



## West End Academy

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### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents who brought in food and donations for our Harvest Assembly last week. We have delivered food parcels to Westfield Centre Food Bank and Ashfield House Sheltered Accommodation. Both were very grateful for all the food!

### School Development Plan

The new School Development Plan is now available to read on the school website under the "Our Academy" section and titled "Areas for Improvement". It is important that you know what our key priorities are for this year. These priorities are clearly outlined in the plan. Some of the actions in the plan have already taken place during the first five weeks and we will continue to work hard to put the rest of the actions in place. I will keep you updated through the year on the progress we are making as we aim to achieve all our objectives.

### Library

I am pleased to see that all our children have now visited the school library at least once and taken a book out to read at home. I was really impressed with how Year 1 used the library to change their book for the first time on Tuesday. Afterwards, Levi said, "I really enjoyed reading a book about football. It will help me do some more tricks. I am looking forward to getting more books about sport." Maci added, "I enjoyed reading the Winnie the Witch books. It makes me laugh when she is a bit clumsy. I want to read more books about her." We must continue to encourage our children to enjoy reading. Please remember that children must bring their library book back to school on their specified day so that they can change it for another one.

### Tesco Visits

This year, we will continue our partnership with our local Tesco store. Last week, Year 6 visited Tesco as part of their study of bread in design and technology lessons. They spent time in the store bakery where they learnt about the different ingredients that are needed to make bread. The children also looked at the ovens that the store uses to produce bread on a big scale. I am looking forward to seeing how the children use this information when they make their own bread back in the classroom. Afterwards, Kiera told me, "We learnt how to shape the dough differently using just one hand which will help when we come to make our bread."

### School Website

We are continuing to update our school website and this week all the teachers have completed their first blog to let you know what has been happening in class. You can find the blogs under the "News and Events" section of the website. Please make sure you have a look and, if you want, you can leave a comment about what the children have been learning too!

### Governors' Meeting

The public minutes from the governors' meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July are now available. You can get a copy of these minutes from reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher