

# West Vale Primary School

Care, share, discover and learn



1st March 2019



## World Book Day

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would also like to ask if children can bring in a book for a book swap. The books will be pooled in each class and children will be able to choose from the books that have been brought in. We are looking forward to a fabulous day.

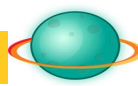


## Dates & Information

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
Tue 5th Mar, Tue 12th Mar & Tue 19th Mar	Yr1/2 Jumping Clay Workshop Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wed 6th Mar	Cross Country Finals
Thu 7th Mar	World Book Day
Thu 14th Mar	Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament - Halifax Academy
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day
Wed 20th Mar	Y2 Class Assembly
Wed 27th Mar	Yr5&6 Square Chapel Poetry Performance
Wed 3rd Apr	Team Competition Closing Date
Thu 4th Apr	Maths "Number" Day
Fri 12th Apr	School Closes
Mon 29th Apr	School Reopens



## Team Competition Winners & Runners Up



We held our Team Competition before the holidays. Thank you for the entries - the captains had a difficult decision but chose the following :

### Winners

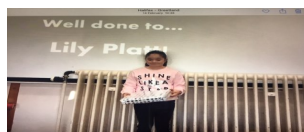
Reception—Alanis Armstrong  
Yr1/2 - Harris Armstrong  
Yr3/4 - Lilly Platt  
Yr 5/6 - Chloe Rogerson/Maisie Smith

### Runners Up

Reception - Jemima Houlton  
Yr1/2 - Florence Widdowson  
Yr3/4 - Carmen McVey  
Yr5/6—Ruby Reeves-Collins

### Our Overall Winner - Lilly Platt Class 3

Well Done Everyone



## Fri 15th March RED NOSE DAY

School Council have had a meeting about Red Nose Day and they decided they wanted the children to accessorise their school uniform with something red e.g. socks, hairband) - it is not a non-uniform day.

### 'Happy Hour' in the afternoon.

The plan is that the children stand up and tell a joke or do something funny in front of their own class during the morning, then the children vote for the funniest 2 acts and they perform in front of the whole school in the 'Happy Hour' in the afternoon. The winners will get a certificate.

We will be asking for donations of £1.00

### 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.

Mobile phones must be left in the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that the academy accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or school grounds.

## Uniform 2019-20

### ADVANCE NOTICE

We will be changing our school uniform policy from September 2019 which will allow only **White** polo shirts.

If you do require any polo shirts to be used for the Spring/Summer Term to the end of this academic year (July 2019), we have a limited quantity of **Navy** polo shirts in the office which would normally be £8.50 and have been reduced to £5.00.

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## Class 1 News



We have started off the half term with our new topic on toys. The children have brought their favourite soft toy to school to describe. We have looked at the types of toys that we play with and found out the most favourite type of toy in our class. Can you guess?

In Maths we are using our knowledge of place value to compare and order numbers. This week we have used sweets to find out which packet holds the most sweets.



We made sandwiches for Bob the Man on the Moon.



## Half Term Competition - Maths Day



We invite the children to create a fact file about any animal of their choosing which includes numerical facts and we hope this is something you can get involved in with your children. Closing date for entries Wednesday 3rd April. (Full details have been sent out to parents/carers, but if you require a copy, please come to the office).

Maths Day—Thursday 4th April. Children will be invited to come dressed in an item of clothing with a number on it. These numbers will then be used in their classrooms to carry out some Maths activities. There is no request for money for this - it's just for fun!

## PFA—Mother's Day Secret Shop



Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm and 3.30pm.  
Children can buy presents for £2.00 each.



## PFA - Gardening

Friday 5th April at 9.00am

The PFA will be in the playground clearing out the beds and tidying up the garden area in and around the school playground.



**Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.**



Each year group plant pot will be replanted and it would be lovely if the children could contribute bedding plants for them to be handed in from w/c 1st April.

## 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 Feb - Class 2 - 98%  
Week ending 15th Feb - Class 4 - 99%  
Week ending 1st Mar - Class 3 - 100%

## Late Collection Record

### School issues with late collection of children from school.

Normal daily school collection time for all children at West Vale Primary School is 3:30pm. When school finishes, Class

Teachers let the children out of school, supervising the handover of children to their named adult and ensure the children are collected safely.

School are aware that sometimes late collection is un-avoidable. If this is the case, please contact school as soon as possible, or by 3.15pm at the latest, to make us aware. Your child(ren) will then be supervised in the school library by a member of staff.

Out of School Club charges will then be applied.

Please be aware that school keeps a record of late collections and arrivals.

If you have difficulties in bringing and/or collecting your child(ren) on time, please feel free to speak to Mrs Dawn Roebuck (Parent Support Worker).

After the beautiful weather in February, there's still the possibility of weather warnings! Although it is rare that school closes, it is useful to be aware of our procedures should we need to make a decision to close. If heavy snow falls overnight then the following notifications will be made:

- \*A text message will be sent to the primary family mobile number that we have registered with us;
- \* If you have access to the internet look on the West Vale and/or Council's website homepage at [www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk), from here you will be signposted to the Emergency Closures Page;
- \* Listen to BBC Radio Leeds/Pulse Radio for information;
- \* Please avoid telephoning school as the phone lines become jammed. We will endeavour to keep the school open, for those families who need us, unless we feel there are health and safety implications for us opening up on our site.

Just a reminder that West Vale PFA have a Facebook Page:

**West Vale School PFA**

**The Halifax Courier visited on Tuesday and took a whole school photograph.**

**Look out for us in the Courier next week!**

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in school. Please don't hesitate to ask for a volunteer form at our school office if you feel you can help in any way. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thanks!

A big thank you to the PFA and your support of the very successful Cinema Night which raised a massive £267.

The PFA have raised £1000 over the past term and this money has been used to purchase 4 new ipads for use in school. Thank you so much.

Thanks!

## 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