



## Western House Academy



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### PRINCIPAL UPDATE

December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this update to all our parents, the academic achievement of our students is being finalised. Our teachers and students have worked incredibly hard this term and I am confident the results will echo this. At the end of term, you will receive the interim academic report which will give you information on the level of achievement your child is working at, if they are on track, attendance levels and attitude and behaviour to learning.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who are currently organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre and year group discos. I know they are always looking for volunteers! Also a big thank you to our parents, staff and local companies (**Equinix, Waitrose & Langley College**) for their generous support and donations. We wait in anticipation of the final figure raised.

I have had the privilege to watch a wonderful nativity performance by our Reception children. It never ceases to amaze me how well our children perform regardless of their age. Also a big thank you to our school choirs who performed brilliantly at the church in Windsor.

Mr Barclay hosted an 'Hour of Code' for our parents and children; it was a great success and was fully booked within two hours of going 'live'. Due to the demand, Mr Barclay has kindly agreed to run another session in the spring term. Book early to avoid disappointment!

This term we have seen some dips and accelerations in attendance and I am pleased to report that as at Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are on track to achieving our target of 96%. Thank you for your continued support with this.

From time to time, school staff may need to contact you even when your child is not in school. I urge parents and carers to answer telephone calls from the school or to phone the school back once you've picked up a message.

At the end of this term, Miss Mills, our Year 1 teacher, will be leaving us to return to Canada. I would like to say a huge thank you for the contribution she has made to our school. Miss Eves will be taking over her class in January. I would also like to welcome Mrs McLaughlin, who will be joining us as a Year 3 class teacher and taking over 3 Bracknell Forest.

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A reminder that we break up at **2:00pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** and return on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Lastly, I would like to wish all our children, families, staff and community a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Fondest regards,

Mrs Coral Snowden

### **Significant dates for the Spring Term**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Spring Term Starts – Children Return to School</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Kings and Queens Dress-up Day Traditional English Fare will be served for lunch (Fish and Chips)</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Federation Dodgeball Competition</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 5 Federation Public Speaking Competition</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening (2:30 – 7:30pm)</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Nursery and Reception Superhero Workshops</b>
<b>W/C 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle &amp; Chapel Tour</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Federation Cross Country Competition</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Federation Young Musician Awards</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Federation Netball Tournament</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Spring Term – School Finishes at 2pm</b>

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