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Dear parents and carers,

We broke up for the autumn half term after a positive and productive 6 weeks. The children have settled very well into new classes and there is purposeful learning taking place across all year groups. It has been especially pleasing to welcome back whole school assemblies and clubs into the school timetable and to be able to dispense with year group "bubbles". The children have been enjoying the new equipment we have introduced to the playground and we look forward to developing this further as we move through the academic year.

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November. There has been a great response to the Microsoft Forms format in which the information was sent out recently. Almost all of you have requested a time slot but if you haven't as yet, there is still availability. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty accessing the information.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and restful half term break. I hope you all manage to enjoy some quality family time. The children will return to school on:

Monday 1st November

May I also remind you that Friday 5th November is an Inset day.

Take care,

Rob Slater
Head of School

Holocaust Centre Visit for Year 6

A Message from S Elliott, one of our Governors

On Wednesday 13th October I was fortunate enough to be able to accompany year 6 on their trip to the Holocaust Centre. We took part in 'The Journey', a sensitively implemented tour of several rooms each of which was designed to represent a different time period in the life of Leo, a Jewish boy growing up in Nazi Germany, culminating in his journey on the Kindertransport and his life as a refugee in England.

The children asked pertinent questions and our educator was impressed with their level of background knowledge.

Each child later had the opportunity to select a stone and place it on a memorial which is being built over time as a tribute to each of the 1.5 million children who perished during the Holocaust.

The children behaved in a respectful and mature manner throughout the day - they were complimented on their behaviour by the organisers, and I was proud to be associated with the school.



Harvest Festival 2021

The children really enjoyed taking part in the Harvest Festival, and their singing and presentations were lovely. We have videoed the event and will upload it to our youtube channel as soon as the editing is complete. Thank you so much for all of your kind donations. Three nominations were made for local members of the public and the remainder of the good donated was taken to the local food bank.



New Tyre Park on the Playground

During the summer holidays a new tyre park was installed and the children are really enjoying using this at playtimes.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting delivery of the rope net which will be attached to the posts in the middle, but we look forward to this being installed soon.

Football

Our girls' football team have been training hard and played two matches this half term, one at home and one away.

We are exceptionally proud of their determination and excellent sporting behaviour, which was commented on by both opponent schools.

Well Done!



DANCE CLUB

We are pleased to announce that Wednesday Dance Club with Studio 3 Mapperley will be restarting after half term. Please see the poster on the left further information.

Please contact Studio3 directly if you would like to book.

New School Dinner Menu

Although there are only a few changes we have a new menu starting after half term, I have attached this to the email and it is also available on our website, along with further information on upcoming theme menus.

Edale Year 6

A reminder that the date for this trip was changed during the summer due to lack of staffing at YHA and is now **Wednesday November 17th – Friday November 19th 2021**. The kit list is available here:

https://www.westdalejuniors.co.uk/data/letters/files/Edale_Kit_List_2021.pdf

Dates for the diary – November 2021

Monday 1 st November	Return to school
Monday 1 st November	Halloween themed menu for lunch
Friday 5 th November	INSET DAY – no children in school
Monday 8 th November	Bonfire Night themed menu for lunch
Tuesday 9 th November	Parent Evening (until 7.20pm)
Wednesday 10 th November	Parent Evening (until 5.00pm)
Wednesday 17 th November	Year 6 Residential trip to Edale
Monday 29 th November	Flu vaccinations in school for all year groups (nasal spray)

Parent Governor nominations are welcome for our 2 vacancies. Further information can be found on our website noticeboard :

https://www.westdalejuniors.co.uk/data/uploads/files/Parent_Nomination_letter_Oct_2021%281%29.pdf