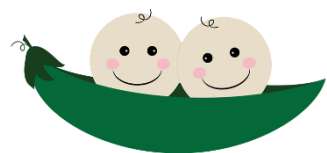


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### NEW ARRIVALS...

We have some baby news! I am delighted to tell those of you that haven't already worked it out for yourselves that Miss Robinson is expecting twin boys in September. This means that we have changes to staffing planned for next year. In order to cover the maternity leave, Ms Romaine will take on the main teaching responsibility for Y2 and Mrs Ireland for Nursery. I am pleased that we are able to put these arrangements in place so that there is the least amount of disruption to all of the children, and very grateful to the staff team for going the extra mile for school in this way.



This term is when children will be undertaking some written assessments. For Y1, 2 and 6, this includes national assessments/ tests. In Y1, we will be administering the phonics check later this term, and Y2 will be undertaking some written assessments in the coming weeks. For those of you who have not been through these before, this will all be done in a low pressure, supportive environment: parents of children in KS2 I am sure will be able to reassure you that usually the children are not even aware they have taken these 'tests'! The children have been well taught and we do not feel that making these tasks high stakes is productive or appropriate for such young children. In Y6, children sit tests to a nationally laid out timetable and parents and children have already received information about these. The children have been well-prepared. If you have any concerns or questions about summer term assessments for your child at Westgate, please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or contact me via the school office.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



The **Easter Fair** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March was a great success, and the total profit, including the pre-fair **Toy Sale**, was a whopping **£2235.49**. Huge thanks and well done to Karen Mellor and her team for a great day!

Our next meeting is at **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 19:30** - new faces and old all welcome, to discuss our plans for the term ahead running up to the Summer holidays.

Don't forget to return your slip for the **Family Bingo Night** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**- we are hoping to see lots of families for this new event, which also has pizza and a bar on offer, alongside a range of prizes. Thanks to Mrs Senior for offering to run the night! Looking ahead, Hannah Morley will be running a **Summer Film Night** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, when children and families can watch **Paddington Bear 2**. Look out for a letter nearer the time.

The **Toy Library** enjoyed a successful relaunch last week- we are planning an investment to increase the selection of games available.

Our fundraising at the moment is focused on helping school to replace the **climbing equipment** in both playgrounds, so your support, donations and money are all really appreciated- by the Friends of Westgate and by everyone at school too- especially the children!

Finally... look out for more information about our **Carnival** entry, **Wild Westgate**- we hope to have another fantastic turn out and we are very excited about the ideas and designs we have planned for this year's procession on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June!

### HEALTH & WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

We have an exciting programme of activities planned for this extended Family of Schools event. I will be sending out a flyer to detail all the exciting things we have going on during the fortnight to encourage children and families to be active, healthy and happy, but the highlight is undoubtedly going to be a morning at PHGS playing on Bradford Community Play and Development Service Equipment. To get an idea of what an amazing fun session this will be, [click here](#). We will also be selling tickets to use the equipment after school for £2.50 per child- look out for more information after half term! In the second week, we have workshops from the authors of [Emma Bright and the Super Food Fight](#) and a wide range of other activities planned, led by local providers.

*Mrs Hooper*

### WRITING PROGRESS



Last week I spent a morning with our School Improvement Adviser, looking at the progress we are making with writing

following on from our recent one day inspection. Mr Hackney has led a significant part of this work as our English subject leader. Through talking to pupils, visiting lessons and looking at children's work, we were able to see how children know their writing is improving further and the impact teaching is having on children's learning. I was very proud of all of the children we spent time with, and their positive attitude to their learning.



### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Just a reminder that parents can drop off payments securely in the postbox located just outside the main door- just make sure that it is in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and what the payment is for, and include any relevant slip. If you require a receipt, please include a note to that effect. Thank you 😊

### WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

Thanks to everyone who is now **segregating food waste** in the playground and in school. To recap- the large red bin is for food waste only and the wall-mounted bins are for all other waste. By changing from individual tetrapaks of milk to serving milk in beakers, and by starting to recycle our food waste, in the last 3 months we have reduced the refuse we produce by a total of **1282.62 kg** and saved **£109.74!** Thank you and well done, everyone.



### WESTGATE WINDFALL

March's winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: David Clough (£128)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Alex Simmonds (£32)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Graham Fisher (£16)**

We have **64** members at present and the more members we have, the more each prize is worth! If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Bleasdale in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund, which is used to purchase resources, to fund visitors to school and to subsidise trips for all pupils.



### SPORTS REPORT



On Friday 20th April, the Rugby team from Year 5 and 6 played in this year's Tag Rugby tournament at Old Otliensians. They played five matches in total and played so well that they came 1st, having won every match they played! They have qualified for the final which will take place at Headingley Stadium on the 22nd May 2018; an amazing achievement! Well done to Oliver, Tyler, Patrick, Edward, Henry, Merle, Sarah, Lucy in Year 6 and Raphie, Jacob and Oscar in Year 5. Westgate is very proud of you all!

*Miss Ingle*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for the next term. They are also to be found on the calendar

when you log on to the VLE.

03/05/18 Polling day- Nursery closure

07/05/18 Bank Holiday

10/05/17 Class photos

11/05/18 FOW Family Bingo Night

14/05/18 w/b Y6 test week

19/05/18 Otley Show

22/05/18 Maypole 09:15 *\*Please note change in time to previous years\**

24-25/05/18 Y5 Whitby residential

25/05/18 Break up

04/06/18 Back to school

07/06/18 FOW meeting

13-15/06/18 Y6 Herd Farm residential

16/06/18 Otley Carnival

19/06/18 Reception Induction 14:00

21/06/18 Y4/6 Ilkley Tennis Tournament

21/06/18 Y1/2 trip to Armley Mills

21/06/18 LSMA Summer Concert

21/06/18 FOW Film Night

**25/06/18 – 06/07/18 Health & Wellbeing Fortnight**

26/06/18 Y1-6 Community Play Equipment at PHGS

26/06/18 Nursery Induction 15:45

02/07/18 Y5 high school experience day

02/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

03/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

06/07/18 Super Food Fight Workshops

10/07/18 whole school induction am

5/07/18 Sports Day

19/07/18 Leavers' Play/ Party 18:30

20/07/18 Talent show 14:00

23/07/18 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

24/07/18 Break up

### GET ACTIVE!

Two running groups are currently advertising in the School Office Area:

- Low key running groups designed for women
- Qualified run leader
- Get to know other like-minded women
- Get fit and enjoy the outdoors
- Make some new friendships and get some 'me time'

#### Couch to 5k

**Complete beginners- no previous running experience required**

*Wednesday 7:30 pm in Otley, Beech Hill Car Park*

*And*

**5 – 10k By Mums, For Mums  
Intermediate runners who can run 5k**

*Tuesday 7:30 pm in Otley, Beech Hill Car Park*

*Emma Thomson 07595 441792*

