



Westdale News



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We break up today for our half term holiday after a very busy start to the school year. Lots of exciting learning has taken place, including visits to Beaumanor Hall for the year six children and to The Space Centre for the year five children.

Some information regarding forthcoming events for the rest of the academic year is listed on the back of this newsletter. Have an enjoyable half term and we will see you all when we return to school on **Monday 31st October.**

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated gifts of food to our Harvest celebration. There were a huge amount of items this year and all the food has now been distributed to nominated local residents, friends of school and to Emmanuel House.

Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the children during a very enjoyable Harvest celebration in school. It was fantastic, as ever, to see the hall so full.

Parents Evenings and Book Fair

Our Autumn parents evenings took place last week and were incredibly well attended. There were lots of positive comments during the two evenings from both teachers and parents alike about children's attitudes and learning, showing just how good a start to the year the children have made.

Another thank you needs to be made to all of you who supported the school during our annual Book Fair last week. We had an amazing response and managed to sell approximately £900 of books. This means we will be able to claim over £500 of free books for the children!

Halloween

After all the hard work we do trying to build up positive relationships with our local community, including older members through harvest gifts and carol singing, we are again asking our children to **NOT** go trick or treating unless they are accompanied by an adult, and only then to knock on the doors of people they know. We hope you can support us in this.

Bingo Night

Over one hundred parents, grandparents and children enjoyed our first Bingo night recently. The school hall was packed with tables full of keen players and lots of prizes were won over the course of the three games.

Many thanks to all of you who came along and supported the school on a really enjoyable night; an extra special thanks also needs to go out to all the parents who helped with resources and planning.

We are already planning more activities, including the possibility of a quiz night in the Spring term. More information will follow nearer the time.

School Website

We have been working hard over the past few weeks to create a new school website. In collaboration with a school specialist website design company, we are pleased to announce that our new website will be going live soon after half term. We will of course let you know when it is available to visit and then please have a look and let us know what you think!

Diary Dates for the academic year. Information for specific events will be sent home nearer the dates.

October

Fri 21 st	All	Break up for half term
Mon 31 st	All	Return to school

November

Wed 16 th – 18 th	Y6	Residential visit to Edale
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December

Wed 7 th	Y5/6	Christmas production
Thurs 8 th	Y5/6	Christmas production
Tues 13 th	Choir	Carol singing at the Civic Centre
Thurs 15 th	Y3/4	Christmas parties
Fri 16 th	Y5/6	Christmas parties
Tues 20 th	All	Carol service 10am
Tues 20 th	All	Break up for Christmas

January

Wed 4 th	All	Return to school
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February

Fri 10 th	All	Break up for half term
Mon 20 th	All	Return to school
Wed 22 nd – 24 th	Y4	Residential visit to Castleton

March

Wed 8 th	All	Parents' Evening 3:30–7pm
Thurs 9 th	All	Parents' Evening 3:30–5pm
Thurs 30 th	Y3/4	Y3/4 production
Fri 31 st	All	Break up for Easter

April

Tues 18 th	All	Return to school
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May

Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Y6	SATs week
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	All	Arts week

June

Mon 5 th	All	Return to school
Thurs 22 nd	All	Sports afternoon
Fri 23 rd	All	INSET day
Mon 26 th	All	INSET day

July

Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	All	Enterprise Week
Fri 7 th	All	Summer Fair
Mon 10 th	Y2	Y2 Parents Eve
Fri 14 th	All	Reports out
Mon 17 th	All	Open day
Thurs 20 th	Y6	Y6 Disco
Tues 25 th	Y6	Leavers' service
Tues 25 th	All	Break up

