



# WESTERTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Upcoming Events:

- Friday 13th January:** E-safety coffee morning for parents and carers (8:45am). Join us to learn more about keeping your child safe online.
- Thursday 26th January:** Debate heats in classes.
- Friday 27th January:** Literacy coffee morning for parents and carers (8:45am). Join us to find out how English is taught across the school and gain some top tips to support children at home.
- Thursday 2nd February:** Debate Finals
- Tuesday 7th February:** Internet Awareness Day
- Tuesday 7th February:** Year 5 and 6 disco (Time to be confirmed).
- Friday 10th February:** Half Term (School closed).
- Monday 20th February:** Children return to school.
- Monday 20th February:** Engineering Day

## Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon,  
We have had a great start to 2023 with our staff and children hitting the ground running.  
Our latest fiction units have started across the school within writing lessons. Children in Reception are exploring the text On Sudden Hill whilst Years 1 and 2 are developing writing around different versions of the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. Children in Year 3 are retelling Theseus and the Minotaur, Year 4 are exploring Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp, Year 5 I Believe in Unicorns and Year 6 Kensukes Kingdom. We are excited about the developing writing across the school!  
A number of children have returned to school this week and have received a pen licence after rehearsing their handwriting throughout the final weeks of last term and the school holiday. Well done to all of the children across the school who are working hard to meet the required standard for a licence.  
Enjoy the weekend,  
David Livie  
Principal

## Throughout The Holiday...

In the final week of term children in 6ME had the opportunity to visit The Theatre Royal Wakefield to see Dick Whittington. This was especially special for the children as Daisie in 6ME performed as part of the cast throughout the pantomime. Daisie was exceptional in her roles; dancing, singing and acting impeccably. She continued to perform in a number of shows throughout the holiday period, yet has returned to school bright and ready to learn. Well done Daisie. We look forward to seeing you in the West End very soon!



## Updates and Reminders

### Dogs Visit Westerton:

This week we have had Isa and Pepper visit the school. The girls are 7 year old long haired chihuahuas and have become an instant hit with children and staff alike. We have carried out a full risk assessment and implemented any actions required in order to mitigate any risks they may pose. When on site they will remain in the school office area and not enter classrooms as we have to manage any pupils and staff that may have allergies. The dogs will visit from time to time with children having the opportunity to interact with them in a controlled environment.



## Something to read this week:

This week you may want to listen to Be Kind by the author Pat Zietlow Miller:

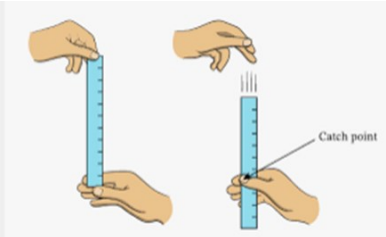
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAo4-2UzgPo>



## Challenge of the Week

### Reaction Times

Reaction time is the amount of time it takes for information to pass from a stimulus (your eyes) to your brain and begin a response. Ask a friend to hold a 30cm ruler, with the zero at the bottom and at arm's length and ask them to let go! With your finger and thumb on either side of the ruler, how long does it take for you to react? Write down the number of centimetres you grabbed the ruler. Can you improve your reaction time?



## Vocabulary Corner

*Prose, words in their best order. Poetry, the best words in the best order'*  
*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*  
*contemptuous: showing contempt, showing you are not pleased.*  
*How many different ways can you use the word contemptuous?*  
*E.g. Because they did not win, she was contemptuous towards the whole team.*  
*How many other sentences can you generate?*