



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this half term we will say goodbye to Mrs Varney who has worked as a lunchtime supervisor at our school for 6 years. Jane has decided to hang up her apron and retire, after a long career with Northamptonshire Local Authority. We will miss her kind and caring nature and wish her the very best for the future.

We will also be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Stoneman. Ange has worked with us for over 11 years in the Reception team but is moving to Gran Canaria with her husband Nigel, who has recently been headhunted to set up a new business. We wish Ange the very best in her new ventures but will greatly miss her expertise, patience and good humour.

As you can imagine, recruitment may prove to be challenging during the lockdown but we will keep you all posted as soon as we have more information.

## HALF TERM BREAK

West Haddon Primary School will close as usual over February half-term and the school will not be open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. Work will not be set on Google Classroom although your child may wish to access some of the work that has not yet been completed.

## Storytime Magazine

During the first lockdown we paid for a subscription for a monthly Storytime magazine to be delivered to children's homes. During this lockdown we have subscribed families again and many children have already received a January version already. If you have not yet received a copy and would like to access this subscription, please email Colette Bowers, [cbowers@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk](mailto:cbowers@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk), giving permission for us to share your contact details with the Storytime company. Closing date - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

<https://www.storytimemagazine.com>

## Good Mental Health – the power of laughing!

Laughter effects our overall mental health: it releases endorphins which are natural chemicals in the body. We can also release these chemicals by doing exercise. Endorphins promote a sense of well-being and relieve stress as well as decreasing anger. When we are in a difficult situation or feeling low, why not try some time out to watch a bit of comedy or do a little exercise? You may wish to have a joke telling session with the family or even video your children telling a joke or two. If you would like us to share with your class on the GC stream we can also do this, although remember to keep the jokes clean and under a minute long – just send to Mr Rosevear via email.



## Internet Safety Matters

With lockdown in place, we continue to use technology for a range of things – from shopping to communicating and socialising. During this time, there have been an increased number of scams and inappropriate use such as the Free School Meal scam on social media and photobombing on Zoom (use Zoom Version 5 to avoid this). Please can you all be vigilant when your child is using technology and refresh your minds with tips to protect our children. For further information click here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



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