



# Westdale News



*Date 22.01.16*

## Dates for the Term:

28.01.16 - Gymnastics taster day  
(part 2)

28.01.16 - Art Afternoon at  
Carlton Academy for selected  
children

09.02.16 - Safer Internet Day

10.02.16 - 12.02.16 - Y4 residential  
visit to Castleton

01.03.16 - Class photos

09.03.16 - 10.03.16 - Parents'  
Evenings

10.03.16 - Y5 Time Travelling at  
Southwell Minster

31.03.16 - Y3/4 Production

01.04.16 - Break up for Easter

18.04.16 - Return to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all! The children are settling in well after the Christmas break.

We have a very busy term ahead of us. The majority of the children have enjoyed a gymnastics taster session, run by Premier Sport. (See photos on back). The remaining classes will take part in their sessions next week.

A group of our budding and talented artists from across the four year groups are going to Carlton Academy to work with children from other schools on a themed piece of work for the Carlton Academy Family of Schools art exhibition later in the year. We all look forward to seeing the finished product!

The year 4 children will be visiting Castleton Youth Hostel in a couple of weeks. This is a new location for us and it looks very exciting. We also have the year 3 and 4 production to look forward to and year 5 will be undertaking their annual pilgrimage to Southwell Minster before Easter. Interspersed within all these exciting activities will be class photos and parents' evenings. Phew! A busy time for all.....



### **Please remember: Parking and Safety**

Thank you to all those parents who make every endeavour to park considerately and sensibly around the school and in the adjoining streets. However, we have unfortunately had some complaints about inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking. These thoughtless actions are causing considerable distress for some members of our community and we therefore ask, again, that you park carefully and legally when picking up and dropping off your children.



## UNEXPECTED SCHOOL CLOSURES

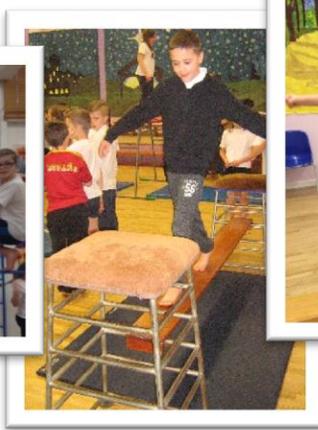
If, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to make an unplanned closure of the school, we will use our text message service to let you know. However, if we do have a heavy snowfall and you think it is likely that the school may close, you can also tune into the following radio station:

**BBC Radio Nottingham  
95.5FM and 103.8FM**



“Bits and Bobs...”

Just a quick reminder about coats. We still have, even during the recent cold snap of weather, children arriving at school without a warm and waterproof coat. We always try to get the children outside at breaktimes, even if there is a little moisture in the air. It is essential then, that all children have a coat to be able to go outside.



## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS - PLEASE READ

We are noticing that, on a daily basis, children are being allowed to play on the playground and outdoor equipment both before and after school.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that, for the safety of all, children should not be playing on the playground or playground equipment outside of school hours.

Thankyou for your support in this matter.



## SCHOOL SMARTPHONE APP COMING SOON

Look out for our exciting new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that you will be able to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website. We would encourage you to use it as part of our move towards becoming a cashless school. More information will follow soon!

Parents, welcome to:  
**Schoolgateway**

The easy way to pay online for dinners and other school items.

Download the app  

or visit the website:  
[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

Activate your account today!