



## Western House Academy

Principal Update March 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year seems to be flying by, but it has been so positive walking around the school with many visitors and seeing how focused the children are on their learning. I would like to say a huge thank you to our parents for the wonderful commitment you show to WHA. The Project Passport work is amazing and it never ceases to amaze me the fantastic work the children bring in to school; they are so proud of their work and are so keen to tell me how they made it. It was also lovely to see so many parents attend the 'Morning in Our World' events. The feedback was extremely positive with some next steps being to provide tea and biscuits and make the mornings longer- I will see what I can do! However I was slightly disappointed that further up the school we didn't see so many parents attend. You can see from our photos and newsletters how much the children valued having parents and loved ones in their class – it is an excellent opportunity to show off their learning.

All our children are working incredibly hard, but our Year 2 & 6 children are really putting in the extra effort and I look forward to seeing lots of them at our Easter Tuition Club. When the children leave WHA and move to secondary school, their end of Key Stage 2 assessments will always be used as a starting point in their learning journey in Key Stage 3 & 4 so it is important that they all achieve the best possible result. Our Year 1 children are also going the extra mile and many have signed up for Morning Phonics Club.

Most of our Year 6 children have been awarded their preference in secondary school with 65% going to Westgate and 19% going to local grammar schools. This is the first year, in the time I have been here, where we have seen demand for our Reception places much higher than the places we have. This demand for Early Years places combined with our recent Good Ofsted grading and parental engagement shows that WHA is making great strides to establish itself as one of the community's most desirable choices for primary children in our area.

Next term we plan to hold many events where it would be great to see the parents and our community attend. On 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our annual Musical Extravaganza and past students who attend Westgate will also be performing. Our connection with Westgate continues to grow and it is great to welcome back past students. On 6<sup>th</sup> July is our special fundraising day 'Lark in the Park'. We will be holding a whole school singalong, a picnic and our annual RUWALJOG. I will send out more details nearer the time.

Over the past term we have had a few complaints about our parents and how they are parking around the school. Please may I urge you to be mindful of the community around the school and where you park. In one instance, there was an emergency and a car was unable to leave their drive as they had been blocked in by our parents. We do operate a drop and go system in the morning so please do take advantage of this.

Just a reminder to all our parents that parents evening is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm-7:30pm. The governors and Mrs Akehurst (Child & Family Support Worker) will be located in the small hall should you wish to chat with them.

We finish school at **2pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to continuing working with you and seeing lots of you at our forthcoming events. Have a great Easter holiday with your families and friends.

Fondest regards,

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### **Significant Dates**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3 Peak District Lunch with Mrs Snowden
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief Mufti Day - £1 Donation
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Card Competition Closing Date
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2:30 – 7:30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Competition
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Interim Spring Term Reports Sent Home
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School Finishes at 2pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 3 & 4 Federation Tennis Tournament At Montem Academy
W/C Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 - SATs Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 – Childhood Promise Trip to see Matilda
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Musical Extravaganza
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Federation Cricket Tournament
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
W/C 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Lark in the Park – Picnic and RUWALJOG
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Sent Home
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	WHA's Got Talent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	School Finishes at 2pm

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