

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful weekend. It was another busy week in school last week. Seacole class attended their first forest school session and Miss Taylor was extremely impressed with how well the children behaved and conducted themselves during the morning. Well done Seacole class! We also had our first set of parents attending Friday's achievement assembly and I am looking forward to seeing many more of you as the weeks progress.

### **House captain elections**

It is that time of year again where we vote for our Year 6 Heads of Houses. This year we will also be looking for a Head Boy and Head Girl who will be responsible for leading the house captains and they will also play an important role in school life e.g. greeting visitors, tours of the school, involvement in events etc. These are all important roles for our Year 6 children and they help to promote a sense of responsibility and pride in school. Our Year 6 children have been invited to put together a short video to explain why they would be a great candidate for the role. The rest of school will be voting for next week and the winners will be announced once voting has closed. I will keep you updated on the outcomes of this .

### **Harvest**

Just a reminder that this week we will be collecting food for our Harvest assembly. All donations this year will go to Smart Move which is a fantastic charity that support homeless and vulnerable families across Calderdale and help by providing food and supplies to those who need it. To support this cause, we are inviting families bring any tins or packet food into school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Any donations will be very much appreciated by this very worthy cause.

### **Halloween disco**

Spooky season is fast approaching and we will be holding our annual pumpkin carving competition on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and our school discos on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please look out for communication about these events or contact the school office for more information.

### **Open days**

Our school open days for new starters are on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November or Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am or 5.00pm. We are inviting families who are looking for Reception places for September 2023 to come and visit our fantastic school and see what being a part of the West Vale family is all about. Please share these dates and encourage as many family or friends as possible to book a place by contacting the school office.

Sending my very best wishes

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