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Dear Parents

A belated Happy New Year to you all. Although this is only the first full week back it seems a lot longer. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly we settle back into the routine of school life and the holidays seem a distant memory.

If you cast your minds back to November we held elections for the post of Parent Governors. All five candidates were extremely strong and had the type of skills and experience that I feel will be valuable to the school. Following the election the Governing Body ratified my decision to appoint three new governors. I am pleased to confirm that our three new school governors are Helen Sowerby, Neil Gooding and Elaine Sihlabo. I am sure they will all contribute to the future progress of the school. I would like to thank all the candidates who decided to stand for election and those parents that took the time to vote. Being a school governor is a very important role, it is time consuming and it can be pressured but it is also a very rewarding role.

We have two vacancies on our website that I would like to draw your attention to. One is for a part-time Teacher and the other is for a part-time Cover Supervisor. If you are interested in any of the roles please contact the school, or if you know somebody who may be interested please pass the details on.

I am aware that there was an issue with the Maths grades on the reports that went earlier in the week. The issue has been corrected and if you would like a copy of the report please contact the school and we will send you a copy via email.

Have a good weekend,

Steve Palmer

Head of School

## Other News

Year 6 and 8 have been embracing STEM learning this week with Year 8 using biotechnology to compare washing powder effectiveness. They have been able to link their knowledge of enzymes to investigate how well a cloth is cleaned, comparing a variety of ideas from washing powder type, cost, washing time and temperature as well as amount of powder used to link their findings to help them save money and energy at home!

Year 6 have been investigating microbe growth on different breads and, in a couple of weeks, will be able to tell us how to store or choose breads that reduce mould growth!



## Premier Sports Activities

Tuesday am archery  
Wednesday pm dodgeball  
Thursday pm football

all free!!



## Reminders from Year 5

Please bring a morning snack and a named clear water bottle

Parents Evening on Monday 21st January - please return your request forms - appointment allocations will be sent out early next week.

Phil the Bag textiles collection on Friday 1st March - full details to follow

## From the DT Department

On Tuesday the 8th January, 14 pupils from Horringer Court and Westley Middle went up to County Upper for a technology day. We used a software called Solid Works and created 3D models.

One 3D model from each school has been selected to be 3D printed and will be sent to the two schools. All pupils from both schools have learnt vital skills to assist them in their future education. Whilst we were there two models were being printed. Everyone had a great time and appreciated the experience.