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Dear parents / carers

We have returned from the Easter break to a very busy Summer Term.

Firstly, I hope that everyone enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and the associated coronation celebrations.

WeST, as a family of schools, has hosted several Ofsted inspections across our primary and secondary schools, in fairly rapid succession. Whilst we note that there is always work to do and improvements to be made, we are extremely pleased to read the positive validation of our work and the richness and quality of education from which our children benefit. I will take a moment here to specifically recognise the achievement of Glen Park Primary School at being judged 'Outstanding' in all categories by Ofsted in its recent inspection.

Further good news:

Congratulation letters have been received from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State at the Department for Education:

- Yealmpton Primary School for achieving 100% in Phonics Screening Check (PSC) – Year 1. Top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country, a brilliant result for the children and staff.
- Three of our schools, Plympton St Maurice Primary School, Morley Meadow Primary School and Wembury Primary School also received letters acknowledging the wonderful performance of their children in last summer's Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). These schools were recognised as being in the top 200 schools nationally.

Quite some achievement given that there are nearly 18000 primary schools in England!

I now wish to inform you of forthcoming leadership changes at three WeST schools. Mr Steve Bone is commencing his new headship after May Half Term so I am delighted to share that Mrs Eve Vollans will start her Headship of Woodlands Park Primary School from 1 June 2023. Whilst this arrangement might, at first, seem unusual, it does give Mrs Vollans the chance of getting to know the children, staff

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and parents of the Woodlands Park community at the earliest opportunity and planning for a super start to the 2023-24 academic year in September. I am sure you will join me in wishing both Mr Bone and Mrs Vollans every success as they take up their new posts.

Continuing the theme of Headship, I am pleased to share two key appointments. Mrs Sarah Honywill has been appointed as the Headteacher of Holbeton Primary School and Mrs Samantha Wilkinson has been appointed as the Headteacher of Wembury Primary School. Again, we wish them and the children in their care every success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our public examination pupils in KS2, GCSE and 'A' level the very best in their upcoming tests and exams.

Best wishes



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On behalf of Westcountry Schools Trust