



## West End Academy

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### **INSPIRE Mornings**

Thank you to all the parents who came to our INSPIRE mornings this week. We had a fantastic turnout and the children clearly enjoyed seeing you in class. I am glad you found the session helpful in supporting your child with their reading and maths at home. The feedback we received was also very positive. One parent, whose child is in Upper Foundation, said, "I am now more aware of what my child can do so I can help her at home especially with the recognising of different sounds. I don't think the session could have been improved."

### **Sports Funding**

All schools receive an allocation of money from the government to improve the sports provision in school. I have reviewed how the money was spent last year and outlined plans for how the academy is going to spend the money this year. We will use some of the money to continue to give our children the opportunity to take part in new sports, both in lesson time and after school. We will also give our children more opportunities to watch live, professional sport that the children wouldn't normally have the chance to see. You can read more about our sports funding on the school website under the "Our Academy" section. I will continue to monitor how effectively the money is spent in my termly report to governors.

### **Warburtons**

Last week, the children in Year 6 had a visit from Warburtons. As part of their work in design and technology, the children learnt how yeast is an important ingredient when making bread. Afterwards, Katie told me, "We kneaded the dough and then shaped our bread. I made a plait and I was really pleased with how it turned out. Next time, I will use the palm of my hand more when I am rolling out the dough."

### **Cross-Country**

Last Friday, Mr Houghton took a team of ten Key Stage 2 children to the cross-country tournament held at De Lacy Academy in Knottingley. Over a thousand children were at the event and everyone who went had lots of fun competing against children from across the area. Well done to everyone who took part. I am delighted to say that Milly Dunlop and Keira Taylor both finished in the top twenty in their respective races.

### **PE Kit**

Can I remind parents that children must bring the correct PE kit to school every week. When doing outdoor PE, children must wear trainers for their own safety. As the weather is becoming colder, please can you make sure that your child always brings warm clothes for their outdoor PE sessions. Children are allowed to wear tracksuits for outdoor PE. Tracksuits should be dark coloured, ideally navy or black.

### **Twitter**

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. It is updated with news and photos from the school.

### **Disco**

Thank you to the Friends of West End group for organising the Halloween disco last night. All the children who attended had a great time!

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

