



## West End Academy

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### **Top Team**

This week, the children who have been chosen for the Top Team have started their jobs. I have been very impressed with their responsible and mature attitude around school this week. Already, I have seen lots of examples of the Top Team supporting the younger children in school. The children in Year 1 told me about how much they enjoyed reading to an older child on Friday. I have also been impressed with how the new play leaders have taught games to our children in Key Stage 1. Keep up the fantastic work!

### **Assessments**

At the last INSET day, we agreed to make some changes to the assessment sheets that we use in school. The sheets were altered to reflect the content outlined in the National Curriculum. We also had to take into account the expectations set by the government for children in reading, writing and maths in Years 2 and 6. The new sheets will be shared with all of the children during these lessons. You can see the changes we have made to the sheets by looking at our website. They can be found under the "assessment grids" heading in the "parents" section. You will also be able to discuss how we continue to assess our children with the class teacher at the next parents' evening in November.

### **Attendance**

Last week, the whole-school attendance was more than 96%! Well done to Years 3 and 5 for achieving more than 98% attendance last week. We are continuing to beat our whole-school target this year and I hope we can keep up the great start!

### **Website**

We are currently updating our website to reflect the new academic year. This week, updated policies can be found under the "parents" section. Please continue to visit the website for the latest news and I will let you know when new sections have been completed.

### **Trip Changes**

The date for the Year 1 trip to the Manchester Museum has now changed. The new date for this trip is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The date for the Year 3 trip to the Jorvik Museum has also changed. The new date for this trip is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Medical Appointments**

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, you must provide the office with written confirmation so we can keep it on our records. If you need any more information about this, please contact your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher