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Dear parents and carers,

As you know we recently had a visit from Ofsted and I would like to thank those of you who contributed by completing the online forms and speaking to the Ofsted inspector in the playground before and after school. We are awaiting an outcome letter and will of course let you know as soon as this comes through.

The Royal British Legion provided us with a box of merchandise to sell in school last week and we sold nearly all of it, raising money for this wonderful cause. Once the money has been counted and they have sent us through the total I will let you know how much we raised.

On Thursday 11th September we paused for 2 minutes of silence at 11 am in school. The children in year 6 have also been working on some wonderful artwork featuring poppies, which we look forward to sharing with you soon.

This week is national anti-bullying week and in order to support this the children will be doing activities in class throughout the week.

On Monday 15th November the children (and staff) wore odd socks and there was a special assembly to introduce the week.

You can find more information about anti bullying week here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated In England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15 to 19 November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that One Kind Word; has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021.

A BIG Thank You & Farewell to Ms Bradley

Our School Business Manager Ms Bradley will be leaving us on Friday 19th November for a new and exciting role.

Ms Bradley has been at Westdale Junior School for over 7 years and has worked tirelessly supporting the school, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are sure you will join us in thanking Ms Bradley for all her hard work and wishing her the best for her new role. We will miss her.



CHILDREN IN NEED

As our Year 6 Children will be at Edale on Friday we will do our fundraising for Children in Need on Monday 22nd November this year. Please see the flyer below for details.



Monday 22nd November

**Spotty non-uniform, bring your
favourite Teddy to school
and make a donation to
Children in Need.**





A Family Album

We would like to celebrate the cultural diversity we enjoy at Westdale Junior School by compiling a 'Family Album'. We would like you to provide the following; a photograph of your child and family reflecting your family, culture and traditions. This could be taken at a family gathering or celebration, at home, on holiday in your country of origin or any other social event. Across the Westdale community, there are many languages spoken and different countries represented- and we would love our family album to represent this!

We will display the photographs along the corridor at school so that all the school community can enjoy them and we can find out more about each other.

We would be very grateful if you could bring in a print of a digital photograph.

Could you include the following information on the back of the photo: Child's name, class e.g. 4M, a brief note explaining where the photograph was taken; for example; Alisha and Grandma at Aunties wedding in Turkey 2019.

Dates for the diary – November 2021

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