headteacher



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### Coronavirus Safety Measures

We are aware that cases are rising again and therefore, **from Monday 29th November we request parents wear a mask** when entering the school playground until further notice. We appreciate your cooperation.

To prevent crowding, we will also be opening the **Gift Lane gate** at the end of the day for children in **Year 5 & 6** to go home from school. If you would prefer your child to be collected from the playground as normal, please let us know.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, thank you. We strongly advise children to be given a LFT or PCR if they display any covid related symptoms and then advise the school as soon as possible.

**What is COVID like in children?** <https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/covid-in-children-webinar>

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 in children are actually no symptoms at all, with asymptomatic infections being common.

“On average of those who catch the virus, somewhere between 40% and 70% of kids don’t have any symptoms at all,” she says.

“In the study we’ve just done of people who did report symptoms in children using the ZOE COVID Study app, the most common are fever and headache, then persistent cough, sore throat and so forth.”

The prevalence of certain symptoms depends on the child’s age. For example, tummy pain is a common symptom in younger kids that doesn’t occur so often in older children, while older children are more likely to suffer loss of smell (anosmia).

The wide range of symptoms - many of which overlap with other common infections - can make it difficult to tell the difference between COVID-19 and any of the other myriad illnesses that children can pick up.

“Not every stuffy nose is COVID.”

“The biggest difference we saw was in the length of illness - children with confirmed symptomatic COVID are ill for around 6 days, whereas those who were sick with something else were ill for an average of three days.”



### Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time
Tues 30th Nov	Dragonflies' visit to Discover centre	am
Wed 1st Dec	Ladybirds' visit to Discover centre	am
Fri 3rd Dec	Year 5 & 6 visit to the pantomime	pm
Mon 6th Dec	Year 2 visit to the pantomime	am
Thurs 9th Dec	Year 1 'Christmas Journey' visit	pm
Thurs 9th Dec	Year 3 & 4 visit to the pantomime	pm
Tues 14th dec	Squirrels' visit to Discover centre	am
Wed 15th Dec	Hedgehogs' visit to Discover centre	am
Thurs 16th Dec	Butterflies' visit to Discover centre	am
Thurs 16th Dec	Ballet performance in school (EYFS & KS1)	pm
Fri 17th Dec	KS1 Nativity	pm
Mon 20th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance	am
	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch	
Tues 21st Dec	Christingle Service	am
	End of term	1:30pm

Precise details regarding times will be sent to parents via our phase news pages and texts.

Please ensure children are wrapped up warm to walk to the visits.



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## 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 from January 2022**

Phase	Class	Year	Class teacher	Subject Lead
EYFS	Little Owls	Nursery	<b>Miss Holroyde (Mon)</b> <b>EYFS Phase Leader</b> /MissDavis (Tues-Fri)	<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. Aslam	
KS1	Hedgehogs	Year 2	Mrs. Jordan	RSHE
KS1	Squirrels	Year 2	<b>Mr. Dickey</b> <b>KS1 Phase Leader</b>	<b>Science</b>
Lower KS2	Otters	Year 3	Miss Gilliland	Design & Technology
Lower KS2	Badgers	Year 3 and 4	<b>Miss Jukes/Mr. Forster</b> <b>LKS2 Phase Leader</b>	<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> <b>UKS2 Phase Leader</b> /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 Holroyde Miss Jukes	Remote Learning Pupil Voice
SENCO	Ms Qureshi	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.**



## Governing Board

Our School Governors have a varied and important role...

...helping the school run effectively. They have 3 core functions:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

Chair of Governors	Steve Ball
Vice Chair of Governors & Chair of Finance Committee	Robert Henney
Headteacher	Nicola James
Parent Governor & Chair of Curriculum Committee	Daniel Davis
Parent Governor	Eva Gutierrez-Sigut
Foundation Governor	Simon Nicholls
Foundation Governor	Rebecca Adlington
Foundation Governor	Patience Ohuruogu
Co-opted Governor	Cecilia Olufemi
Staff Governor	Emma Shaw
Co-opted Governor	Hasya Qureshi
Vacancy	-