

# West Grove

## Gazette

Start of Year



## Welcome Back

I hope all our families and children had a very restful summer, we are so excited to be back and looking forward to a new school year. There is so much to look forward to this term, including our very first West Grove Fireworks event! More details coming very soon but save the date for Thursday 2nd November.

It has been a busy summer for the site team who have overseen lots of further improvements to the school building and outdoor areas. Our nursery and reception playgrounds are nearly complete and they are absolutely stunning.

Lastly, please note that scooters should now be parked just inside the playground gate on the right.

Sophie Yaseen, Headteacher

## Home Learning

We have made a few small changes to the home learning policy so ask that you read and check the expectations for your child's year group.

Teachers will now be sharing the reading comprehension extract on J2 every Friday. This gives children a chance to pre-read the extract and for parents to see the texts being read.

You can view the policy on the website which also has useful links and helpful instructional videos to support families: [Home Learning](#)

There is no home learning being set this week but it will begin next Friday.



## New School Uniform

We are asking that all children are now wearing the new school uniform. Please visit our website for guidance: [School Uniform](#)

## Welcome Meetings

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting families to come into school and attend a welcome meeting for their child's new year group. These meetings will be led by the class teachers and contain lots of important information so we hope you can attend. The slides will be uploaded to new year group pages on the website.

Meetings start at 9am in the school hall and will last approximately half an hour. The dates can be found overleaf and on the website.



## School Lunches

A reminder that school meals are now free for all children from Reception to Year 6. If you have not yet registered on School Grid please do contact the school office to receive a link.

Please ensure you order the meal every evening and take the time to view the menu with your child. Any ordered meals need to be cancelled before 8.45am if your child is absent.

If there are any dietary or allergen changes please visit the catering company to apply for a special meal:

[HCL Special Meal Application](#)

## Vision & Values

This year we will continue to embed our school values with the children to guide their behaviour and attitudes. Here at West Grove we have the highest expectations and we are always grateful for the support our families provide to reinforce these expectations.

We also have a new aspirational vision, providing direction in becoming a truly exceptional school. We welcome families to visit our website and share in our vision: [Vision & Values](#)

## Educational Visits

Attached to the newsletter email is a letter regarding educational visits. We are looking forward to the exciting trips planned for this year and the opportunity to enhance the classroom learning. You can see all the planned visits here:

[Educational Visits Overview](#)

## School Events

Don't forget, you can keep track of all the upcoming events in the weekly bulletin and on the homepage of the website.

### Diary Dates

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| 12th September               | Year 6 Welcome Meeting    |
| 13th September               | Year 1 Welcome Meeting    |
| 14th September               | Year 2 Welcome Meeting    |
| 19th September               | Year 3 Welcome Meeting    |
| 20th September               | Year 4 Welcome Meeting    |
| 21st September               | Year 5 Welcome Meeting    |
| 29th September – 2nd October | Year 6 Residential to PGL |
| 11th October                 | Harvest Assembly          |