



Westdale News



20.05.16

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have several extremely busy and exciting weeks ahead of us and thought you would probably appreciate some diary dates and information regarding the key events.

Next week is our annual Arts week, and this year we are basing it around the Olympics as Rio is only just around the corner. Lots of fantastic activities are planned for the children, including samba drumming, samba dancing and carnival dancing!

After half term, we have visits for two year groups, to Creswell Crags and Sherwood Activity Centre; we also have Sports afternoon to look forward to, and we would be extremely grateful for any help with the activities on the day; music concerts, transition days, Summer Fair and many more events are also being organised at the moment. More detailed information will follow nearer the dates.

Please make a note of our annual Friday and Monday INSET days in June and also for when end of year reports will be coming home to you with your child.

Diary Dates

23.05.16 – 27.05.16 – Olympic Week. Olympic themed activities throughout the week.

30.05.16 – 03.06.16 – Half term holiday

06.06.16 – School reopens

16.06.16 – Y3 visit to Creswell Crags

23.06.16 – Sports afternoon

24.06.16 and **27.06.16** – INSET days. School closed

28.06.16 – 01.06.16 – Enterprise Week

29.06.16 – Y5 Art day at The Carlton Academy

30.06.16 – “Now Hear This” music concert at The Royal Concert Hall

01.07.16 – Summer Fair

06.07.16 – Class Swap Day. Children spend some time in their class for next year.

06.07.16 – Carlton Academy and Arnold Hill transition days for Y6 children (at their prospective schools)

07.07.16 – School Music Concert

08.07.16 – End of year reports out to parents

11.07.16 – Open Day for parents. Come in and look at your child’s work.

11.07.16 – Open Evening for Y2 parents

14.07.16 – Y6 trip to Sherwood Activity Centre

21.07.16 – Y6 leavers’ disco

22.07.16 – Y6 leavers’ assembly. Break up

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We have been asked by residents on Kenrick Road to remind any parents who may park there either before or at the end of the school day to please park considerately. There have been a number of recent incidents where cars have been blocking driveways or making access onto Westdale Lane very difficult.

Please also remember to park carefully outside the school. Parking on the yellow lines or zigzags continues to make Digby Avenue very dangerous.

We need your support to help ensure the safety of the children.

SCHOOL GATEWAY ONLINE PAYMENTS SYSTEM

As already mentioned, it is our Olympic Week next week in school and there are lots of exciting activities planned, including professional dancers and musicians visiting school to teach the children about samba. Many thanks to all of you that have made your £5 contribution towards these activities via the new School Gateway online payments system. If you haven't yet made your contribution, please download the schoolgateway app onto your smartphone via your app store (android and iPhone) and tap on 'new user'. Then, simply follow the instructions. Alternatively, visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. Again, simply follow the instructions. We have already received lots of very positive comments about the ease of use of the new system, and don't forget that everyone who pays via the Schoolgateway is automatically entered into our prize draw to win some fabulous art equipment.

PLAYGROUND GAMES AFTER SCHOOL

Despite previous reminders, there are still some children playing games on the playground both before and after school. Please support school in not letting your children play games on the school playground at these times.

Unless they are involved in an organised club taking place outside of normal school hours, your children should leave the school grounds promptly after 3:20pm.

Unfortunately, some children are not being supervised adequately and as a result, avoidable incidents risking the safety of both children and adults are beginning to occur. Thankyou.

SUMMER FAIR / ENTERPRISE WEEK

After the success of last year, we are again going to be running an Enterprise Week for all the children in school. This will result in items being made in school, which will then be sold at the Summer Fair. The children, as part of their PHSE work, will agree on what they will make, discuss material costs, profit margins and hopefully raise some funds for school. More information will follow after half term.

“Bits and Bobs...”

The weather is very unsettled at the minute, but we are enjoying the occasional warm day, so please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. We have fresh, cooled drinking water available from our water fountain and it is obviously essential for the children to remain hydrated. Also, please remember sun cream in the unlikely event of some sun!

Thankyou for your continued support.