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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Westroyd, one of our priorities is to strengthen our school community and create more opportunities for you as parents to be involved in your child's education and school life as a whole. Therefore in this letter, I would like to share some of the ways that we intend to do this.

Parent Forums. Every half term the senior leadership team will host an open session, to share aspects of our school improvement plan and listen to parents suggestions around how we can further improve the school. This is a solution focused session, finding ways that will improve outcomes for all children. The next forum will be the 11.10.23 at 2 pm

Sharing Assemblies. Every half term a class will host an assembly for parents to share current learning and achievements. The next assembly will be run by Year Six on 20.10.23.

Recognition Assemblies. Every half term on the last Friday, we will host an assembly to recognise two pupils from each class who have consistently demonstrated positive learning behaviours over the half term. We need your help with this. There will be an element of surprise for the pupils, and we ask that if you are invited you keep this under your hat! We will also invite you to stay for a cuppa and a cake afterwards with your child.

Walk the Walls. On the last Tuesday of every half-term, we will invite you in to come into school with your child at the end of the day, so that together you can look at current learning in class. Our next Walk the Walls session is on the 24.10.23 at the end of the school day.

Parent Consultation. We will be hosting consultation sessions on 14th/15th November. Bookings will open on Monday 23rd October for these sessions.

PTA relaunch. We need your help to relaunch our PTA. We are looking for a team of volunteers to work with Mrs Wright to plan a calendar of exciting activities that will raise money for school. Top of the agenda is what we are going to do for the Farsley light switch on! Miss Pashley thinks we should dress up as sheep! Our first meeting will be on Friday 20th October at 2.30pm. Please meet us at the main school office.

Curriculum meetings. In the first week of every half term we will invite you into school for a meeting led by the class teacher about the upcoming learning that halfterm. We will also produce a curriculum letter that will go on the website with all the information discussed.

Tapstry. In the early years, we use this online platform to collect and store evidence towards a child's assessment. It is also a way that you can share evidence of your child's develop and for us together to celebrate achievement.

Seesaw. This is an online platform that we currently use across KS1 and KS2 to record and store evidence of practical learning which we use to aid assessments that we make. It is also a way that you can see an aspect of the learning that has gone on.

Website. On our website you will find our class pages, that are edited each week. This is the go to place to see what homework has been set for the week and who the weekly stars are in class.

Governors. Our governing body is growing and we have representatives from the local community, parents, staff and the local authority. We have a strong array of skills within our governing body.

Parent Network. We need your skills and expertise. Miss Harps is developing a network of parents that we could call upon to volunteer to enhance areas of our curriculum. We are a very friendly bunch, please don't be shy! We all have our strengths and why not capitalise upon your expertise to help improve outcomes. Look out for a school comms coming your way about this.

Workshops We will be running a series of workshops around specific areas of the curriculum. In these sessions we will model ways to help your child to master the basic skills in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths.

As always we are open to suggestions around how you think we could involve you more in school life. Do contact us through the school office on office@westroyd.leeds.sch.uk.

All dates are on our website and on our half-termly newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at future events

Kind regards

Jenny Pashley

Headteacher

Westroyd Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children.