



West End Primary School

Newsletter

15 July 2021

Finishing times on Friday 16th July

We will be staggering the children's early finishing times on Friday 16th July as follows:

Nursery, Beech and Willow Classes	2:00pm
Oak, Poplar, Elm and Chestnut Classes	2:10pm
Holly, Cherry, Hazel and Maple Classes	2:20pm



Goodbyes



On Friday we will be saying goodbye to two of our longstanding members of staff. Mrs. Mertsch, one of our kitchen assistants and Mrs. Humphreys, one of our teaching assistants.

After 6 years at West End Primary School, Mrs. Shirley Mertsch has decided to retire from her role as Catering Assistant in order to pursue new opportunities, with effect from 31 August 2021.

Mrs Mertsch has been an invaluable member of the kitchen team and we will miss her as a colleague and a friend. We would like to thank Mrs Mertsch for her contribution to West End Primary School during her employment with us and wish her all the very best in her next adventure.

After 16 years at West End Primary School, Mrs. Moira Humphreys has decided to resign from her role as Teaching Assistant in order to pursue new opportunities, with effect from 31 August 2021. Mrs Humphreys has worked in a number of year groups during her time with us and has helped many children to develop academically and socially. We will miss her as a colleague and a friend. We would like to thank Mrs Humphreys for her contribution to West End Primary School during her employment with us and wish her all the very best in her next adventure.

We wish both ladies the very best of luck for the future.

Arrangements for September 2021

We are still awaiting concrete guidance from the Government about arrangements for September 2021. We have been informed that there will be no requirement for the children to be in bubbles or for there to be staggered entrances and exits to the day, but we have not had official confirmation of this.



We do not expect to receive this before the middle of August. We are therefore planning for the best and the worst! Currently we are planning to reinstate our 8:45am to 8:55am start for all pupils except Nursery who will start at 9:00am with doors opening at 8:50am. We will also all finish together at 3:20pm (again except Nursery who finish at 3:00pm). I will email parents and carers with the drop off and pick up arrangements for each year group and if these need to be changed I will inform you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Thank-yous

What a year it has been. We could not be prouder of the children who have coped so incredibly well with all of the changes we have had to make to the school day, as well as remote learning and isolation periods. Their positivity, cheerfulness and resilience have helped us all to get through what has been another very difficult year. We thank them for that.



The staff, as usual, has done an amazing job; tackling every new problem with a determination and total commitment to making this year as positive and happy as it could possibly be for the children. I cannot thank them enough for their fabulous work and attitude. Finally I would like to thank you, our parents and carers; your support throughout this year has been fantastic. Your positive comments and kind words in person and on Facebook, Class Dojo, Tapestry and the children's report slips have made us laugh and cry and most importantly, feel valued - thank you from us all. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and here's to a happier and more normal 2021/22 school year. We'll see you all on Tuesday 7th September.

Yours sincerely

Jane Bushell

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher

