



5th April 2019



World Book Day



On March 7th World Book Day took place around the UK. Adults and children dressed up as their favourite book characters. Children from West Vale had a fantastic day which ended with a parade in the hall. Throughout the day, classes did various activities based on World Book Day. Everyone enjoyed it and we had a great 2019 World Book Day!

Dates & Information

Mon 25th Feb - Mon 8th Apr	Yr1/2 Indoor Athletics Club Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tue 26th Feb - Tue 9th Apr	Reception, Yr1/2 Football Club Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wed 27th Feb - Wed 10th Apr	Yr5/6 Badminton Club Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thu 28th Feb - Thu 11th Apr	KS2 Netball Club Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Fri 1st Mar - Fri 12th Apr	Yr3/4 Tennis Club Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Mon 8th April	NSPCC Dance-a-thon
Wed 10th Apr	Yr3/4 Performance 3.45pm
Thu 11th Apr	Yr3/4 Performance 9.30am
Fri 12th Apr	School Closes
Mon 29th Apr	School Reopens
Thu 2nd May	School Closed for Polling Day

Road Closures



From Monday 15th April for approx 10 weeks there will be a number of road closures and diversions. More information was sent out on Parent Hub and is also on our website. **You will need to allow extra time for your journeys to and from school during this time.**

Year 3 Piece Hall

Year 3 had a great day visiting The Piece Hall in Halifax where they looked at the sculpture 'The Blanket' and they had a go at making their own sculptures out of clay. Everyone produced a scratch painting inspired by the artist David Murphy.



RED NOSE DAY

The children were very entertaining with their jokes and funny sketches during our "Happy Hour". We raised £85.00 for Comic Relief. Thank you for all your support.



Jumping Clay

Years 1 & 2 made some fantastic Toothless models from How to train your dragon

Thank You Longmill Carpets

We would like to say huge thank you to Longmill Carpets who have kindly donated artificial grass for our new Key Stage Two Intervention area. Longmill Carpets, Stainland Road, HX4 8AD.

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property. If you have lost any items please call in and take a look. Any unnamed items will be removed at Easter- thank you

School Uniform & Dress Code, PE Kits, Water Bottles & Mobile Phones

Please can we ensure that our high standards are maintained throughout the year and that all items of uniform are clearly named. Footwear should be plain, black school-type shoes. **No trainers.** All children should have a PE kit in school.

All children should have a water bottle, available from the school office for £1.10, ensuring that they are hydrated throughout the day.

Following a further incident in school, we have come to the decision that mobile phones must not be brought into school. Any child found with one will have it removed and an adult will have to collect it from the office.

Cross Country Finals

On Wednesday 6th March, Solomon, Adam and Isla went to the Yorkshire Finals at Temple Newsam in Leeds.

We went on a minibus with Greetland. Everyone was really nervous because it was super muddy. Once all of the races were done, there was a presentation. Everyone enjoyed the event.



Isla came 91st out of 137

Adam came 26th out of 165

Solomon came 27th out of 154

Written by Isla (Year 4)

Calderdale Rotary Clubs' Primary School Quiz

The Elland heats of the Calderdale Rotary Clubs' Primary School Quiz took place at The Baines Hall on Wednesday 27th March. West Vale were represented by Jack, Brody, Gracie and Toby. What a fantastic team they proved by be, answering a variety of questions on technology, geography, science and a whole host of other subjects. They didn't let the pressure get to them. They proved that four brains are better than one, by astounding us with their knowledge. They were just pipped to first place by Old Earth School but in true West Vale style they showed excellent spirit in defeat. Well Done.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Class 2 held their Class assembly on the 20th March. The focus was Fairy tales and the children entertained the audience of children and grown-ups by acting out some of the Fairy Tales they had written into a playscript. They finished with a resounding version of "once upon a time" which is now one of our favourite songs in class 2. Thank you to all parents who attended. Your positive feedback was well received and we know you all enjoyed having time to look at the children's work in class afterwards. Well done Class 2.

Poetry Performance - Square Chapel

Years 5 & 6 from West Vale and Year 5 from Greetland school all took part in a poetry champions performance, which took place at the Square Chapel in Halifax. Each child wrote and performed either a single or a group poem. Parents and staff from West Vale and Greetland were very proud. A huge thank you to Keith Hutson, who worked with West Vale.

Thank you PFA



A big thank you to the PFA for organising the Mothers Day Secret Shop and for buying the flowers for Mothers day.

Facebook page—West Vale School PFA

Weekly Attendance Winners

A good education gives a child the best possible start in life. To achieve this it is important that each child attends school regularly and on time.

Class attendance needs to be at 96% or higher for a class to earn their place on the prestigious assembly benches.

Winners

- Week ending 8th Mar - Class R - 99%
- Week ending 15th Mar - Class 6 - 98%
- Week ending 22nd Mar - Class 4 - 98.5%
- Week ending 29th Mar—Class R - 99.5%

If you struggle with your child's attendance please contact Dawn Roebuck. Please remember holidays in term time will not be authorised.

NSPCC Visit 2nd April 2019

On Tuesday 2nd April, all children in school were spoken to in assembly about ways that they can keep safe and what to do if they are worried and/or do not feel safe. These informative and engaging assemblies were delivered by the NSPCC. As a school we have decided to support this extremely worthwhile charity by asking the children to take part in a Dance-a-thon on Monday 8th April. The children will need to be ready to "drop everything and dance" for one minute on the hour, every hour throughout the school day. The children have brought home sponsor forms and have been spoken to about who it is appropriate to ask for sponsorship. Once the Dance-a-thon has been completed on Monday, we will send a message home. Sponsor money then needs to be collected in by **Friday 3rd May 2019**.

NSPCC

Year 4 Tree Planting

Year 4 had lots of fun on Tuesday 19th March when we teamed up with *Treesponsibility* to plant trees. After a session in school about the importance of trees in the landscape, we headed to Barkisland to plant the alder whips, learning how to make the hole with the tree planting spear, how to heel the plant in and how to check it was planted properly. After planting the trees, we also mulched around them and secured the protective tubes so our precious trees do not get eaten by rabbits or deer. In total, we planted 120 trees during the morning. Super effort everyone.



Town Hall Visit

Our School Council visited the Town Hall on Thursday 28th March along with children from the Greetland Academy. Our host was the Mayor's Attendant, Keith who told us all about the history of Halifax and the Town Hall. The children were great ambassadors for our school and shared information about the visit to their class back at school.



Need Support? - Numbers you may find useful

Women's Domestic Violence – 0808 2000 247 Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 801 0327 Childline - 0800 1111
NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0808 800 5000 Police (if not urgent)- 101 Women's refuge – 0845 155 1485
Social Services – 01422 393336

Safeguarding Children—If you are ever concerned about any child please speak to Mrs Gardiner or Miss Grondalski