

# Westdale Junior School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term

Friday 5th  
September 2008

Welcome back. It has been lovely to have the children back and to see so many of you on the playground and in school over the last few days, it makes a pleasant change to painters and builders! Our new reception and entrance modifications are now nearly complete and have proved to be a real talking point with the children.

### Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 3 children. They have already begun to settle in to school and are making a very positive first impression on their teachers.

I would also like to welcome Kane Scott and Bethany Wilkins who are new to school. I hope they enjoy their time with us.

### Clubs

The teachers are currently organising and deciding what clubs they are going to be running this year and when those clubs will be taking place. As soon as we have finished those discussions we will send home a timetable.

### Home—School Agreement

We will be sending home a copy of our home - school agreement next week. Please read this through with your child, sign it and return it to school.

### Emergency contact numbers

Please ensure that we have a current list of contact numbers in school. We have already had difficulty trying to contact parents this week on numbers that are no longer in use. If you are unsure of the numbers that we have then please contact the office.

### Dates

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list dates for this term and a reminder of the holiday and Inset dates. We will also add additional dates as events are planned in school.

### Year 6

I know that we have only just started the new academic year but Year 6 will be coming home tonight with a transfer to secondary form issued by the County Council. It is very important that these are returned by the dates specified to ensure that your child has a secondary school place next year.

### Playground Safety

Over the summer a very nasty accident happened to a child as a result of climbing on the security fencing, therefore could you ensure that your child does not climb on the fencing before or after school. I would hate for another child to suffer in the same way.

### Parentpay

The online facility for paying for dinner money has been updated over the summer and you are now able to pay any amount.

If you can not remember your Username and password they are available in the office.



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## Dates

INSET	Friday 3rd October
Harvest Celebration	Wednesday 8th October
Open Night	Tuesday 21st October
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Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Upper School Christmas Production	Wednesday 10th December
Whole School Carol Service	Tuesday 16th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Spring Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
INSET	Monday 23rd February
Easter Holiday	Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April
SATs Week	Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May
Summer Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
INSET	Friday 26th June
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Summer Holidays	- Last day of term Tuesday 21st July.

## And finally...

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I look forward to working with you over the coming year.