



Message from Mrs Gardiner

Many thanks to all parents, carers and children for such a fantastic start to the school year. Children look incredibly smart in their new logo uniforms and PE kits. They are a credit to West Vale.

I do ask that children do not bring rucksacks into school, there is no need and we do not have room in the cloakrooms for such large bags.

Our new starters in Reception have settled in wonderfully and are enjoying learning. I am so impressed with how well they have taken to school life, look out for their photo in the Courier. I am sure many of you have seen the work that has been done around school in the holidays, we are lucky to have such a supportive wider community.

We are still working on finishing touches in the library. We are delighted with the space that has been created and can't wait to share this with parents when it is completed.

We are always looking at ways to share what we do with parents and the community, so please follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Remember all communication is on Seesaw so do check this regularly. It's a great way to see what your child(ren) are doing in school and for you to open a conversation with them about what they are learning.

Once again a reminder about parking, please remember to respect our neighbours and keep our children safe by not driving on the road next to school. It's wonderful for us all to be together again and I am excited for an amazing school year.

Parent and Friends Association

We are really lucky to have an amazing group of parents who do so much to raise funds for the school.

If you would like to join the PFA please come along to the next meeting which is Friday 8th October at 9am.

Library Update

After many months, our fantastic West Vale Academy Key Stage 2 library is almost nearing completion. We have had joiners, painters and furniture specialists all working on it. It is now stocked with books, and finishing touches to the decoration are being completed. We can't wait for our Key Stage 2 pupils to finally have the opportunity to spend some quality reading time in there.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 17th Sept	Information Video on Seesaw
Monday 20th Sept	Parent welcome to visit classrooms after school until 3.30pm
Thursday 23rd Sept	Open Book Harvest assembly
Monday 27th	Harvest Collections—this year donated to
Sept - Friday 1st Oct	Elland Food Bank
Friday 8th Oct	Hello Yellow Day—Young Minds Charity
Weds 13th Oct	Open Evening
Tuesday 19th Oct	Individual photos for children taken in school
Thursday 21st Oct	PFA Halloween Disco
Friday 22nd Oct	Break up for Half term
Monday 1st Nov	Training day
Tuesday 2nd Nov	New term starts today
Tuesday 2nd/3rd Nov	Parents Evening

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Class 1

Reception

We would like to say a huge well done to our new Reception children for making a fantastic start to their school journey. They have already settled into routines, made new friends and shown that they are going to be great ambassadors for West Vale Academy. We would also like to say thank you to our thoughtful PFA who created a gift of essential items for our Reception parents. These were greatly appreciated.

Class 1

Class 1 have had a fantastic start to the new year. They have returned with positive attitude to learning. The children have practised their formation of capital letters, they sorted objects by their characteristics, and they have read and written sentences with growing independence. In computing, the children were able to name the different components of a computer as well as log into a computer to complete an activity using the trackpad and keyboard. Well done Year 1, a brilliant start to the year.



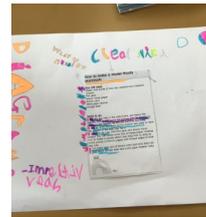
Class 2

What a fantastic first week back! The children in Class 2 have been working very hard. In English, they have been writing letters as a crayon to their owner, Duncan. In DT, the children have made their own linkage systems using pivot points and levers and in music, the children have been learning all about beat and rhythm.



Class 3

The children in Class 3 have been very busy learning about The Stone Age. In . In English, they have started reading a new class book called 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children enjoyed thinking of reasons why the mammoth was so hard to wash!



Class 4

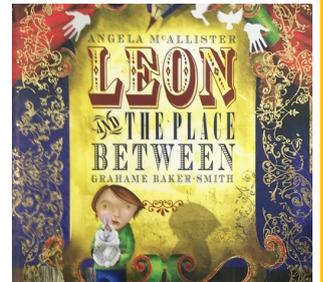
Class 4 have been having an exciting time getting used to the new school year and classroom. They have enjoyed exploring the magical reading area and sharing some of their stories. They have also been working really well as a team to solve a range of problems. In Computing, they have been working exceptionally well with their coding and HTML page design.



Well done for a fantastic start to Class 4!

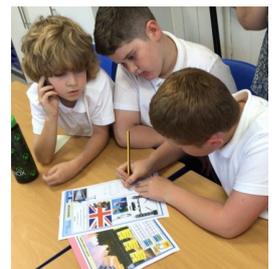
Class 5

Class 5 have had an amazing start to the new school year. They have enjoyed starting our new class book – 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela Mcallister. It is a wonderful book, full of beautiful illustrations and intriguing text. This week they have been writing diaries in role as the main character in the book.



Class 6

Class 6 have made a fantastic start to their important, final year of primary school. In English, they have started their study of the book 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan by writing expanded noun phrases with ambitious vocabulary and are building up to writing a setting description. In Maths, they have been deepening their understanding of place value with numbers up to ten million! In science, they have started to consider how we can classify living things through the exciting task of sorting Liquorice Allsorts based on characteristics! They have also been taking part in an Escape Room activity to work on team building skills in their first week. The class have enjoyed beginning their swimming lessons and are hooked on our end of day class reader - Room 13 by Robert Swindells (Robin Wood won't be like the school trip in the book thankfully!



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