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Junior Leadership Team

Last week, the Senior Leadership Team held interviews with some of our children who were interested in joining the Junior Leadership Team. We were all really impressed with how our children answered some tricky questions. They all did a great job and it was very difficult to choose the eight members of the new team. The successful children have now been informed by letter. The children will immediately look at ways in which we can improve the teaching and learning that take place at West End. I am really looking forward to working with the team and seeing how together we can further improve the school.

Premier League Primary Stars

As part of the Premier League Primary Stars programme, some of our children in Years 3 and 4 have been taking part in an after-school club with the help of the Leeds United Foundation. The children have been learning new football skills with a qualified coach. Back in the classroom, they have been writing about these new skills. I have already seen some great progress in their writing in the first month. Tomorrow, the children will be visiting Elland Road to watch Leeds United play. After, they will be using the writing skills that they have developed to write a match report. The best match report is going to be published in a future Leeds United match day programme. I am really looking forward to hearing all about the game and reading their final reports!

INSET Days

This year, we will continue to use INSET days to develop our curriculum and ensure that our children are making as much progress as they possibly can. These INSET days will be Monday 8th January, Monday 16th April, Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July.

Updated Policies

Following a recent governors' meeting, some of our school policies have now been updated. You can find these new policies under the "Parents" section of the school website.

News Reports

Each week, different children will be writing a short news report about events that have been happening at the academy. Last week, our journalists were Isabella Reay, Macauley Wood, Mackenzie Warren and Destiny Palmer from Year 4. They wrote about the after-school club they are taking part in with Leeds United. You can read their report on the school website under the "News" section. Like last year, we will also be keeping all the news stories in a folder in reception.

Tesco Visit

Last week, our Upper Foundation Stage children had a special visitor from Tesco who showed them lots of different types of fish that are sold in the store. The children also got the opportunity to taste some of the fish including smoked cod, tuna and crabsticks. After the lesson, Lenny and Holly said, "We learnt about how the fish came from the sea into the store and how it got put into the packaging."

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher