



# West Vale Primary School



## Newsletter

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to the school. We hope you all had an enjoyable time over the Christmas period and our children are refreshed and ready to face the next half term.

#### Important Reminder

#### Admissions to Primary School

The closing date for online admissions for Reception class places for September 2018 closes on 15th January 2018. Please ensure that all online applications have been submitted by this date as any applications received after this date will be treated as late by the local authority and considered after the applications which were submitted on time.

#### Attendance & Punctuality

Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon children's success in learning. Good attendance helps children to achieve good results, helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future.

We are committed to ensuring that each and every child in our school fulfils their potential. To help us achieve this we want all of our children to have the best possible attendance.

#### We would like to see all our pupils with an attendance of 96% or above

Every day that your child is absent from school is an opportunity missed. Schools and parents / carers have a shared responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time.

Punctuality is also just as important as attendance. Our school day starts at 8:55am every morning. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and also reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves.

#### What can parents / carers do to help?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and on time.
- If your child is not well enough to attend contact the school by 10am on the first day of absence.
- Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or at weekends.
- Take family holidays during the school holiday. We are not allowed to authorize term time holidays.
- Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality.

**Let's work together to achieve consistently high attendance and punctuality. We want to see every child at school every day because every school day counts!**

#### Parents Consultations

Parent consultations will now be held on Monday 5th February 2018. Appointments will be made from 2pm through until 7.30pm.

Full details to follow

#### Star Of The Week Awards

Reception	Ronnie Hoggard-Barlow
Class 1	Violet Firth
Class 2	Jayden Leeming
Class 3	Harley Hobson
Class 4	Harvey Smith
Class 5	Gracie Firth
Class 6	Poppy Moles



#### Weekly Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who won the attendance award for the week-ending 22nd December. They had an attendance of 97%, and earned their places on the prestigious assembly benches

Reception	92%
Class 1	91%
Class 2	96%
Class 3	86%
Class 4	90%
Class 5	97%
Class 6	90%



#### **Need Support? - Numbers you may find useful**

Women's Domestic Violence Helpline – 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

Safeguarding Children - If you are ever concerned about any child please speak to Mr Wightman, Mrs Mooney or Miss Grondalski