

Newsletter

17th March 2023

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Westdale
Junior School



Head Teacher Message

It's been a warmer week this week and there is a definite sense of Spring being just around the corner! The hours of daylight are now officially more than the hours of darkness as we pass the Spring solstice. Many thanks for your attendance at Parents' Evenings this week. I know that staff appreciate the chance to share the progress that your children are making and to let you know any areas that they are working on. I would also like to thank Linda Randall and Anne Yates, who are members of our governing board, for providing refreshments for parents and staff throughout the evenings. This week also sees the start of Ramadan and we would like to say "Ramadan Mubarak" to all of our Muslim children and their families. Should your child be fasting at any point during this month, please could you just drop the office an email or a phone call so that we are aware of this.

Next Tuesday, we will be holding another Year 6 Cake Sale after school and hope that you will come along to support this. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 Space Centre

The children had a fantastic visit on Wednesday. Their behavior was impeccable and they represented the school beautifully, so you should all be very proud.

All of the children engaged in the exhibits throughout the centre, gaining valuable knowledge and a better understanding, all linking to their Autumn science project.



World Autism Acceptance Week

Next week we will be celebrating World Autism Acceptance week in school. We're asking the children to come to school on **Thursday 30th March** dressed in **colourful clothes** and **accessories** to represent the spectrum associated with Autism. Across the week we will be holding short discussions about how we are all different, along with some success stories of people with Autism.

Healthy Snacks

We are still seeing children bringing sweets in to school for their snack. 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.



Our Achievers this week

Some wonderful achievers this week. All of 4G were nominated this week and the award was collected by Sophia Everington.

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

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind you, if your child brings a mobile phone to school it **MUST** be switched off and handed to a member of staff where it will be kept securely. They are not to be used during the school day.



Diary Dates

School INSET days, holidays 2022—2023 and events:

27.03.23	YR 3 Mosque Visit
30.3.23	Autism Acceptance Week - dress for colour
31.03.23	School Photos
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

Pound Project Cake Sale

We're providing all of the year 6 children with another £1 today as part of an enterprise project, where they will make or buy some cakes/cookies/biscuits and sell their creations. So we will be holding a **CAKE SALE** after school on **Tuesday 28th March**. All of the profit they make is going towards an end of year experience for them. We hope you will be able to come and support us.

REMINDER

Reminders

- Deadline for the **leavers hoodies** is **Friday 24th March**
- **No Dodgeball** on Monday **27th March**
- **No outdoor club** on Tuesday 28th March
- Next **payment** for **Edale** is due **31st March**

After School Clubs

Next week we will be sending out some information for the new after school clubs, which will run for the next half term. Please keep an eye out for the email.