



West Park

'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'

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Dear West Park Families

I hope that your children enjoyed their half term break and they are ready for the challenges of a new and action-packed half term. It is amazing how quickly we move from basking in the sun (very occasionally) during the summer months, through autumn and into the darker days as winter approaches.

It was great to see so many of our amazing pupils out and about over Halloween and Bonfire Night and as always, the vast majority always represent the school so impressively! From a personal point of view, after lamenting the over-commercialisation of Halloween, I got carried away with an 'extra special deal' in a local hardware store and bought a small Halloween ornament for our front porch. On setting up said ornament, I realised that it was not small indeed and inflated significantly once plugged in. My children were absolutely delighted to see a lit-up pumpkin, witch and ghost when they arrived home. My wife was far less enamoured with our new façade! I look forward to representing our school at a range of Remembrance events over the weekend and hope to catch up with some of you for a chat.

On Monday 11th November, we will be making a slight change to our in-school processes, with the full implementation of our new Pupil Reception. This will be placed in our Pastoral Hub and will be manned between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. by a medically trained member of Team Reception. This will be an access point for pupils to get basic information, view lost property, access medication/ice packs and access medical triage. Main Reception will still be in place to welcome visitors, provide medical care and support the smooth running of the school.

Over the next two weeks there are a number of events and activities taking place across the school. Please see below:

- Monday 11th November Remembrance
- Tuesday 12th November Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 15th November Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day (*donation link to follow*)
- Thursday 21st November Prize Presentation Evening
- Friday 22nd November Inset Day

Take care of yourselves and those who are close to you.

Kind regards

Scott McGregor
Head