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HEALTH & WELLBEING WEEK

This is the penultimate newsletter of the year, as we hurtle ever faster towards the summer holidays. Last week we welcomed a small film crew to school to film a video for the Yorkshire Ridings Maths Hub, about the development of our mathematics teaching, which we are all very excited to see when it is finished. This week we have our transition days for Y6 and transition morning for Nursery upwards. I am delighted that Mrs Silkstone, our new TA, will be joining us for the day to meet her new class, next year's Y4!

The next big thing is of course our Health and Wellbeing Week, starting on Monday. There are lots of exciting things happening!

- There will be Wake Up Shake Up every day before school at 08:40 in the playground- all children and grown-ups will be encouraged to join in!
- Y5 & Y6 will receive a half day of cycle coaching from an ex-Olympian, Phil Bateman.
- Y2, Y3 & Y6 will be visiting the Life Caravan at PHGS.
- Y1 are taking part in a multi-skills festival at PHGS.
- Y4 are off for a day's Kwik Cricket at Leeds Modernians.
- Y5 are taking part in a Racquets Festival.
- Y1 & Y2 are having Karate taster sessions.
- Miss Robinson is running a Fencing session for Y5.
- Ms Romaine is running an Archery session in KS2.
- Mrs Senior is leading a walk on the Chevin for Y1 & Y2.
- I am teaching cookery in Y3 & Y4.
- Y1 & Y2 will have a yoga session.
- The school kitchen will be offering tasting sessions for all children at lunch times.
- We have our Sports days (Wednesday for Nursery, Thursday for everyone else).
- Class teachers will be planning other active and healthy sessions for the children right through the week.
- There is a Design a Packed Lunch competition being run by the School Food Ambassadors

Please note that children may come in PE kit all week- and in a top in their House colour on Thursday.

An enormous thank you goes to Mrs Hooper, our PE, curriculum and enrichment leader, who has co-ordinated and organised the whole week. It's going to be great!



Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

SCHOOL REPORTS

I am in the middle of reading and commenting on children's reports, which is always a pleasure. Parents should receive a copy of their child(ren)'s report(s) next week. Please then ensure you send back the slip acknowledging receipt of this, along with any comments you may wish to make, no later than **Friday 21st July**. Thank you.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

This evening sees the final Friends of Westgate meeting of the year, and the AGM, at which we will review the work of the group for the year and begin to discuss plans for the coming year. Charlotte Evans has indicated that, after several years as treasurer, she will be stepping down this summer, so interest in this position is invited. We hope to see lots of you there, **19:30 in The Fleece this evening**- and there are usually some potato wedges and onion rings to nibble on if you are peckish!

WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners were:

1st: Heather Gilmore (£104)

2nd: Zoe Hollis (£26)

3rd: Louise Archer (£13)

We currently have **52**

members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see someone in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/cheque in advance. All proceeds go to the Westgate School Fund, which is used to purchase resources, to fund visitors to school and to subsidise trips for all pupils.

We rely on School Fund to supplement our school budget, which is increasingly asked to do more with less as central funding has not matched rising costs. School Fund is a key enabler for the additional things we offer to children to bring their education alive, so if you haven't already, please consider joining up - you might win a prize and you will help to make big difference!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

From September, the school office will no longer be managing School Milk. This means that, if you wish your child to have milk and you usually pay for school milk, you will need to sign up for this online with Cool Milk at <http://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. They will administer all payments and ensure that the correct amount of milk is delivered each day. A letter accompanies this newsletter with more information. The cost has increased as sadly school can no longer afford to heavily subsidise the cost of milk for children who are not eligible for free milk.



CARNIVAL UPDATE



This year, along with many of you and our staff, I found myself feeling very uncomfortable about the Otley Zombie Apocalypse carnival entry in the presence of our young children. I am pleased to tell you that the issue was discussed at a subsequent Family of Schools head teacher meeting, after which I wrote to the Carnival Committee to express our collective concern at the inappropriateness of the entry, as it appeared, at a family-oriented day such as the Carnival (entertaining and fun though Zombie runs are for many adults). Last week I received a response from the committee and a heartfelt letter from Otley Zombie Apocalypse, expressing their regret and confirming that next year this float will not form part of the carnival. I hope this will reassure parents who had expressed concern and / or had children who were upset by this particular entry in the carnival.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

This week you will have received a copy of the Otley Family of Schools' Equality and Diversity Charter, which outlines some key commitments for us and our local partner schools. I have spoken to the children about the charter and what it means and I hope all parents will take the time to read the charter, in order to understand and support these fundamental aims and values for all our children. We launched the charter last Friday at Otley Courthouse, where a group of Y5 children represented Westgate with a presentation about gender stereotyping and discrimination, alongside groups from each of the other 7 schools, and speeches from our MP, Alex Sobel, and Otley's town mayor, Cllr Nigel Francis.

CLUBS- A THANK YOU

This year, the children have been really lucky to have the opportunity to benefit from the expertise and interests of some of our Westgate parents. Several people responded to our invitation to run extra-curricular clubs and I'd like to say a huge thank you to **Dave Clough, Zoe Hollis, Claire Hutchison and Casey Orr** for giving up their own time to offer clubs in Coding, Art, Woolcraft and Photography respectively. They each ran several fantastic sessions throughout the year which were enjoyed by over 90 children in total. Thank you from me and all the children who attended!



Mrs Hooper

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We hope this information will help busy parents!

05-07/07/17 Y7 Induction days at PHGS
06/07/17 Whole school induction mornings
11/07/17 Y5 Whitby class assembly 09:05
12/07/17 Nursery Sports Day 12:30
13/07/17 FS/ KS1 Sports Day 10:00
13/07/17 KS2 Sports Day 13:45
20/07/17 Leavers Play and Party
21/07/17 Talent Show
24/07/17 Y6 Leavers Assembly 09:00
25/07/17 Break up for Summer: **no WOOSH after school**
26/07/17 Training Day

Looking Ahead to Next Academic Year:

04-05/09/17 Training Days
06/09/17 School opens to children
20/10/17 Break for half term
30/10/17 Back to school
15/12/17 Break up for Christmas
02/01/18 Training Day
03/01/18 Back to school
08/02/18 Break up for half term
09/02/18 Training Day
19/02/18 Back to school
29/03/18 Break up for Easter
16/04/18 Back to school
03/05/18 Polling day- school closed to Nursery ONLY*
07/05/18 Bank holiday- school closed
24-25/05/18 Y5 Whitby residential
25/05/18 Break up for half term
04/06/18 Back to school
13-15/06/18 Y6 residential
24/07/18 Break up for summer
25/07/18 Training Day

** In light of current national security issues, this is currently under review and may affect more year groups. Parents will be advised of any changes in due course.*

SPORTS REPORT



On Friday 23rd June, our Gymnastics club, led by Mrs Pollhammer, went to Gym Magic in Pudsey to take part in an Active Schools Gymnastics competition. The children (Lexie, Hattie, Matilda, Kayla, Amelie, Evie, Ellie-Mae, Naomi all from Year 3) worked really hard developing and practising their own routine in preparation for the event and were delighted to win the 'Most Creative Use of Floor' award. Mrs Pollhammer was very proud of their commitment, hard work and team work. Well done Gymnasts!

Year 4 and Y6 were invited recently to the Aegon Tennis Tournament, at Ilkley Tennis Club, to receive some coaching and then to watch part of a professional tennis match. Unfortunately the wet weather proved too much for the professionals but the children were able to play and then watch some of the coaches showing off their skills. A great afternoon was had by all!