



## West End Academy

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### EYFS

All the children have been phased into our Nursery (Lower Foundation) over the first couple of weeks. It has really helped them settle in and get to know their new class. It is lovely to see the new friendships the children have already made and how busy they all were when I visited last week!

### Top Team

Congratulations to all the children in Years 5 and 6 who have been appointed to the "Top Team" this week. We had 37 applications and the standard of the completed forms was very high. Miss Fidler had a difficult job deciding who should be successful in joining the team. Children in the "Top Team" will help other adults and children around school. Some of their responsibilities will include supporting our Upper Foundation Stage children at lunchtime, being a sports leader and helping out in the office. These jobs will help the children to develop skills which they can carry forward to the next stage of their education.

### Term-Time Holidays

Holidays during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you think your circumstances are exceptional, you can fill in a holiday form before the planned holiday. We will not authorise any forms that are received after the holiday has been taken. The Local Authority may also give you a fixed penalty notice if you take your child out of school for a holiday in term time.

### Library

Reading continues to be a focus for development for the academy this year and it is really important that we encourage our children to read for pleasure. Like last year, members of the "Top Team" will also be helping out in the library. Below are the times when your child will visit the library this half-term. Please ensure your child brings their library book back to school on this day so that they can change it and take out a new book.

<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October and Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Year 2</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Year 3</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Year 4</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October

### Extra-Curricular Activities

The academy is committed to providing children with many opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. As a school, we feel the opportunity to take part in different activities really benefits your children. We will be running multi-skills, cross-country, writing, drama and choir clubs after school this term and more will be announced later on this year. Please look out for further letters about this.

### Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest, the school will not be able to run a breakfast club this year. If this changes in the future, I will let you know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher