



West Tytherley CE Primary School

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West Tytherley Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and what beautiful weather we have had to start our summer term!

I am delighted to see all our children back at school and ready to learn. We have a busy summer term ahead of us, including the annual SATs tests for our year 6s which happen in the week commencing 14th May. I would like to thank our staff, children and parents who are working so hard to prepare for these important tests.

We had planned to hold an 'evening with the governors' next Monday. Sadly this has had to be postponed but please see the letter attached at the end of this newsletter from Emma East, Chair of Governors, addressing the questions some parents had raised.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Adam who is joining us in Willow class, year 3, next week.

Mike Warren
Headteacher

Thought for the Week

It has been a busy first week of term and I haven't managed to lead Collective Worship - sorry. However, the Summer Term is now under way and will be wonderful! The theme this week has been 'Admitting we're wrong'. God never asked us not to make mistakes. All He asks is that we acknowledge them when we make them, apologise, make amends, heal the relationships we harmed, and commit ourselves not to make the same mistake again. That is what turns failure into a learning experience.



Vicar James



*Don't forget the
Bags2School clothing
collection on Monday 23rd April at
9.00am. Please bring along any
unwanted clothes, shoes and soft
toys. Thank you.*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a relaxing Easter Break and are looking forward to the exciting Summer Term ahead.

It is with regret that we had to postpone the 'Evening with the Governors' due to be held on Monday 23rd April; this was the result of a low response from Parents wanting to attend, if there is still interest please get in touch and we can reschedule.

We did however receive a couple of questions from Parents which we can answer now;

Question One: 'After the changes that have taken place at the School are the finances in a good state and how many extra pupils would it take to revert to the four-class system?'

Answer: The restructuring that we undertook at the School has been a great success and the finances are in a strong position, not just at the present time, but also for the forthcoming years. As you are probably aware from news reports, funding for Schools is currently in a state of flux and is only going to reduce, so getting our finances into a robust state was essential for our long-term survival and we are pleased to say that we have achieved this and are in a much stronger place than the vast majority of similar schools in our area and further afield.

The second part of the question is also linked to the reduction in Centralised Funding; finances within all Schools are going to become progressively stretched and as the level of funding we receive is directly in correlation to the number of pupils that attend our School we would need a significant increase in pupil numbers to afford a four-class set up. To give you an example; to make a class viable you really need a minimum of 25 pupils, so a four-class set up would require

a School roll of 100 pupils, which we are somewhat off and unlikely to reach in the near future. The three-class system is working well at present, we are constantly reviewing this and making improvements as and when required.

Question Two: 'With regard to our current fundraising project, what is the £30,000.00 needed for and what won't happen if we don't raise this?'

Answer: We hoped that this had been covered in the communications that we have sent out to Parents regarding our proposed IT upgrades, if any of you have not received this information please contact Reception and you can be provided with a copy. This fundraising is to bring the IT systems within the School up-to-date and provide the pupils with the necessary tools to enhance their learning experience and prepare them for the next level of their education. Primarily we are seeking to purchase new laptops and charging stations and three new interactive whiteboards, one for each class. We are pursuing all avenues to raise funds for this essential project and we do not plan to fail in achieving our target. Any and all donations, whether regular or one-off, of any size are gratefully received and will help us achieve our goal as quickly as possible. The PTA have been and continue to be a huge supporter of the School and if you are not able to donate at this time, please try to support the PTA fundraising efforts in their various and varied forms, there is bound to be something that you can get involved in!

We hope that this has answered these questions satisfactorily, but if you require any further clarification, or need any other questions answered, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes,

Emma East

Chair of Governors