

Newsletter

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Westdale
Junior School



Head Teacher Message

Welcome back to our Summer term! It's hard to believe we're two-thirds of the year in now and that Summer (in theory at least!) is just around the corner. It has been a beautiful, if a little windy, week up until today and it's great to see many of the children braving the weather in shorts and summer dresses. Please may we remind you though that children should still be bringing jumpers and coats with them every day, as the weather is still set to be variable over the next couple of weeks. A full list of acceptable uniform is on the school website, including information about acceptable footwear. As I mentioned at the end of last term, this is something that we will be monitoring closely over the course of this term.

This term is set to be a really busy one and an incredibly important one, in particular for Year 6, who have their SATS tests from 9th - 12th May inclusive. Please support your children by ensuring they are in school every day, on time up to and including the week of the tests to allow them to make the most of the learning time available to them.

As you will be aware, one of the teacher unions intends to strike next Thursday 27th April 2023 and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. I have sent a separate letter relating to arrangements for these days. Have a wonderful weekend!

Westdale Fundraising Discos are back!



As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be holding some school disco's next term. Each ticket will be £3.50 and includes entry into the disco, a Hot Dog/Veg Dog and unlimited drinks (water & squash). There will be a tuck shop selling crisps, sweets, drinks and glow sticks, so do send your child with a small amount of money if they would like to buy something. Children can bring clothes to change into at the end of the day, and will go straight to the disco from their classrooms.

TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE ON IPAY.

Year 3 & 4 will be on Friday 5th May from 3.30 to 5pm



Volunteers Needed!



WE NEED YOU - Parent/Carer Helpers

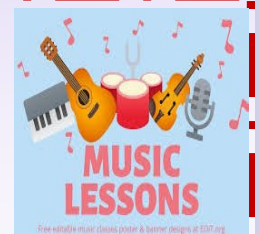
We're looking for volunteers to help with planning and organising some fundraising events for the summer term. If you can spare some time to either help with planning the events or on the day of the events it would be very much appreciated.

The main events will be the school discos on 5th & 12th May and the summer fair, date TBC.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MtNz2V5wnm>

Music Lesson

We're pleased to be able to confirm that every child who requested to sign up to music lessons has been successful in getting their choice. All lessons take place during the school day and every child is guaranteed at least 10 lessons each term. Once you have signed your child up, if they decide they no longer wish to attend, cancellations will only be effective from the following term.





Our Achievers this week

Our amazing achievers this week have worked so hard. You should all be very proud of their achievements.

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school last week was 95%
Attendance Traffic Lights

98% and above	91% - 97%	90% and below
3JL		95%
3LM		99%
4G		97%
4M		98%
5MU		96%
5MA		91%
6HA		96%
6R		90%

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

SATS - Breakfast invitation

During the week of SATs 9th - 12th May, we will be inviting our year 6 children into school from 8.20am. This will be an opportunity for them to have some breakfast in an informal environment and give them time to settle any nerves. The children can enter school via Digby Avenue or the gate on Westdale Lane.

Diary Dates

School INSET days, holidays 2022—2023 and events:

27.04.23	Strike Day
25.04.23	5MU Swimming starts
01.05.23	BANK HOLIDAY
05.05.23	Yr 3 & Y4 School Disco
08.05.23	BANK HOLIDAY
09.05.23	SATs week
12.05.23	Yr 5 & Yr 6 School Disco
29.05.23	HALF TERM
05.06.23	Back to School
15.06.23	Yr 3 trip to Creswell Craggs
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

Westdale Warriors



The Westdale Boys football team played a home fixture against Mapperley Plains Primary school on Weds 20th April.

The boys acquitted themselves extremely well and came out with 7-1 victory.

Adam Wright (2), Tyler Swinscoe (3) and Tommy Mawer (2) got themselves on the scoresheet with Tommy Mawer named by the oppositions manager as 'man of the match'. 3 of our Year 5 boys joined the squad for the first time and performed very well. It was great to see the boys encouraging and helping each other matching our school ethos of 'work hard, be kind'

WELL DONE BOYS!

School Uniform

We are focusing on uniform standards including footwear. Please can we ask that you familiarise yourself with the standards that we expect at Westdale Junior School. This can be found on our website under the parents section.

After School Clubs

Our homework club has been very popular and is now full.

Due to lack of interest Activeace have **CANCELLED** the multisports club. They will look to provide an alternative very soon offer.

