



## West End Academy

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### **Local Authority Visit**

Last week, the school had a visit from a school improvement advisor from the local authority. The advisor conducted a learning walk around school and spoke to children and adults about life at West End. Following the visit, the advisor wrote a report about the school. I am pleased to say that the report was very positive. Part of the report stated, "The school is extremely well run with effective systems and processes in place. Attention to detail is evident as well as clear analysis and solution-focused actions. High expectations are evident in all aspects of the school's work. The pupils are delightful, proud of their school and provided with opportunities to shape the school's provision and develop their leadership skills." The report also supported the next steps that the Senior Leadership Team had already identified in the School Development Plan. We will continue to work on these throughout the academic year.

### **Attendance Reward**

Year 3 recently received some money for having the highest attendance throughout the last half-term. The children decided to use the money to buy some new playtime games. Last week, during our Achievements Assembly, the Year 3 children shared what they had bought with the rest of the school. I look forward to seeing which class will win the prize this half-term. So far, Year 3 is in the lead again!

### **Martial Arts**

This half-term, the school has used some of the sports funding to enable children in Years 5 and 6 to learn karate. The trained instructor has been very impressed with the progress that the children have made over the last six weeks. A special well done to Niamh Evans and Reuben Whiteley who were awarded karate uniforms in the club this week. They received their prize as they had worked exceptionally hard in all the sessions!

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair will be held next Tuesday in the hall after school. Many of our children have made an item for the stall and I know they are looking forward to showing you their work. It would be great to see lots of parents at the event.

### **Governors' Meeting**

The public minutes from the governors' meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are now available. You can get a copy of these minutes from reception.

### **Website**

The teachers have recently updated the class blogs on the school website. Make sure you read these in order to find out even more about what has been going on in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher