

Westdale Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday 18th
September 2009

The start of the new school year has been very positive and it has been a delight getting to know our new year 3 children. I hope to know all their names very soon!

Arrival and Absence

Just a few reminders about arrival and absence.

May I remind parents that school starts at **8.50am** and children should be in school by this time. Over the last week we have had increasing numbers of children arriving after school has started.

On the first day of a child's unplanned absence from school we would request that you telephone and let us know by **9.30am** on our office number **9534707**.

If we have not heard from you by this time then we will telephone home to make sure that your child is safe. We would hate for something to happen to a child on the way to school and not realise this until the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Clubs

Our lunchtime and afterschool clubs have started to get underway and we are sending home a guide to the clubs that are on offer this term on the reverse of this letter.

Clubs and activities change through out the year as do the year groups that they are provided for.

Teachers do talk to the children about the clubs that are on offer within school, however if they are unsure about anything they need to talk to the teacher running that club.

The majority of our clubs are free but there are some clubs which are provided by outside providers and for these there may be a charge. We try to keep these costs to minimum and often subsidise the cost to parents.



Parking

I have had some complaints in the last week from local residents and shop keepers about parking at the beginning and end of the day.

I would therefore like to remind all parents about not parking on the zig zags or blocking driveways and entrances.

The safety of all our children at these times is paramount and I would not like to have to write to parents informing them of a serious injury or worse.

Harvest

Our harvest celebration will take place in school on **Wednesday October 7th at 10.00am** in the school hall.

Parents and friends are very welcome to join us. Just to give you warning that we will be asking for food donations nearer the time that will then be distributed by the children to the older members of our community.



In school helpers

We will be sending a letter home next week asking for volunteers to help within school. Please return this letter if you are able to help in some way although we do recognise that not all parents can help during the day.

Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday to take photographs of the children.

Clubs Timetable



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Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Orchestra	Y6 Football Mr Slater 4.30pm Finish
Tuesday	French Y6	<u>Basketball Y5/6</u> Cookery Club Children attend on a rota <u>Multi Skills - Excel Coaching Y3/4</u> 4.30pm Finish for all clubs
Wednesday	Choir Gardening Club	<u>Dance Club</u> 4.15pm Finish <u>Forest Football Coaching</u> 4.30pm Finish
Thursday	Book Club Recorders Boccia	Multi - Skills Y4/5 Mr Jennings / Mrs Kilbane 4.30pm Finish
Friday	Spanish Y6 Ukulele Golf Sewing	Music Club Mr Jennings 4.15pm Finish

There is a charge for underlined clubs.

Year 3 Open Afternoon

Friday 25h September

2.30pm- 3.15pm

Come and join us.

Let your child take you around school, spend time looking at what they have been up to so far and see their classroom.

This is a time for you and your child. It is not a formal event and teachers will be unable to hold interviews with you. If you wish to discuss your child, you can do this on parents evening or you can telephone school to arrange a mutually convenient time with your child's teacher.

And finally...

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.