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Visits from Governors

Two governors recently visited our school. They wanted to check our progress against the priorities shown in the school development plan. Mrs Booth, the parent governor, listened to the children in year 2 during their lesson in reading fluency. Mrs Booth recognised that these lessons are helping to improve the reading skills of our children. This year, more children in year 2 are reading at 90 words a minute than last year. We will continue to make reading a priority this term.

Mrs Shaw, the community governor, watched two geography lessons. After the lessons, she asked the children what they had learnt in geography throughout their time at school. Mrs Shaw said, "The children could recall more of their learning from previous year groups compared to when I came in last time." I am pleased that our children are making good progress in geography and that one of our governors has recognised this.

Reading

We recently sent an email to the parents of our younger children. The email explains what your child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The email also gives information about how you can help your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going back over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already learnt. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of our website.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 2 and 6 for having an attendance of more than 97%. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
90.97%	87.41%	97.39%	95.93%	92.86%	95.92%	97.78%	94.01%

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please come and get a form from the office or you can apply online at <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>. There are many benefits that your child could be missing out on if you don't apply.

Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
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