

22nd January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre School Stay and Play

A reminder that every Friday 9-10 this half term Mrs Burgin will be running her successful 'Pre School Stay and Play' sessions for parents and children aged 2-4.

Craig Whittaker MP Visit

On Friday 27th January, West Vale and Bowling Green's pupil councils will be joining together for a question and answer session with Craig Whittaker MP for Calder Valley. Both pupil councils have worked hard to generate a list of their own thoughtful questions and are incredibly excited to ask them.

Valentines Disco

Our fabulous PFA have been working hard organising another fabulous disco for our children for Friday 3rd February. The 'Valentines Day Disco' tickets are on sale now for £2.50 which also includes a drink and crisps. There will be one disco for reception, year 1 and 2 from 3:00 -3:45 and then another from 4:00 -5:00 for year 3-6. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Bikeability

On Thursday 26th January we are incredibly lucky that Dan from 'Little Bikers' will be in school as part of our work with 'bikeability'. He will be offering workshops for our reception and year 1 and 2 children. He will be providing the balance bikes and helmets and helping all children to understand the skills and balance needed to ride a bike.

Living Wall

Many of you may have seen our article in the courier regarding our plans to install a living wall around West Vale Academy. John Brennan, managing director of Glove Consulting, who presented us with a £250 garden voucher, visited us. We are keen to extend the benefits of our current garden area to the everyday experience of all our children. Living walls help children to feel calm and secure and are educationally beneficial. They help children understand biodiversity and are good for the environment. We are keen to seek support from local businesses to help us with our project, please let us know if you are in touch with any who may be able to help.

Lunar New Year 2023

Finally, the children of West Vale had a fun afternoon on Friday learning all about Lunar New Year. Each class was tasked with creating a project linked to Lunar New Year. The children will then show these together in our celebration assembly on Tuesday afternoon. We cannot wait to see the fabulous learning the children produced.

Warm wishes, Mrs Akroyd, Vice Principal and Miss Horsfall, Principal

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