

Westacre Infant School

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Governor Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome to the first Governor Newsletter of the 21/22 academic year. As we near the end of our first term in this new academic year we'd like to welcome our Nursery and Reception pupils and their parents and carers. We hope that all pupils have now settled in well and are enjoying their time at our school.

Welcome also to our new Westacre Governors, Lucy, Anna, Bhavisha and Ajay.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Rebecca Pick who served as both a Parent and then Co-opted member of the Governing body for many years.

We are delighted to announce the recent appointment of Mrs Guest as Deputy Headteacher, we wish her well in her new role and look forward to working with her.



Governing Body meetings



Our first Governing Body meeting of the 21/22 academic year was held in school on 23rd September. During the meeting we elected our Chair and Vice-Chair for the year, agreed on committee memberships and appointed Link Governor roles. We discussed the School Development Plan and what the priorities are for this academic year, and the Covid 19 risk assessment. Committee meetings were held on 21st October. Thank you to Mrs Bateman for attending the Finance meeting to discuss the budget in detail, which evidently supports the School Development Plan. We'd also like to thank Mrs Guest who joined the Curriculum meeting to explain and show examples of the year group curriculum maps. They detail the topics the pupils will learn and how they expand their knowledge during their time at Westacre.

Our next scheduled Governor meetings are:

Committee meetings – Thursday 17th March 2022

Full Governing Body Meeting – Thursday 7th April 2022

Westacre Infant School Governing Body:

Mrs Janine Wright - Chair of Governors

Mr Aidan Edmunds - Headteacher

Mrs Lynsey Clarke – Vice-Chair and Co-opted
Vacancy – Staff Governor

Mrs Hayley Curtis-Gaze – Parent

Mrs Atiyah Ali – Co-opted

Mr Richard Gummery – Co-opted

Mrs Lucy Rook – Co-opted

Mrs Bhavisha Patel – Co-opted

Mr Ajay Patel – Parent

Mrs Anna Dalton – Parent

**To find out more about each of your
Governors, who we are and what we do,
please visit the Governor section of the
school website.**

PTA Appeal

The school is looking to recruit new volunteers to become members of our Parent Teacher Association. The PTA is made up of volunteer parents, carers, friends and teachers who work together to support our school. Being on the PTA doesn't have to be a big commitment and we welcome anyone who is interested in getting involved. To submit an expression of interest please email the school office.

Governor School Visits



This term we have been able to resume some of our Governor visits to the school. We attended the second parents evening in October and one of our Governor's, Bhavisha, recently attended a Friday Celebration Assembly. She says "I had the opportunity to see first-hand how children are acknowledged and rewarded for their hard work. Mr Edmunds gave out certificates for Reader, Writer, Mathematician and Star of the Week, followed by the Headteacher award. Seeing the children's faces was priceless but their class mates were also really happy for them too! It's a good boost for the pupils at the end of the week."

We are very much looking forward to our Link Governor visits next year, which are planned to run in conjunction with the priorities identified on the School Development Plan. We will include details of our visits in the next newsletter.

COVID Update

With bubble restrictions now being eased the pupils have done really well to integrate themselves back into school, benefitting from being able to mix and make friends with children in other classes.

Staff and Governors are very thankful for the opportunity to welcome you into school face to face this term. The parents evening allowed us to see the fabulous work your children have been busy doing in school and for you to set targets for your children with the class teachers.

We are also very much looking forward to coming into school to watch the Christmas plays the children have been working so hard to prepare.

It is important as a school community that we are still staying vigilant and safe, especially as COVID rates continue to be high in the City of Wolverhampton.

A final thank you to all of our parents, carers and pupils who have shown their support during our charity and appeal days, such as Children In Need, the Harvest appeal, Christmas shoebox appeal and HelloYellow day.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions and you can get in contact with us through the school office.

OFSTED Priority Focus

Following on from the Ofsted report earlier this term, I write as promised to inform you how the school are focusing on the priorities highlighted. In this newsletter, the spotlight is on reading.

The school are working hard to create a strong reading culture throughout, this has been reinforced by the guest appearance of Willow the reading dog who listens to the pupils – the children really enjoy this treat. The school have invested in more reading material which pupils have access to in their classrooms. Reading ambassadors have been voted into each year group to promote reading to their peers. The children are also enjoying ERIC time where they can enjoy reading a book from home at school. All pupils have been provided with reading material to match their phonemic knowledge.

You can find more information about reading at Westacre in Mrs Taylor's reading newsletter on the website.

Janine Wright
Chair of Governors



Questionnaire's

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire. There is a summary of the findings on the website. We are delighted to share with you that:

- 100% agreed their child is happy at the school
- 99% agreed their child feels safe at school
- 98% would recommend Westacre to another parent/carer.

Thank you also to those who completed the Ofsted questionnaire on Parent View during the inspection.

Friendship, Honesty, Kindness, Teamwork, Perseverance, Respect