

Westacre Infant School

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Governor Newsletter Summer

It has been another challenging academic year with the impact of another lockdown at the beginning of 2021. We were pleased to hear of the high level of engagement in the online learning facilities that staff implemented to ensure that pupils' learning could continue whilst school was closed to most of our children. We are extremely proud of how pupils have responded to the changes implemented, such as having to learn and play in class bubbles and also how they have coped with the small number of class self-isolations that have occurred. We have missed being able to attend parents / carers evenings and other school events such as sports day, but we hope that Autumn term will start to see a return to something closer to normality. Enjoy your summer break!



It has been some time since our last Ofsted visit (March 2016) so with this in mind please could we ask parents/carers to complete the Parent View questionnaire which can be found in the 'Quick Links' section on the school website.

Please note that this is separate to the recent school parent questionnaire and the results of Parent View will be taken into consideration by the Ofsted inspectors at the time of their next visit.

Governing Body meetings

We have had to adapt the way in which we have conducted our Governor meetings for the 20/21 academic year and all of these have been held securely online. Meetings are held termly consisting of a Full Governing Body meeting, a Finance committee meeting and a Curriculum committee meeting. During these meetings we have received information regarding the School Development Plan, Budget updates, review and update of policies, staffing updates, Pupil Premium expenditure, staff and pupil wellbeing, safeguarding, attendance, outcomes and home learning resources. A special mention to Mrs Bateman for managing the school budget efficiently and providing us with detailed updates during our meetings.

We have welcomed 4 new Governors this academic year:

Mrs Lucy Rook

Mrs Anna Dalton

Mrs Bhavisha Patel

Mr Ajay Patel

Our next scheduled Governor meetings are:

Full Governor Body meeting

Finance and Curriculum committee meetings



PTA

Thank you to the Parent Teacher Association for organising the Hawaiian themed party for the year 2 leavers.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the PTA haven't been able to organise the usual fun activities throughout the year but they kindly organised the Hawaiian party to ensure that year 2 didn't miss out on the traditional leaver celebrations.

The PTA is obviously a really important part of school life and is all about making the Westacre years as special as possible for the children. We are grateful to everyone involved for their time and effort.

**Thank
You**

Governor School Visits

At the beginning of the academic year we are each appointed a Link Governor role which helps us plan and focus our individual school visits on certain areas.

Link Governor areas for our school include Teaching and Learning, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Outcomes and Wellbeing.

As with our meetings we have had to conduct our Link Governor visits online rather than attend in person. These 'visits' have enabled us to hear evidence of policies in action, and gain a more detailed insight into certain areas of interest, and we report back our findings during our Full Governing Body meetings.

We would like to thank all staff that have taken their time to prepare for and attend these online visits with us during the last academic year.

We hope that the next academic year, starting in September, will give us the opportunity to resume our visits in school. We look forward to again engaging with staff and pupils face-to-face and to seeing first-hand some of the activities and learning that takes place in a typical school day at Westacre.



Farewells

Staff

This year we are saying a fond farewell to a long-serving teacher and Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Smith. We would like to thank her for her dedication and commitment during her time at Westacre and wish her well in the future.

Year 2

We are always sad to say goodbye to our year 2 children and their parents, but we are extremely proud of their individual achievements and have loved watching them grow during their time with us. We hope they are leaving with some wonderful memories of their time at Westacre Infant School, and we wish them well in the next stage of their educational journey.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the families and friends who have supported Westacre Infant School this year. We always welcome your comments and suggestions, and you can get in contact with us through the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely summer break!