



West Meadows Weekly

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What an amazing start to the new school year we have had! We have participated in local sporting competitions; came to school in fancy dress to celebrate our vocabulary and language learning; celebrated Harvest Festival; supported our local community by collecting food donations and helping to maintain Hoyland War Memorial; and ended the half term partying at our Halloween Disco! Our children have worked incredibly hard and I have been so impressed with their positive attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning. I would personally like to say thank you to all of the children, parents, local community and staff for making me feel so very welcome. We wish you all a lovely holiday and we will see you on Monday 1st November for the start of the new half term.

Diwali Workshops:

We are excited to start the new half term with a Diwali dance workshop for our children from F2 to Year 5 on Monday 1st November (our Year 6 pupils will be leaving for residential). For this day, all of our children (including F1) can come to school in either brightly coloured clothes suitable for movement and dance or their PE kits. We are looking forward to learning more about Diwali - the Hindu Festival of Lights.

Start of the School Day:

We return to school on Monday 1st November. Our school day starts at 8:45am and registration (and classroom doors) will close at 8:55am. Please ensure that your children arrive on time so that they are ready to go into class when the doors open at 8:45am. Lessons start promptly at 8:55am and we want to ensure all of our children make the best start to their school day. With the exception of special theme days, our children should wear school uniform and bring PE kits to change into.

School Dinner Money:

Please ensure that money for school dinners is put onto Parent Pay before a dinner is ordered and that any debts are cleared as quickly as possible.

Nursery Places:

We have places available in our afternoon nursery available for a January 2022 start. Please get in touch with school if you would like any further information.

Parking:

We encourage all of our children to walk, cycle or scooter to school and use the Travel Tracker Scheme. To earn this reward, your child must walk to school at least three times a week, for the month, to earn the badge.

Could we please ask that if you do drive to school that you park sensibly and are mindful of our local residents. We would also ask that cars drive from the main road, past school, in the direction towards Kirk Balk to try to ease traffic issues. This is an unofficial one way system but does help to keep traffic moving. This year School Council will try to work with the local Secondary School, Barnsley Council and our local community to help search for solutions and improvements to our traffic issues outside school.

Attendance Matters!

Every Monday we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life.

F1	86.75%
F2	92.91%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	82.61%
Year 3	90.46%
Year 4	96.88%
Year 5	93.70%
Year 6	97.09%

And this week's winner is...
Year 1

Unfortunately this week we have lost 406 minutes learning due to lateness.

Class Assemblies:

Our class assemblies will start this half term. Parents of pupils in the class whose assembly it is are welcome to come along and watch their children sharing their work and learning. These will be held in the school hall and parents should arrive through the main entrance. Doors will open at 2:15pm and the assembly will start at 2:30pm.

Diary Dates:

Monday 1st November:	Diwali workshops Year 6 leave for Conover
Tuesday 2nd November:	Unique Me Starts (only a few places available – contact Mrs Maree)
Wednesday 3rd November:	Phonics workshop for parents in F2, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 4th November:	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 9th November:	Face to face Parent's Evening by appointment (please see separate letter sent out this week)
Wednesday 10th November:	Parent Coffee Morning 9am-10am
Thursday 11th November:	Year 1 Class Assembly Armistice Day
Friday 12th November:	Children in Need Day

Please note, there will be no after school clubs the first week back after October half term.