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STAFFING NEWS

I am sad to tell you that Mrs Mullens will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been seconded to work as a consultant with the Healthy Schools & Wellbeing Team at Leeds City Council, for a year in the first instance. This post is all the things that Mrs Mullens is skilled and passionate about, so it's little wonder that the team were keen to recruit her. I know she will be fantastic. We have therefore recruited Ms Zoë Romaine who will fulfil her teaching role from September, while Mrs Hattersley will increase her Assistant Headteacher responsibilities. Mrs Mullens has worked here for 19 years so it will be sad to say farewell- but we are all delighted for her as she takes on this new challenge and I know that many schools in Leeds will benefit from her support and expertise.

This means that staffing in September will be as follows:

Class	Teacher(s)	TAs/ HLTAs
Nursery	Miss Robinson	Mrs Eley Mrs Brogden
Reception	Mrs Colannino	Mrs Divers Mrs Piercy
Y1	Mrs Senior Mrs Ireland (Fri)	Mrs Chilton Mrs Winterburn Mrs Bleasdale
Y2	Mrs Ireland (Mon-Wed) Ms Romaine (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Hall Mrs Bleasdale
Y3	Mrs Hattersley Ms Romaine (Mon)	Mrs Cardwell Mrs Pollhammer
Y4	Mrs Cable (Mon-Wed) Mrs Hooper (Wed-Fri)	Miss Ingle Mrs Charlesworth
Y5	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Simpson Mr Pollhammer
Y6	Mr Hackney Mrs Hooper (Mon)	Miss Gnap Mrs Rich

Mrs Smith will continue to work with children and classes across school and our Music, PE and Spanish will continue to be taught by Mrs Durrant, Mr Eley and Señora Ruiz.

In addition, Nursery parents will have noticed that Miss Robinson has not been in school lately. Unfortunately she has a badly injured foot and so will not be at school until the week after next at the earliest, although she will be coming on her crutches to the induction evening on Thursday this week! We all wish her a speedy recovery: I know she would much rather be fit and well and back at school!



Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire. We had over 130 responses which is really helpful to us in moving forward. Almost all comments and responses were very positive which is great to read, but a small number of comments did raise concerns about the regular setting and marking of different types of homework. We will be looking at this together as a staff therefore, as it is important that children get consistent experiences across different year groups and that their effort at home is recognised. Another comment raised the concern that as the survey is anonymous, we shouldn't ask for information about your child's class. The reason we ask this is so that, should a pattern of concerns arise, we can address that directly. Of course, you are perfectly entitled to withhold this information if you feel this is more appropriate.

I will include further follow-up in the next newsletter after all responses have been processed.

The winning ticket is: **GREEN 788**

Please bring in your matching ticket to claim your prize!

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Our fantastic carnival entry of **101 Dalmatians** achieved 3rd prize in the face of stiff competition in our class. Jim Ibbetson's Rolls Royce creation was a real tour de force and we ended up with about 160 Dalmatians plus sundry henchmen- a fantastic turnout. A huge thanks and well done to Steph Wood and her band of volunteers, as well as to everyone that turned out on Saturday. Our next meeting will be our last of the year and will take place on Monday 6th July at 19:30 in The Fleece- all welcome!



WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners were:

1st: Kevin Jacobs (£94)

2nd: Dan & Ann Ridgway (£23.50)

3rd: Claire Alderson (£11.75)

We currently have 47 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please



see Mrs Finlay 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 DAY



Weather permitting, Nursery sports day (for ALL nursery children, regardless of their attendance pattern) will be at Grove Hill Park from

12:30 on Wednesday 15/07/15. Reception & KS1 have their moment of glory then on Thursday 16/07/15 at 10:00, followed by KS2 at 13:30. We have changed the format slightly this year, balancing out the event between a carousel of team field events and then competitive mixed races (both fun/ obstacle and speed events!). Heats and training are taking place in PE lessons as I write! Children from Reception to Y6 should come in PE kit with a top in the colour of their house (Granville= Green, Richmond= Red, Westbourne= Blue, Whiteley= White) as the event is organised into House Teams. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and bring a picnic as they wish, but please do not approach your child with snacks/ drinks while the event takes place as this is both confusing and unfair to others. Thank you ☺

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Just a reminder that outstanding monies for music tuition are now urgently due before the end of the school year, as is dinner money for children who stay for flexi lunches in nursery, and milk money for those children who pay for school milk. Cheques for music tuition should be payable to Westgate Primary School; milk and lunches are payable to Leeds City Council.

Data Collection Sheets are also due back from Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y5. Please make sure you return these as soon as possible as it is vital we have up-to-date records on our system for your child in case of any emergency.