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Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Mr Jackson will be the new deputy headteacher from September 2021. I look forward to working closely with Mr Jackson when he joins our senior leadership team. We will focus on improving the experiences and outcomes for the children at West End. I would also like to praise some of the children in year 5 for their help in the interview process. The children asked some great questions and were very happy when they heard about Mr Jackson's appointment!

Multiplication Test

The children in year 4 will take part in an online multiplication test in June. The government has said that the test is optional for schools. However, we feel that all our children should take the test. Children should know all of their times tables by the end of year 4. From Year 5, children need to use their times tables in many other areas of the mathematics curriculum. Parents of children in year 4 should have recently received information about the test. If you need any more information about the test, please make an appointment to speak to Miss Allan. She can also give you advice on how you can help your child to learn their times tables.

Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an information sheet outlining what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The sheet also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 6 for having the highest attendance. 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
96.67%	93.85%	97.41%	99.20%	99.23%	95.86%	99.26%	97.32%

Special Mentions

Well done to all the children who received achievement certificates or a positive leaf in our first special mentions assemblies of this term. It is great to see that so many children have made such a positive start to the summer term. We will continue to hold these assemblies in the classroom because we cannot yet hold whole-school assemblies in the hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

