



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

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**Dear West Park Families** 

We are coming to the end of a long but action-packed first half-term of the school year. School life continues to be purposeful and productive as pupils settle into new learning routines. Our new Year 7 pupils have impressed with their 'can do' attitude and their enthusiasm for learning and there is a wide range of exciting learning experiences happening on a daily basis across our site.

I have had the pleasure of showing a number of prospective families around the school and they are always quick to comment on the positive behaviour of our amazing pupils.

The half-term concludes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October; this will be a non-uniform day for staff and pupils and we will be asking for a voluntary £1 donation, payable via ParentPay <u>West Park School Shop</u> (<u>parentpay.com</u>), towards UNICEF. UNICEF are currently working hard to support children and families in crisis in Morocco, Libya, Israel and in Gaza as well as a number of other countries. Seeing children in impossible circumstances always hits home when we have children of our own.

On our return from half-term, our pupils in all years will benefit from an assembly about the importance of Remembrance. We also have poppies and items to recognise Remembrance available through the school. All proceeds go towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will recognise our own act of Remembrance on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November with a 2-minute silence at 10:55 a.m. Pupils and staff who are members of cadet forces, scouts, guides and community groups are welcome to wear their uniforms with pride to signify the occasion.

Finally, a thank you from me for all of your support during the last half-term. We pride ourselves on being part of a big family and that relies on you working alongside us to be a school that we can all be proud of.

Take care and enjoy the half-term.

Kind regards

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Scott McGregor Head