



West Ashtead Primary School

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I do hope everyone is managing in this heat – on top of everything else we are really being tested! Many thanks to those of you who have chatted to me when I have called. It is lovely to hear what everyone is getting up to – raising money for Chester Zoo, learning to use a sewing machine, laying patios, winning at Monopoly, participating in the Freeman’s joint virtual music event and cooking.

School Opening

Thank you for all your continued patience in this difficult transition phase. We now have over 100 children in school every day!

Bubbles

Our keyworker ‘bubbles’ continue to grow. It is lovely to see the mixed age children working and playing together so well.

Robins and Kingfishers

We are all very impressed with our youngest children. They have adapted very well to their new surroundings and staff. We have welcomed more children back over the past week which is a great testament to the work done by our staff.

Year 6

Year 6 are returning in blocks of 15 to have a ‘Highlights of Summer Term’. The children have worked with myself, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Barber and Sports Stars. We have had great discussions about the move to secondary school, had SATs breakfast everyday (but no SATs!) and worked on a leavers’ production with Mrs Barber. This has been filmed and will be shared when all blocks have completed their sessions - please do give your consent if you have not already done so. Today they have had a special breakfast and extended sport with Sports Stars. It is rumoured water play may be involved at some point! We wish them well in their new adventures and I know that they will flourish.

Transition Days

Every day we get updated Government Guidance. We are now working hard and creatively to give children in our remaining year groups the opportunity to meet their new teacher and to say goodbye to their old teacher for a day in small groups. Please bear with me while I muster my last coherent thoughts to put this together. I am aiming to finalise next week and you will get separate notification of our plans.

Remote Learning

All teachers, including myself, are working with bubbles. Teachers may not be able to answer emails quickly but if you need an immediate response, please contact either myself or the office and we will do our best to support you. Google classroom continues. Mrs Legg is available by email to answer technical issues slegg@west-ashtead.surrey.sch.uk

Please remember that we are drawing to the end of an academic year and the children would normally be participating in many special events as well as Sports Day and productions. Please do not be overly concerned if your child has a down or quiet day. We are already thinking about the curriculum for September and how to support all the children as they return.

With all best wishes
Ruth Hall

