



Westlands Primary



12th October 2018

Key Dates for Term Two:

- 29th October— Term Two Starts!
- 14th & 15th November— Parent's Evenings.
- **Important Change of dates:** 17th, 18th & 19th December School closed for staff development.

It is with great pleasure that I write to you, to share how proud all at Westlands Primary School are of the many achievements of our pupils this term. Every day, I have the great privilege of dropping-in to classrooms throughout the school and talking with children about their learning. I have been extremely impressed with the positive attitudes that children adopt towards their learning, and the enthusiasm and understanding they demonstrate in lessons across the curriculum. I am also very pleased with the courtesy shown by pupils as they move around the school, holding doors open, holding friendly exchanges with staff and with each other, and showing generally excellent manners.



Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their school careers; settling so smoothly in to daily routines and demonstrating well-developed confidence and curiosity in their learning. Classrooms are calm and organised, and children are clearly having great fun as they make new discoveries.

I have been especially pleased with the standard of writing I have seen from

pupils across all classes, most recently by some incredibly powerful war poetry, composed by children in Years Five and Six.

There has also been some excellent art work produced by pupils, and I very much enjoyed the giant Egyptian sarcophagus and abstracted portraits created by Years Three and Four. Year One children (and teachers!) thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed as builders last week and Year Two have enjoyed sharing their learning about space!



I wish also to share the news that Mrs Hallett, our Pastoral Support Manager, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Hallett has provided invaluable support to so many children and families and has been a tremendous asset to Westlands Primary. Although we are sad to see her leave, we wish her the very best for the future and know that she will enjoy the opportunity to

spend more time with her family. On behalf of all at our school, I wish to thank Mrs Hallett for her dedication, hard work and many contributions to Westlands Primary.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all those parents and carers who have supported our children this term; offering help on school trips, attending our fantastic Harvest Fair and making generous donations

to our recent collection for the local food bank.

I hope that all our families enjoy the half-term break and wish all our pupils and staff a well-earned rest.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Payne

Head of School

