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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week in school. Many thanks for coming to Parents' Evenings which were incredibly well-attended. The children looked fantastic on Friday for Children in Need; thank you for your support with this event. I will let you know how much money was raised early next week when we have counted all the donations.

We received some fantastic news on Friday: Four children from Westdale Junior School were winners and runners up in the Mayor of Gedling's Christmas Card Competition! Congratulations to:

Ebony Taylor (3LM) (Runner Up)

Lyra Haywood (6HA) (Winner of Youth Mayor's competition)

Seren Sweetman (4G) (Winner of the Mayor's competition)

Micah Watkins (6HA) (Runner Up)

We will keep you updated with details of their prizes in due course.

The main focus of this week's newsletter, as promised, is to provide you with an overview of the main trips for this academic year. There may be some local visits in addition to these but these are the main ones on the calendar.

Year 3 – Creswell Crags - 15th June 2023

Year 4 – Castleton Residential – 7th-9th February 2023

Year 5 – Space Centre – W/C 20th March 2023 (exact date to be confirmed)

Year 6 – Beaumanor – 4th October 2022

Edale Residential – 28th – 30th June 2023

End of Year 6 Celebration trip – TBC – Partially funded by the Year 6 Pound Project

Further details about the costs of these trips will follow this week. We are just waiting for final confirmation on travel costs. You will note that Year 6 have a couple more trips than other year groups and it is right, of course, that they are able to have some fantastic experiences in their last year of primary school. One new initiative we are launching next week is the Year 6 Pound Project which will help partially fund an end of year experience for our Year 6 children. We will let you know more about this next week.

Here at Westdale Junior School, we have a number of after-school and lunchtime clubs currently available. Presently, these are run mainly by outside providers but I am pleased to provide an overview of what is going to be on offer, many of which are going to be run by staff. Numbers of children signed up to these clubs may have to be capped and places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Details of how to sign up to the clubs that will be on offer in Spring 1 will be shared with you shortly.

After-school and lunchtime clubs 2022-2023

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lunch time	Choir – Mrs Mason	Choir – Mrs Mason	Choir – Mrs Mason Lego club – Mrs James Football	Choir – Mrs Mason Lego club – Mrs James Football	Choir – Mrs Mason Lego club – Mrs James Football	Choir – Mrs Mason Lego club – Mrs James Football
After school – outside provider	Dodgeball (Y3/4) Dance club Drama club	Dodgeball (Y3/4) Dance club Drama club	Dodgeball (Y5/6) Dance club Drama club	Dodgeball (Y5/6) Dance club Drama club	Multiskills Dance club Drama club	Multiskills Dance club Drama club
After school - free			Homework Club – Mr Martin Newspaper Club – Miss McGill Colouring club – Miss Murphy	Homework Club – Mr Martin Y3/4 Art Club – Mrs LeGood Y5/6 Art Club – Mr Ring Outdoor Club – Mr Prout	Homework Club – Mr Martin Music Club – Miss Grieve Gardening Club – TBC	Homework Club – Mr Martin Code Breaking Club – Miss Kyle

In addition, I am currently discussing the possibility of getting a recorder club organised and I will let you know more about this soon.

Have a really great weekend and see you on Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Kyle
Head of School