

Newsletter

31st March 2023

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Westdale
Junior School



Head Teacher Message

It's hard to believe that another half term has passed already: time really does fly when you're having fun! We have celebrated neurodiversity and autism week, this week and the children have learnt about many successful autistic people/people with autism. Thank you so much for your support with our celebratory colourful clothing day on Thursday. On Monday, our Year 3 children went on a visit to a mosque in St. Anns. They had a wonderful time and represented the school perfectly. On Friday afternoon, the children took part in a performance afternoon where they recited poetry, rapped and performed scenes from Macbeth and their own sketches about internet safety. It was a great opportunity for us to see how some of the children's confidence has grown and it was a wonderful end to the term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter and hope you all get the chance to rest, recuperate and recharge over the Easter holidays. Rattle and Roll, our wraparound and holiday club provider are running holiday club throughout the Easter Break. You can book spaces for your children by going through their website.



Westdale Fundraising Discos are back!

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 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.

Nearer to the time tickets will be available to buy on [Ipay for](https://www.paycomptax.com) £3.50.

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

Year 5 & 6 will be on Friday 12th May from 3.30 to 5pm

We will need some **parent helpers** to enable the event to happen so will be sending out a survey nearer the time for you to express your interest.



World Autism Acceptance Week

This week we have celebrated World Autism Acceptance week in school. On Thursday the children and staff came to school dressed in many different colours as part of our drive to raise awareness for Autistic people to be accepted and valued. McKai in Year 5 even made a T-shirt at home!

We couldn't have done this without the support of our new inclusion champions: Fyfe, Erin, Alex, Poppy and Royal who have come up with ideas and talked to other children about the importance of including and respecting everyone.

Lost property

There's lots of lost property in school that the children must be missing. It will all be out on display today in the hall (**Friday 31st March**). Please take what belongs to you. Any items left will be donated to charity.





Our Achievers this week

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

Attendance

98% and above	91% - 97%	90% and below
3JL		90%
3LM		95%
4G		99%
4M		98%
5MU		96%
5MA		98%
6HA		97%
6R		88%

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



Pound Project Cake Sale

Another great turn out at the cake sale where the children raised £64.00. Thanks to everyone that supported this cause.

Diary Dates

School INSET days, holidays 2022—2023 and events:

03.04.23	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
17.04.23	Back to school
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
25.05.23	5MU Swimming starts
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



We'll be having another 'home' football match against Mapperley Plains Primary School on Wednesday 19th April. Kick off will be on the school rubber crumb field (MUGA) at approximately 3.40pm. Parents & carers are welcome to come and watch and cheer on the team.

Holidays during term time

Please can we remind you that holidays during term time should be avoided. Where you are taking your child on holiday during term time under exceptional circumstances, please submit an application for leave of absence 14 days beforehand. These forms can be obtained from our website or the school office.

School Uniform

After the holidays we will be 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

After the Easter holidays we will be offering a homework club. The club will run every Monday with Mr Martin from 3.30 to 4pm. To request a place please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ASpgsw55nf>

Activeace will also be offer a multisport club to the whole school at a cost of £3.00 per session. To request a place please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/7tZPLJNxrV>