



9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **West End in Schools – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we welcome back 'West-End in Schools' – the team that last year brought us dance workshops focussing upon the celebrations of Diwali and the Chinese New Year.

This time around we will have one of their professional drama team visiting us to work separately with Years 2 -6 throughout the day with a focus on 'The Recovery Curriculum'. The Recovery Curriculum was a paper written by Professor Barry Carpenter which supported our thinking and work with your children following the return from lockdown in September 2020. If you're interested and would like to know more about this, do take a look on the internet where we think you'll be surprised by it's simplicity and relevance.

Working with each class for about 45 minutes each, our visiting drama specialist will use drama exercises to support children in sensitively exploring the past months, both the good and the bad. Children will be supported in working with each other to process their feelings and move forward in a fun, age-appropriate, and collaborative way.

This opportunity will fit neatly alongside work we have been doing with children to acknowledge, and as a result feel more supported and resilient in the face of the challenges that we are all facing at the moment.

The sessions will be provided free of charge, will run as part of the school's curriculum-based learning for the day, and children will not require any special equipment.

Given the quality of experience that West End in Schools have brought us in the past we are really looking forward to what should be a fun and supportive day.

Don't forget to ask your child what they got up to and what they thought of their session, and should you want to know anything more about the day feel free to get in touch with your child's learning leader.

Yours sincerely,

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