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Pyjamarama Day

Today has been Pyjamarama day and the children (and staff!) have enjoyed wearing their favourite pyjamas and slippers in school. There have been some wonderful activities in the classrooms, all geared towards promoting a love of reading. You will be able to see some photos of the day further in the newsletter and also on our Twitter feed (on the school website).

Parents' Meetings

We have now completed the first week of parent meetings via Microsoft Teams. I appreciate there have unfortunately been technological issues with a small number of meetings and I apologise for that. There are more appointments next week and hopefully they will all go smoothly. If there are problems with accessing the meetings, staff will try phoning you so that the meeting can proceed.

Face Masks

As you will have seen, there has been an announcement from the government about the wearing of face masks in school. This mainly applies to the secondary schools and, in the main, we will continue with the systems and procedures we currently have in place. This means that staff will continue to wear face masks in our communal corridors. Children may, if they so wish, continue to wear a face mask in school.

The key change for us will be outside in the playground. As of now, there will be no expectation for anyone to wear a face mask on the playground. Visitors (including parents) will, unless exempt, still need to wear a mask to enter the school building.

Balls on the playground

This week, we have had to make the decision to ban basketballs from the playground. Unfortunately, there have been a number of issues and some accidents have occurred with the balls hitting children. Due to the density of the balls, this has resulted in some hurt and upset children. From next week, children are welcome to bring in a ball, but it must be a size 1 inflatable ball (these are the ones you see in large baskets at sports shops). These balls do not bounce as high, are still large enough to play games effectively and most importantly, they don't hurt if they accidentally hit a child.

Thankyou for your support in this. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Rob Slater

Head of School



Pyjamarama Pictures



Maiya's Fantastic Fundraising

Maiya in Year 6 had her hair cut off on 8th May to donate to the Little Princess Trust.

Maiya's family said they are so proud of what she has achieved, and the look on her face when she got the first £20 was priceless! She's quite overwhelmed by the support she's got from her (and thier) friends and family.



Maiya has already raised over £500 for this wonderful cause. The link to her justgiving page is below for your information.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mighty-maiya?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=mighty-maiya&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=35f0dfba7204f73846cf1f8cba012fc



Parental Feedback

A Message from NOVA Education Trust

We care a lot about what parents and carers at Westdale Junior School have to say, so we'd like to give you the opportunity to express your opinion on the way your child(ren) learn and this school.

Our goal is to make sure your voice is heard, especially after the recent period of disruption, so that we can use the results to improve your experience with your child's school. To help us with this, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform.

Below is a link for you to copy and paste into your web browser, to a short survey that we'd like you to complete. Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be grouped on a school level.

Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch.

We look forward to your feedback!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuOaQYS0qe-BDt4gyECpKO8dUMkNUU05CSkM0NUVYVUhFR0NIQkpBT0JTRy4u>