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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am to have been appointed Head of School at Westdale Junior School. Many thanks for the many congratulatory comments I have received from so many of you. My first week in post has been a fantastic start to the new term: the children continue to showcase their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning; we have welcomed Elaine Thornhill to our team and, after a wet start to the week, the sun is finally shining today; just the weather for a brisk, autumnal dog walk!

Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 between 5pm and 6pm will be our next Parent Partnership meeting. The meeting aims to provide you with an overview of our fundraising programme for the year; introduce you to a proposed new system of allocating homework that should provide some consistency across school and discussing ways that you can become more involved in the life of the school. There will also be a chance for you bring your questions to discuss. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please note that, due to Health and Safety considerations, we are unable to have pushchairs in the school hall. There will be a separate room where pushchairs will need to be stored for the duration of the meeting.

Could we please ask that all children are sent with a coat in the morning. Fresh air is incredibly important for children's ability to learn effectively and we do try to facilitate outdoor play time wherever possible. This does mean that they will be outdoors in all but the very worst of weather and I am sure you will have noticed that the weather has been considerably colder this week. Also, your child will have brought home a letter about parent governor nominations. Please do read this letter and take the opportunity to have your say in the future governance of our school.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.

Kind regards,

Ruth Kyle

**Head of School**