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Staffing Update

At the end of this term, Mr Wood will be leaving the academy. He is leaving to take up his first headship at a primary school in Wakefield. We wish him all the best in his new job. I would like to thank him for all his hard work since he started at West End. Mr Green will be the Year 3 teacher for the rest of the academic year. He has already been teaching with us since September and knows the class well. Mr Green has also spent time working with Mr Wood this half-term and he understands our daily classroom routines.

Times Tables

We are working hard to improve our children's recall of their multiplication facts. By the end of Year 4, our children need to be able to quickly recall all of the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. In class, our children have been using various strategies to help them remember these facts and they have also played games on the computer. These games help the children to increase their speed of recall because they need to be able to answer the questions within six seconds. You can play one of the games at home with your child by using the following link: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to every class for having an attendance of more than 96% last week! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98.59%	98.85%	97.78%	96.34%	98.50%	98.62%	99.63%	98.36%

Star Points

As you will know, the children have been collecting star points this term. Children receive star points for outstanding work and excellent behaviour. Next week, the teachers will count up the stars for each child and they will receive a prize depending on how many points they have earned. The biggest prize will be awarded to those children who have more than 100 star points this term. There are some children who are very close to achieving this! I hope to see the children working really hard next week to try and earn as many stars as possible.

Website

The teachers have recently updated the gallery pages on the school website. Please make sure you look at these pictures to find out even more about what has been going on in school. The galleries can be found under the "Parents" section of the school website.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will take place next week. The children will need to remember to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon of their party. Parents will have received a letter to let them know the day of their child's Christmas party. Unlike previous years, we will provide all the refreshments and there will be no need to send any food or drink into school with the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

