



West End Academy

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Admissions

The application period for a nursery place for the next academic year, which starts in September 2021, is now open. If your child is due to start nursery next September, please telephone our office to ask for an application form. The completed forms should be returned to the academy by Friday 26th February 2021. We will let parents know whether their child has a place at our academy by Friday, 19th March 2021. More details can be found in the Admissions Arrangements policy which is on the school website under the "Policies" section.

Reading Update

At the end of Key Stage 1, a child who can read at 90 words a minute is considered to be a fluent reader. Recently, some of our children have completed a reading fluency assessment to see how many words they can read in a minute. Parents should now have received the results of these assessments. We have also sent home a list of ways in which you can support your child with their reading fluency at home. If you need any more information about reading fluency, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Star Rewards

As part of our positive behaviour policy, children are awarded stars for their outstanding work in the classroom, their excellent behaviour and for showing they can follow the golden rules. Today, the children won a prize dependent on how many stars they had earned this term. A special well done to the children who earned more than 100 stars this term and received a platinum certificate! This term, Frazier Warren and Kayla Brooke received the most star points in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 respectively.

Donations

Thank you to all the parents who donated food to the Hemsworth Food Pantry as part of their Christmas appeal. Hemsworth Food Pantry was set up in April to support local residents dealing with the effects of Covid-19. Year 5 chose to support this charity following the work they have been doing in religious education on community groups. They have designed posters to encourage the school community to take part and thought carefully about how charities support people.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 3 for having an attendance of more than 98% 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
94.33%	97.31%	93.51%	98.4%	96.15%	95.17%	97.04%	95.9%

January 2021

Monday 4th January will be an INSET day. School will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 5th January. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

