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Investors in Pupils

Three years ago, the school achieved the Investors in Pupils award. Since then, the academy has been working hard to improve the areas that were highlighted in the report that came with the award. We have expanded our school council to make sure that our younger children are more involved and their opinions are heard. The school has also worked hard to ensure that our children have a better understanding of the role of the governing body. Governors have visited the school and last summer, Mrs Booth, our parent governor, attended a special assembly where the children asked lots of questions about her role. We have also recently started work on making sure our children have a stronger understanding of our school budget. Following an assembly last week, Imogen said, "I learnt that the school receives money from the government and also gets extra money, such as sports funding, which is used for new PE equipment. We also learnt that the majority of the school's money is spent on the teachers and the support staff and not resources for the classroom." Once this work is completed, the school will apply to be reassessed in the hope that we will achieve the award again for another three years. A copy of the Investors in Pupils report, that the school received in 2015, can be found on our school website under "External Accreditations" in "Our Academy".

Pupil Questionnaires

It is important that we ask the children what they like about the school and what they think we can do better. Over the next two weeks, all the children will have completed questionnaires so we can evaluate how well we are doing! I look forward to sharing the findings with you in a few weeks. Soon, I will also be sending out a parent questionnaire to evaluate the impact of the changes that the academy has made since last February.

Year 2 Trip

Last Thursday, the children in Year 2 visited Magna to help with the work they have been doing in geography on different ways of travelling. Afterwards, Alfie told me, "We learnt how the factory was used to make steel many years ago before visiting the different zones. In the air zone, we looked at how air can be a force by pushing and pulling air cannons. We also saw a short video which showed the early attempts of people trying to fly a machine."

Attendance

I am pleased that our whole-school attendance has risen since the start of the spring term and I really hope that this can continue. Well done to Year 1 for having the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was more than 98%. We will continue to work hard this term to ensure that the academy meets our whole-school target.

Uniform

From this week, Waterson Clothing in Hemsworth will no longer be selling jumpers and cardigans with our school logo on them. If you need to buy a new jumper or cardigan, you can do so from our school reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher