



Message from Mrs Gardiner

It has been an absolute treat to have all the children back in school and we have all loved every minute of it. There has been so much learning happening and the building seems so much more purposeful to be full of laughter and happiness. Although this has been a difficult term we have still managed to do so much and the staff have worked hard to ensure the children are engaged and learning. Mr Baker did a fantastic job of arranging World Book day along with Miss Kelliher who organised the route for the book treasure hunt. A big thank you to Mr Baker for arranging and collecting all the books from Lindley Book Shop so that every child in school could benefit from that amazing free book initiative. We are keen to promote reading and develop a love of reading for all our children and part of this is creating a new library space. We are investing in new furniture and decor to make this an interesting and exciting place to read and learn. Watch this space for more information.

As last term saw the passing of Mrs Warner we are determined to keep her memory alive. We have a dedicated page on the website to share work the children have done and the Team Captains have arranged an art competition to start this off. Year 3 children have also done some Forest School work and started clearing the garden which we are going to dedicate to Mrs Warner as a lasting tribute to such a wonderful lady. If you have any time or skill or know anyone who has that expertise and would like to get involved volunteering to make that space amazing then please get in touch with Miss Townend who is co-ordinating the transformation of this space. She has already worked really hard and has managed to get some plant donations from the garden centre.

Mrs Clarke and the School Council did a wonderful job organising the Big Birthday Bash and Red Nose Day. Everyone had a really fun day and raised money for a good cause. We joined with Greetland Academy to enjoy some zoom party games and enjoyed a delicious birthday lunch. We are hoping to be able to introduce some more themed dinner days as it was a huge success.

Parents evening was once again a huge success and hopefully you found this a really informative and productive time. We do have an open access policy and encourage parents to communicate with school however I ask that you are mindful of staff and their lives. Please consider when you send a message or when you ask for a conversation (a small minority of parents request phone calls in the evening). Staff also have children and families so please respect their time with them.

Another plea for parents to be responsible and considerate of our children and their safety. Please park away from school and walk your child to the gates. Please wear a mask and retain a 2 meter distance. For the parents in class 1 and 2 please do not return to the wall and call out to your child, some children find this intimidating and it can be a distressing start to their day, which can be easily avoided. Similarly at the end of the day please do not call out to your child. The adult at the gate is trying to get your child to you as quickly as possible and this distracts the children and they then cannot hear. Our children are learning to be respectful in school so please help us by modelling this behaviour.

Team Competition—Let's Get Arty!

Let's get arty! This half term's Team Competition is your chance to shine and show us your artistic talents. You can create any form of artwork you like, such as a collage, painting, a poem or a sketch. Your work must focus on celebrating confidence, hope, happiness and aspiring to your dreams. The winners will be displayed on our website, on the page that we are dedicating to Mrs Warner. Remember that all winners will receive 50 team points; all entries will receive 10. Please post a photo of your art work on Seesaw. We can't wait to see your amazing artwork!

Road Safety Competition

Congratulations and well done to our road safety competition winners, Scarlett Y2 and Grace Y4 who have had their poster made into full size banners. We hope their clear messages and attractive designs will remind motorists about safe speeds and considerate parking.



World book day

World Book Day was celebrated by children and staff at West Vale Academy on Thursday 4th March. It was fantastic to see children participating in a range of creative and fun activities. Children and families particularly enjoyed the World Book Day Treasure Hunts, both in school for the children attending school, and on a walk around West Vale for the children who were learning remotely from home.

All children have received a free World Book Day book, which were helpfully provided by the children's bookshop in Lindley.



Red Nose Day



Thank you to all who contributed to Comic Relief, we raised an amazing £188.50

RETURN TO SCHOOL

School re-opens on Monday 19th April 2021

Forest School

A group of Year 3 children really enjoyed their Forest School experience last week. They cut down branches, dug up brambles and nettles and cleared litter. The children handled the equipment in a very safe manner and worked together as a team to make the garden area a nicer place to be.



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 Mrs Lawrence