



## West End Academy

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### Young Voices

This evening, our choir will be singing at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. I know the children have been working really hard with Miss Lancaster to learn all the songs. They are also looking forward to performing with lots of other schools from the local area. Sophie and Ella, both from Year 5, told me, "We are looking forward to going for the first time and having the experience of singing in front of lots of people. We have learnt all the songs and the actions. We have even come up with some actions of our own that we can do on the night."

### Teaching and Learning

Last week, the children found out what topic they would be learning about in school this term. Each class has a theme linked to the new geography curriculum. I have already been impressed by how much the children are enjoying learning about a different part of the world. You will find the new curriculum plans under the "Curriculum" section of the school website.

### Top Team

Last term, the children in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to apply for roles that would support the adults and other children around school. These jobs ranged from supporting staff in reception to helping children in our Foundation Stage to play new games. The Top Team clearly enjoyed their new responsibilities and they have learnt new skills too. Next week, the children will be starting a new job which I know they are all looking forward to. Well done to the children who received Top Team certificates in our Achievement Assemblies recently. I hope to be handing out more certificates this term to reward the children who have excelled at their job!

### Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for having the highest class attendance in school during the last half-term. On Tuesday, in our Achievements Assembly, they were awarded some money to spend. Also, during the assembly, the draw took place for all the children who have received a golden ticket last half-term. Children receive these tickets when their attendance is more than 98% each week. Noah Moverley, Isla-Mai Mills, Archie Wynard, Stuart Heppinstall, Amelia Mooney and Mason Turgoose all won a £5 voucher!

### Dates for Your Diary

Overleaf are the upcoming dates for the spring term. Further details about these events will be sent out nearer the time.

### Special Mentions

Finally, well done to all the children who received certificates and positive leaves in our first Achievements Assembly of the term. Like last term, we will be putting the leaves on our rainbow tree in the school reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

Young Voices concert	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 visit to Magna	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 3 visit to Trinity Walk	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Foundation Stage Maths INSPIRE morning	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Valentine's Disco	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Key Stage 2 Reading INSPIRE morning	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Key Stage 1 Reading INSPIRE morning	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Years 2 and 6 SATS information for parents	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Parents' meeting for children in Lower Foundation Stage	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parents' evening	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Foundation Stage Mother's Day Assembly	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 visit to The Deep	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Key Stage 1 Mother's Day Assembly	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Healthy Lifestyles Workshop for Year 4	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 visit to the Hepworth Gallery	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Governors' meeting	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 visit to York's Chocolate Story	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Lower Foundation Stage Farm Visit	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
INSET Day	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April