

# West Town Lane Academy

WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE



## SPORTS DAY

Thank you to everyone for helping to make it such a successful and enjoyable event for the children.

Organising and running a sports day for 600 children is quite a logistical feat, especially welcoming over 800 family members over the course of the day, plus providing a BBQ lunch! This year was also rather challenging due to the intense heat, however it was a great event, well attended and no one noticed that things had been reduced to compensate for the temperature. A huge thank you to Mr. Evans for organising our sports week, but also to the whole staff for working so hard.

## SUMMER FAIR

After a blistering sports day we were praying for good weather last Friday for the Summer Fair. The weather, although not blazing sunshine, didn't disappoint and several hundred of you supported the event. Once we have a final total we will update you via the website.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We have made a slight change to our photography policy, which can be found on the website ('About' - 'Policies').



### Reading army of volunteers

Thank you SO much for all your help this year. It is very much appreciated and makes a real difference to the children.

Please sign up to help next year if you can!



### September- early notice of a change!

From September we are not taking cash payments, with all payments being through our online system, cheque or card.

*Reminder- 20th July is the last day of term!*

## STAFFING UPDATE AND CLASSES FOR 2017

There are a few changes to the staff for September, with some staff moving to other schools and others ending their contracts with us. We are saying goodbye to Miss O'Keefe, Miss Castrogiovanni, Mrs. Grases, Mr. Oviawe and Miss Smith at the end of the term. Miss O'Keefe is moving on to a particularly exciting new post, working as a class teacher in Dubai! We wish them all well in their new ventures.



We have several new staff joining us: Mrs Gillett is a new member of support staff in the Nursery, Miss Foden rejoins us after her maternity as the Nursery class teacher, Miss Chandler is a new Reception teacher, Mr MacLeod joins us in Year 1, Miss Coombes in Year 2 and Miss Matthews in Year 3. Mrs. Harris is reducing her timetable and taking on a different role in school, with Mr. Dyer and Mr. Whiddington also changes roles. We also welcome Miss Thompson back following her maternity leave, so a few new faces and some returning.

The children will find out their new classes later in July, with the majority remaining in the same class groupings. Year 3 children will be having a reshuffle in order to balance the classes as a number of children have left/ joined us in the past couple of years and so we needed to relook at this.

## REPORTS

The end of year reports will be distributed at the end of this week, giving you an overview of your child's achievements over the year and how you can help at home. We are incredibly lucky to have children who work so hard but also enjoy their learning, with a large staff team who are truly committed to supporting them through their time here. If there is anything you don't understand on the Report please get in touch with your child's teacher who will be happy to explain it to you.

## YEARGROUP BOOKLETS

Earlier this year we asked you about communication in school and how you felt. It was great to hear that on the whole our communication with you is really good and you appreciate the various methods we use, however we are making a couple of changes to improve things further following your comments.

One is the introduction of more electronic communication (for Newsletters, trips etc.) which we have already introduced using the CareMonkey system. The second is the introduction of booklets for every yeargroup from September. These will include term dates, projects the children will be studying, parent's evenings, trips and visits planned, assemblies and any 'WOW' events. This will give you much more notice, which is one of the things you said we could do better.

