

Newsletter

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Westdale
Junior School



Head Teacher Message

The children have been working really hard all across school this week with termly assessments being completed in many year groups. It's been really exciting to hear of the progress that has been made by many children! One area that we have been focusing on in school this term is presentation in books. Take a look at the pictures below of the work of one of our Year 3 children and how much this has improved since the start of the year! What an amazing effort!

Thank you for your support of Red Nose Day this year. We collected £134.09 in donations for this worthwhile cause.

As a school, we have an expectation that children are reading at least three times a week at home. This may not always be with an adult (although reading out loud to an adult is really important) but could we ask that children are encouraged to record any reading that they are doing at home in their diaries. I know we have some really avid readers at Westdale and it would be great to showcase this in assemblies later this term.



Westdale Warriors

On Thursday 16th March, Westdale Juniors played a home match against Carlton Junior Academy. A big crowd gathered as the boys warmed up before kick off. The game was equally matched with Westdale Juniors having more possession, but chasing the game due to early goals conceded in each half. The boys persevered and came back well, until a well deserved equalizer in the final 2 minutes of the match. The game ended 4-4 with all of the boys representing themselves and our school values extremely well!



Healthy Snacks

Westdale Junior School operates a healthy snack policy for playtimes. Children are only allowed to bring in healthy snacks. **No sweets, crisps, biscuits or cakes.** Unfortunately, the free fruit scheme in schools only applies to infants – we cannot supply free fruit in the juniors.

Sports For Schools—Athlete Event

The children have raised a WHOPPING £928.49 for the school to spend on sports equipment which is an amazing achievement, they should all be very proud of. Their prizes are due to arrive in school shortly, which will be given out to each class.



Our Achievers this week

This weeks achievers children have all been nominated for bringing joy in different ways. Some through their attitudes to learning and others through creativity and presentation.

Attendance

98% and above	91% - 97%	90% and below
3JL		91%
3LM		91%
4G		95%
4M		97%
5MU		98%
5MA		100%
6HA		98%
6R		87%

If you child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9534707

Diary Dates

School INSET days, holidays 2022—2023 and events:

- 17.03.23 Comic Relief—Dress for Joy
- 20.03.23 Parents' evening 3.30 to 6pm
- 21.03.23 Parents' evening 3.30 to 6pm
- 24.03.24 Leavers Hoodies Deadline
- 03.04.23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- 17.04.23 Back to school
- 01.05.23 BANK HOLIDAY
- 08.05.23 BANK HOLIDAY
- 09.05.23 SATs week
- 25.05.23 Year 5 Swimming starts
- 29.05.23 HALF TERM
- 05.06.23 Back to School
- 28.06.23 Yr 6 Residential Trip to Edale
- 21.07.23 Last Day of Term
- 24.07.23 INSET DAY
- 25.07.23 INSET DAY
- 31.08.23 INSET DAY
- 01.09.23 INSET DAY
- 04.09.23 Back to School

RED NOSE DAY

This year the theme for the fundraising non uniform was 'dress for joy'. Children have arrived at school in a variety of colourful outfits that have certainly brought some joy to staff and pupils alike! Our Lego Competition winners have been announced (we must say it was exceptionally hard to choose). The winners are : Maya Green, Isla King and Hugo Finn.

School Photo's

JS Photography will be in school on Friday 31st March in the morning to take photos . These are class photos for all year groups, plus individual photos' for year 6 which will be used in their leavers yearbooks.

Reminders

- No outdoor club on Tuesday 28th March, the **LAST** session will be Tuesday **21st March**.
- **Last Dodgeball** on Tuesday **21st March**

Thank you & Goodbye

On Friday 24th March we say goodbye to Mrs. Tatham who is going on maternity leave. We will miss you and hope you have a magical time with your new addition!

We'd like to thank one of our parents, Mr Everington for a much needed donation of tennis balls.