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## Note from Mrs Coulthard

### MAT Update

Last week we welcomed the new Academy Members and Trustees in to both our schools to have a tour of school and meet staff. I am delighted to say that they thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were blown away by the high standards at both schools. The application to become a MAT (Multi-academy Trust) has been formally approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner and we are anticipating that our formal conversion date will be March 1st. At this time our name will become The Wings CE Trust. The governance structure will also change; we will have a board of five 'members' who will meet approximately three times a year to approve accounts, a board of nine Trustees who have most of the powers of delegation and roles that our current Governing Body does and each school will also have a Local Governing Body.

### Food Boutique: Reduce Landfill = Help the environment!

In both schools we have a Fur Clempt 'Food Boutique' set up each week. The produce comes from lots of suppliers and would normally end up in landfill as it is close to or past its 'best before date'. Please help yourselves to the produce and leave a 'pay as you feel' donation to help with running costs. Over 1/3 of all food in the UK goes in to landfill, produces methane gas and then harms our environment. Please help us help you reduce landfill by helping yourself to the food in our Food Boutique!

## Miss Young - What's been happening this week....?

We began our week with Y3/4 embarking on the coach to Grosvenor Museum in Chester. They had a tour of the museum looking at Roman artefacts and undertaking a number of exciting workshops. They even had a tour around Chester following a Roman Soldier dressed in his armour, with a shield and sword. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have completed some fascinating work too.

On Tuesday, some of our Y6 children attended Fred Longworth High School to take part in Gifted and Talented maths sessions which they held in order to support some of our children who are exceeding in maths and preparing them for the Y7 curriculum. The children were challenged with tricky problems and had to use their strategies to solve them.

We held our second Parent-Child connections workshop this week as part of the 'U Can!' Programme, which was a huge success again. The feedback has been extremely positive and I hope the course has proven to be insightful for all.

On Wednesday I attended Designated Training as Safeguarding Lead in school. There were quite a few updates due to legislation changes, particularly with regard to e-safety. I am going to feedback this information to parents at a workshop in the coming months. Please do come along as the information particularly about social media was extremely eye opening, not just as a professional but also as a parent. Details will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The first of our three Y5/6 classes have left us this morning to go to Low Bank Ground. Miss Pollards class are now well on their way and I'm sure they will be wrapped up warm over the weekend. Mrs Evans class go next week and Mrs Harts class are away next weekend. The trip is always a fantastic opportunity to team build, and help them develop their own independence in beautiful surroundings.

Thanks to all parents who have attended the 'U Can!' workshops which have started this week. Feel free to join us again next week and remember that friends and family are also welcome to come along. See the school Facebook page, Miss Leake or Mrs Nutter for any further information. Next Wednesday is the 'New Year - New Mindset' workshops. Come along at either 1 to 3pm or 5 to 7pm to find out more.

Have a lovely weekend and remember to wrap up if you go out into the cold.

