



Westvale News



Friday 13th January 2023

Dates for your diary	
Date & Time	Event
19th January	Y4 Visiting Kirkby High to have Spanish lessons
20th January 9am or 14:45	Reception parents—Reading meeting
9th February	Y3 Museum Trip
10th February	Break up for half term



Amazing attendance

It is really important that your child attends every day that they can. We have some really exciting events planned for the next two terms and we wouldn't want your child to miss out! Unless your child is ill, we will expect them to be in school every day. We do not authorise special events or holidays (even surprise holidays paid for by other family members) so please don't book them during term time. Our attendance team will be meeting regularly this term and discussing how to improve attendance. If you have any concerns about your own child's attendance please contact Mrs Melvin in the first instance.

Reception Mud Huts

The children have been working really hard exploring the topic of Africa. They have been having lots of fun looking at different materials for building houses.

Eva, Gracie, Matilda and Eliza took themselves off to build their very own mud huts. They were thinking about the people who would live in these houses.

Fantastic model making skills girls!!



A big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome to Westvale. I'm really looking forward to getting to know each and every member of our school community. It's been lovely catching up with parents on the gate at drop off and pick up times. I've been really impressed with how well the children play with each other on the playground during breaks.

Next week Mrs Haywood and I will be meeting with each class teacher to discuss your children's progress and plan how to move the children on even further.

Please do come and say hello when you see me on the gate.

Colin Richardson

Whole school attendance : 94%

Reception	50%
Y1	93%
Y2	96%
Y3	94%
Y4	96%
Y5	98% ✓
Y6	90%

Stars of the week

Nursery	Elsie-Grace & Joseph
Reception	Jessica
Y1	Matheus & Freyja
Y2	Paisley & Daniel
Y3	Stephen & Alex
Y4	Maggie-Mae & Isaac
Y5	Lucy & Kason
Y6	Robin & Luci

Team points	This week	Total
Venus	216	216
Neptune	200	200
Saturn	211	211
Jupiter	208	208



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Westvale Lionesses

We are proud to announce a new lunchtime club for Y5 & Y6 girls. Mr McGrath and Mr Thompson have been scouting potential football stars on the playground and are excited to provide training for the girls who are interested.

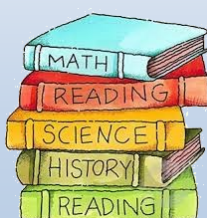
This will take place on a Friday lunchtime and will hopefully lead to some friendly matches in the local area. If we can find some tournaments I'm sure that the girls will bring home the gold!



Science

Westvale Primary School is very proud to be part of The Ogden Trust, joining up with schools across Kirkby to highlight the importance and fun of science and all it has to offer. We are happy to announce that the mobile science library will be at our school this term, with interesting factual books, fiction books explaining science facts through story and amazing scientists who have made pioneering discoveries.

Children will have access to these throughout the term.



Health & Safety—Car Park

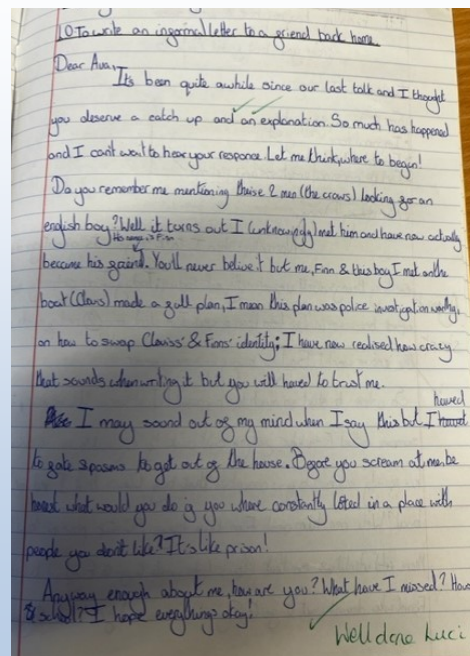
Can we ask that parents use the footpaths and **don't walk across the car park**. Please be aware that cars will be moving in the car park throughout the day. We don't want any accidents on our own car park.

Road Safety Lessons

We have been holding road safety workshops with the children in Y2. Please talk to your children about crossing the roads safely and using crossings.

Year 6

Y6 have produced some fantastic letters based upon their Power of Reading novel.



Year 2

Year 2 have been very excited to begin their work about the African Savannah, finding out facts about the animals, climate and country of Kenya. Their classroom has amazing displays to provoke questions and answers about the wildlife and traditions of cultures people live within. We have started our beautifully illustrated fiction book all about the trials and tribulations of a young lion cub making sense of its new and strange worlds.

The children are thrilled to start their puppets, sewing and stitching fun designs!



Friends of Westvale

Now we are able to welcome parents into school more we are looking to build upon the success of our Friends of Westvale.

We are holding a meeting on Wednesday 25th January for anyone that is interested in joining. It will be first thing in the morning in the school hall—staff will be waiting to welcome you at the breakfast club door after you have dropped the children off.

Why not come along and see what we are all about and help us to plan exciting events for the children.