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Newsletter

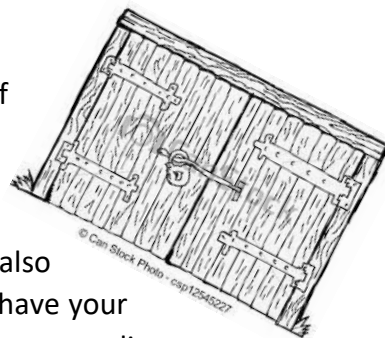
15th September 2017

Message from Mrs Huxham

Welcome back to the new year here at West Ashton. I would like to start by saying thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents/carers for making me feel so welcome at West Ashton. I fully appreciate that everyone has had to get used to yet another change, but I am confident that as a team we will continue to move the school forward and the children will continue to make more progress and we will strive to get every single one of them prepared for the next stage of their lives.

It was lovely to see so many of the parents and carers at the meet and greet teacher session on Tuesday, and for those of you who were unable to make this time, please feel free to contact either myself or your class teacher to make an appointment. I look forward to getting know all of you as the term goes on. I am usually on the playground on a Thursday and Friday morning, so please feel free to come and have a chat with me.

I have been looking at safety procedures and in order to ensure the safety of your children whilst they are in our care, we are going to lock the gate to the playground at 9.00am and unlock it 2.55pm each day (Friday's this will be at 2.25pm so that you can all attend our Celebration Assembly). A notice will be erected saying that access can be gained by going to the school office. We will also be sending out letters asking you to complete a list of designated adults that have your permission to collect your child from school and we are looking to introduce a policy on collecting children from school.



Now that we have Parish Council approval, we will be having new school signs, one at the end of the drive and one at the crossroads. We have found a supplier and are in communications with them, so we anticipate that they should be in place very soon.



A new academic year, and we have appointed a new Head Boy and Head Girl – congratulations to Sasha Kamunga and Eleanor Squires. They have already taken on this responsibility well and going to be fantastic role models around the school. Alongside this, they are supported by the House Captains who are Finley Lewis for Oak, Phoenix Kenyon for Willow and Summer Mounty for Birch, and in addition to this the student leaders are: Isabel Heywood, Gracie Davies, Logan Bell, Lewis Cordon, Isaac Shore, Jonathan Cruikshank and Nevaeh Ricaud.

As it is getting colder, please can you ensure that the children bring a coat into school with their name in it.

Have a good weekend!

Debby Huxham

FOWA AGM Tuesday 19th September 2017 @ 3.15pm

Come and hear about all our activities this past year and how the money you have donated has been spent and benefited your children. A copy of the agenda is attached for your information. In line with the FOWAS constitution, all officers are to resign at the AGM, therefore new officers and committee will be elected. The current chair and secretary are not planning on standing for re-election. Anyone interested in finding out more about these or other officer and committee positions should contact Ruth Heywood (ruthbossom@aol.com) for further information. If you do not wish to be on the committee, but would be interested in being involved in events etc you can become a committee volunteer. We pride ourselves on being an approachable and friendly team, if you would like to be part of your PTA please come along to the AGM or chat with one of the committee (details below). If you are unable to attend and would like to stand for a committee position, please contact Ruth Heywood. There will be childcare available during the AGM as well as refreshments for both you and your children. We would appreciate as much support as possible so please do come along and have your say.

Please RSVP ASAP, so we have an idea of numbers for catering / childcare. Thank you.



Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the last 2 week's Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Class Certificates – w/e 08/09//2017 Joshua Chapman, Isabel Heywood, Joshua Locke

Good Work Certificates – w/e 08/09/2017 Nicola Plant, Jamie Noad, Marshal Hyndman

A big well done to all these children and as the term progresses will be establishing the house point system and other awards.

Key Dates:

- Friday 15th September – Westbury RFC Interschool TAG Festival
- Tuesday 19th September – FOWA AGM
- Thursday 21st September – Academy Council Meeting
- Friday 6th October 2017 – Harvest Festival
- Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October – FOWA Scarecrow Trail

