



West Vale Primary School

September Newsletter



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers

A really warm welcome to the 2018/19 Academic year at West Vale School. We are all very excited about the year and being part of Greetland Academy Trust working collaboratively to make school the best place possible for our children to learn. Parents have informed us that a weekly newsletter is too much so we are now going to send monthly newsletters out. We are also looking at ways to communicate better with parents and I hope that you will all sign up to parent hub and parent pay when the details come out to ensure that we are able to use this. Following a successful recruitment campaign we have new members of staff who all have specific areas of excellence and are looking forward to helping the school develop and progress. The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and I thank you for paying attention to the uniform guidelines that have been sent out and being supportive with this. We are developing and adapting our curriculum to ensure that children at West Vale are excited and enthused by their learning. The parent information sessions will tell you a little about how and what your children are learning and we look forward to seeing you at them.

I'd like to end with a plea about what to do if you feel something is wrong. If you believe something is wrong please contact us as soon as possible so that the relevant person can deal with it. Calm, respectful dialogue usually resolves matters most quickly.

Mrs Gardiner
Principal

Meet the new members of staff



(from right to left)

Miss Holden - is joining us as a Lunchtime supervisor, Miss Holden has previous nursery experience & is enjoying getting to know all the children here at West Vale Primary.

Mrs Oldfield - is also joining us as a Lunchtime Supervisor & has also joined Class 3 in the afternoons as a Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Oldfield has many years experience as a Nursery Nurse.

Miss Firth - is our new Class 3 teacher. Miss Firth completed her teaching degree in 2015. Since then has spent 3 years teaching in schools within Calderdale and is thrilled to join West Vale Primary School as she goes into her fourth year of teaching.

Miss Kelliher - has been working within West Vale Primary as a Lunchtime Supervisor for 6 years now, while staying in this role Miss Kelliher has also now joined Class 4 as a Learning Support Assistant.

Mrs Lynch - has been volunteering at West Vale Primary over the last year while studying to be a TA. Mrs Lynch qualified in February this year & has now joined us as a TA in Class 5.

Mrs Acton - is our new Class 5 teacher, Mrs Acton has been teaching for 10 years now & has focused most of her teaching years with Key stage 2. Mrs Acton is really enjoying getting to know the students in Class 5.

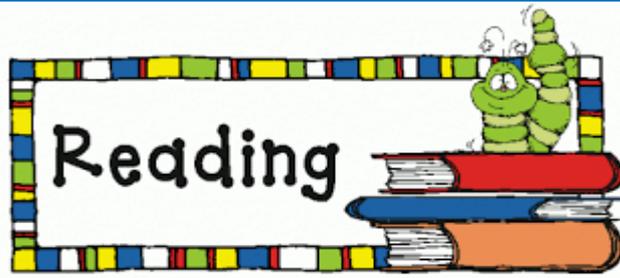
Need Support? - Numbers you may find useful

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



Reading is at the heart of many of the learning opportunities in school. Reading regularly with an adult has shown to increase the rate of progress that children can make with reading. As there are many of you who collect your children from school, we're hoping that there would be some parents/grandparents/carers who would enjoy coming into school for the final 45 minutes of the day to listen to some children read. Typically you would work one-to-one with two or three children, spending 10 minutes with each child, talking about the book they're reading and listening to them read. You'd work with the same children each week, getting to know them and watching them progress. Ideally you'd come in twice a week but once a week would be fine too. We will provide an initial training session, date to be arranged, then, depending on how popular the uptake is we will allocate volunteers to children.

If you'd like to volunteer, please complete the slip below and return it to school. If you'd like any further information please pop into school or phone for a chat. Please note that you will have to undergo a DBS check, but we would organise this through school. If you would like to volunteer in school in a different capacity please let the school office know. We look forward to hearing from you.

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Name

Name of and relationship to child in school.....

Contact number and email.....

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 17 th September	Parent Information Session – Year 1 – 2.45-3.30
Tuesday 18 th September	Parent Information Session – Year 2 – 2.45-3.30
Wednesday 19 th September	Parent Information Session – Year 5 – 2.45-3.30
Thursday 20 th September	Parent Information Session – Year 6 – 2.45-3.30
Friday 21 st September	Parent Information Session – Year 3 – 2.45-3.30
Monday 24 th September	Parent Information Session – REC – 2.45-3.30
Tuesday 25 th September	Parent Information Session – Year 4 – 2.45-3.30
Wednesday 26 th September	European Languages Day
Friday 28 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning – school council
Tuesday 2nd October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Wednesday 10 th October - Wednesday 17th October	Book Fair
Monday 22 nd October	Parents Evening
Friday 26 th October	School Closes Non uniform Day
Monday 5th November	Return to school

After School Clubs

All after school clubs start at 3.30pm - 4.30pm

All clubs (beside Jumping Clay) will run until Christmas holidays.

We still have places available, if your child/children are interested in joining you can request a letter from the office which needs to be completed and returned.

Monday - Class 5 & 6 Football

Tuesday - Class 1 & 2 Football

- Class 3 & 4 Jumping Clay

(9th-23rd Oct - 3weeks)

Wednesday - Class 4 & 5 Basketball

Thursday - Class 3, 4 & 5 Girls Football

Friday - Class 2 & 3 Multisport



Praise Assembly

To celebrate the hard work and achievements of pupils at West Vale Primary School we hold a weekly Praise Assembly. This year we have introduced Word Wizard Awards. These will be presented to the children who have shown a great understanding and use of the words of the week introduced in class.

Be Internet Legends

Our assembly on Tuesday morning was very exciting as we welcomed a team from Google to tell us all about how to keep safe when using the internet. To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. Be Internet Legends empowers younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. Their key messages were:

- Think before you share
- Check it's for Real
- Protect your Stuff
- Respect each other

All the children really enjoyed the visit from the Google team.

Class 6's Robinwood Trip

Earlier this week, Class 6 went on a residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre in Todmorden. It was an amazing trip and Class 6 had a fantastic time. Most of Class 6 enjoyed the Piranha Pool the most, although some people fell in and just managed to get out of the piranha tank before they were eaten! Overall, it was a brilliant bonding, teambuilding and character building experience and our year 6's would all love to go back again. They were all a credit to the school and to themselves. Well done year 6.

By Ripley and Gabby



Weekly Attendance

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 7th September - **Class 5 - 98.6%**

Week ending 14th September - **Class 4 - 98.5%**



European Languages Day

On Wednesday 26th September we will be celebrating European Languages Day within school. The children will be doing many different activities throughout the day. More information will follow soon

Class 2's visit to the woods

On Thursday afternoon, Class 2 visited North Dean woods to go a mini beast hunt and to take photos of the 'Wild'. The children will be using the word banks that they created and the pictures that they took to aid their writing in English next week.



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 2nd October the school will be celebrating Harvest Festival. Reverend Sherwood will be joining us to deliver a special service to the children.

We will be collecting canned and dried goods to donate to the local community and food bank.

Please can you send any donations of in date canned or dried goods you may have to Class 4 with your child/children.

Any questions please ask Miss Ashton

