



## West End Academy

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### Junior Leadership Team

For the first time, the school has a Junior Leadership Team (JLT) this year. The JLT is looking at ways to improve the teaching and learning of all of our children. In the autumn term, the team's main focus was to look at different ways to make sure children are always challenged in their maths lessons. The JLT gave the teachers lots of different ideas to put into place. These have included making some questions harder, allowing children to start their work before the teacher has finished talking and allowing some children in the class to help other children who might be finding the work difficult. Children wear "expert" badges when they are helping other children so that they are easily recognised. The initial feedback from the children is that these ways are helping them to make better progress in their maths lessons. The JLT will continue to monitor the impact of their ideas. Also, at the next governors' meeting, they will present their findings to governors. The team are really excited about doing this!

### Internet Safety Day

To celebrate Internet Safety Day, the whole school has recently taken part in a special assembly. Following on from the work that we did last year on being SMART online, the children watched a video to remind themselves of how they can stay safe while using a computer. We will continue to ensure that we teach our children to stay safe on-line by doing further work during our computing lessons throughout the rest of the academic year.

### Achievements Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who have received awards at our special assembly this half-term. It was great to hear that many children have been recognised for being resilient learners even when a challenge is hard. I was also impressed by the recognition that some children received for completing fantastic homework. This also shows a great attitude to learning!

### Waterton Trust

Thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting last night. The listening period, which gives you the chance to give your views on the school's potential new sponsor, will continue until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. An update from the Department for Education will follow shortly after this date.

### Year 6

Next week, the children will be doing their practice SAT tests. Please make sure your child attends every day as it will be great preparation for when they do their SAT tests in May.

### Admissions

The application period for a nursery place for the next academic year, starting in September 2018, is still open. If your child is due to start nursery in September, please collect an application form from reception. The completed forms should be returned to the academy by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Parents will be informed whether their child has a place by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. You can find more details on the Admissions Policy on the school website under the "School Policies" section.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

