



Westdale News



15.07.16

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phew! We approach, yet again, the end of another incredibly busy school year. It really does seem like only yesterday when we were welcoming the Year 3 children into school.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer holiday. Fingers will be firmly crossed for at least an occasional glimpse of sun!

Thankyou for your continued support and we will see you all on **Wednesday 7th September** for the first day of the new school year.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DISCO AND ASSEMBLY

The year 6 leavers' disco will take place on Thursday 21st July between 6pm and 7:30pm. Sweets and drinks will be available.

We will be holding our leavers' assembly on the last day of term – Friday 22nd July. All parents of children in year 6 are welcome to attend.

We aim to start at 2:45pm and will finish in time for the children to leave at normal end of school time.

Diary Dates

21.07.16 – Y6 leavers' disco

22.07.16 – Y6 leavers' assembly. Break up

07.09.16 – School reopens for the children

The children have all taken home a school holiday and INSET day diary sheet for 2016/17 with their end of year reports.

SUMMER FAIR AND ENTERPRISE WEEK

A huge thankyou to everyone who supported the school during the recent Summer Fair. Your very generous support helped us to raise over £1200.

The money will go towards items suggested by the children through the work of the school council.

Enterprise Week was again a great success with all the children involved in making items to sell at the fair. Discussions around material costs, sale prices and profit margins has meant that the children have all developed their economic awareness. We have lots of budding apprentices!!

MUSIC CONCERT

We were entertained brilliantly by our very talented choirs and musicians at our annual music concert last week. The standard of playing, by a whole range of musicians, was incredible and allowed those having music lessons to share their talents. We were also treated to a medley of songs by both of our choirs. Our thanks go out to all the staff involved within music in school, for their hard work and dedication towards the children over the duration of the school year.



SHERWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE

The year 6 children had a great day out at Sherwood Activity Centre.



PLAYGROUND QUIET AREA

You will probably have noticed that we now have a fenced off area within the playground. This is going to become a quiet(ish!) area for children to use if they wish to. Through the excellent work of the school council this year, and using some of the money raised from the Summer Fair, we have bought some picnic benches with table top games on. Hopefully these will give the children the opportunity to enjoy some different playtime experiences.

You may also have noticed that a raised bed has been created adjacent to the quiet area. Planting has started and will be completed over the next few weeks. Part of the planting has been arranged as a tribute to Mrs Ronan and reflects her love of gardens and includes some of her favourite plants. An information leaflet regarding this should have come home to you with your child this week.

FUNDRAISING THIS TERM

Cancer Research UK - **£40**

Kids Club Kampala - **£549.14**

Mrs Ronan memorial - **£373**

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

May we politely ask that all dinner money be paid up to date before the end of the term.

“And finally.....”

We have a few goodbyes to say. Firstly, to our year 6 children who leave us next week. We know that their talents and good humour will be missed. We wish them all well in their future education and hope to hear great things about them. Secondly, to Mr Pearce, who has supported the school and the year 6 children through an, at times, difficult year. And finally, to Miss Birkett, who is going to enjoy her retirement after 26 years at Westdale. We thank Miss Birkett for all her hard work and dedication to the hundreds of children she has worked with during those years.