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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

It is widely accepted that many of us feel blessed to work and live within such a very supportive community. This week we concluded our Parent Consultations for this term and many of you took the opportunity to complete our survey online, in the Community Room. Thank you all again for your positivity and all the feedback, it really is important to us as we inevitably enter a period of change and adjustments for the academy. All your views and suggestions have been collated, analysed and will certainly be considered in future plans as we move forward.

Happily, we have been able to appoint my successor to the role of Principal/Head of School for Westerton. Mr David Livie will be in post from September 1st 2022 and will be able to join us at times throughout the Summer Term for transition days. I look forward to introducing David to our wonderful community in the coming months when he will tell you more about himself. I know everyone will extend to him the famous Westerton Warmth!

Congratulations!

Written by one of Westerton's Governors to Mrs Makin:

"Just wanted to say a massive "Congratulations" again for winning the 'Outstanding Contribution Award' this evening. It is so well deserved and recognises everything you have done for the children, staff and families at Westerton and the wider WF3 community over the last 29 years. I was so pleased to hear your name being announced as the winner, as were so many others in the room. Congratulations!

It was also lovely to see all of Mrs Bragg's work at Westerton being recognised too when she was awarded the 'Primary School Teacher of the Year 2022' award.

A proud night for Westerton Primary Academy and also for Woodkirk Academy and Leodis too with Mr Lazarus being awarded the 'Secondary School Teacher of the Year 2022' award!

Well done to you all."



We would like to thank the ‘WF3 Kindness’ group, established several years ago now by **Mr Daniel Frank**, a former Westerton and Woodkirk pupil. This group have been instrumental in building on the community spirit and values embraced by the Tingley and Ardsley area, particularly throughout the challenges presented by the pandemic. The extraordinary stories behind the many recipients of awards, yesterday evening, were both moving and inspirational. Thank you everyone and keep up the brilliant work Daniel!

Easter Hamper Raffle



We will be holding an Easter Hamper Raffle again this year in order to raise funds for our academy. We would like our families to donate, if possible, an item to their class – this could be a food item, Easter egg, activity sets, games etc as long as they are new and unused. As usual, all foods donated will need to be **nut free**. Please also check that the best before dates of items donated are after the 1st April. Please send in your donations by no later than Wednesday 23rd March.

Staff in school will collate all the items donated and will use the items to create Easter Hampers.

To be included in the raffle, £5.00 per entry can be made via Parent Pay. You will then automatically be entered into the draw for each ‘virtual ticket’ purchased. The raffle will be drawn at 3:15 pm on Monday 28th March in the school hall. You are welcome to join us for the raffle draw to see if you have won!

We hope that many of you will support our hamper idea and we look forward to seeing all the delicious hampers once they have been put together. Hopefully, they will raise much needed funds for the school.

Red Nose Day

Don’t forget, on **Friday 18th March**, for a minimum donation of £1.00, children can wear non-uniform incorporating at least one item of **red** into their attire. To make your donation, please click on this link rather than logging into ParentPay in your normal way:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6726>

Y5 Bikeability

The second cohort of our children in Year Five have undertaken 'Bikeability' training this week and we wanted to give them a special mention. The trainers reported that they had responded very well and their behaviour has been exemplary. Even the weather was nice for them all week. Well done children, we are very proud of you! Huge thanks go again to Miss Neale for arranging these opportunities for the children. Now children, it is up to you to practise your cycling skills carefully and to keep safe on the roads!

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

The Department for Education have asked that we pass the following information onto our parents and carers:

"Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April."

Online Safety Survey

We have been asked by the Leeds Education and Early Years Safeguarding Team to circulate the link for an Online Safety Survey which they would like parents to partake in. Please click on the link to commence the survey <https://forms.gle/814YAwP1AtdSYXXWA>

The closing date is **31st March**.

Your School Lottery

This month, you have the chance to win a £500 bike voucher if you join Your School Lottery. Tickets are £1 each and there is a cash prize every week. Please see the attached leaflet or the website for further information. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



Could a Career in Teaching be for you? We would certainly recommend it!

Westerton Partnership provides high quality Initial Teacher Training. You can apply for your opportunity to train to be a teacher NOW! Apply today on the DfE web page on the GOV.UK website by using this link: <https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate:>

328W – Primary 3-7 Programme

328X – Primary 5-11 Programme

Please visit our school webpage for more information.

Community News

iZWiz Robotics Club at Westerton

Please see the attached flyer for further information. Tickets are now available to book for the next half terms Lego Robotics and Coding after-school club. 5 week block starting Thursday 28th April - May 26th. 3pm - 4:30pm. Book now at www.izwizrobotics.co.uk

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 24 th March	5.00 – 7.00 pm Year 5 and 6 Disco
Friday 25 th March	Ilam Hall and East Barnby Payment Deadline
Monday 28 th March	Year 4 Intensive Swimming Week
Friday 1 st April	End of Term
Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Term
	Year 4 Intensive Swimming Week (4 days)
Thursday 21 st April	Year 4 Ilam Hall Meeting at 4.00 pm

As always, have a lovely safe and relaxing weekend everyone.

Yours faithfully



S Makin

Principal and the Westerton Team