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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a nice Christmas break, whatever you did during the school holidays. Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards, wishes and gifts to the staff - your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated! This month, we're welcoming a number of new children to our Nursery – if this is your first time getting the Westgate newsletter, welcome to our school community! In this newsletter, you will find a range of information – make a note of what affects you. There are lots of things to look forward to this term and we look forward to a lot of learning and fun. I hope to see you at some of our special events!

Helen Carpenter Head teacher

ANYTHING BOXED IN RED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY REQUIRE ACTION ON YOUR PART. THANK YOU 😊

ART CAMP RECREATION CLUB IN WESTGATE

Art Camp UK will be running again at Westgate during February half term, and during the Easter holidays too. Art Camp is a quality, fun and inclusive holiday club and you can book directly through their website:

<https://www.artcampuk.com/>

Art Camp UK accepts a wide range of childcare vouchers in the workplace, as well as those registered for HMRC's tax-free childcare scheme.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



We are meeting this evening via Zoom- the link came out to parents on last Friday's 'Next Week at Westgate' email if you would like to join us from the comfort of wherever you happen to be!

If you would like to sign up to help with any of our events planned for later in the year, you can do so [here](#). Anyone who volunteers in this way will be fully supported with a straightforward 'How To' guide, and all related outlay for an event can be claimed back from FOW. This term, we have school disco coming up next month, then the Easter Fair in March. We also have a Rag bag collection coming up just after the half term break. **Finally, we are still in need of a chairperson.** It is really urgent that we welcome new faces to Friends of Westgate so that we can continue to run all of the events that make our school community so special. We can offer a good support network and help with admin from school. Please get in touch via the school office if you think you could help, either individually or as a co-chair.

Our fundraising this year is primarily focused on funding a significant refresh of reading books across school.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

November's winners were:

1st KR Swettenham (£128)

2nd M Williams (£32)

3rd C Mayoh (£16)

December's winners were:

1st L & S Boddy (£130)

2nd J Chilton (£32.50)

3rd R Fearnley & A Webster (£16.25)

As of December we have 65 members. 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. 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. Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56! School Fund contributes to the cost of trips, visitors, special events and equipment, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

Please make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

09/01/23 FOW meeting 19:45 via Zoom

10/01/23 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 19:00 via Teams

13/01/23 Rec/ Y6 height, weight & vision checks

17/01/23 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30

25/01/23 SEN reviews

31/01/23 Y6 Billy Elliott trip (PHGS)

06/02/23 Booking opens for consultation evenings

09/02/23 Y3 Gymnastics Festival at PHGS (am)

09/02/23 Nur/ Rec/ Y1 school disco 17:45- 18:45

09/02/23 Y2- Y6 school disco 19:00- 20:00

09/02/23 Break up for half term

10/02/23 Training Day

13-15/02/23 Art Camp at Westgate

14/02/23 Safer Internet Day

20/02/23 Back to school

20/02- 05/03/23 Fair Trade Fortnight

21/02/23 Rag Bag Collection

21/02/23 Nursery Induction 15:45

22/02/23 Nursery Stay & Play pm

23/03/23 Nursery Stay & Play am

27/02/23 Reception Stay & Play am

02/03/23 Governors Day in School

02/03/23 World Book Day

06-10/03/23 Scoot to School Week

07/03/23 Consultation evening 15:45

09/03/23 Consultation evening 17:00

14/03/23 Y2 Handball Festival at PHGS (am)

16/03/23 Y4 trip to Jorvik

17/03/23 Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

20/03-31/03/23 Big Walk & Wheel

21/03/22 FOS Poetry Slam event

25/03/23 FOW Easter Fair

27-31/03/23 D:Side drugs education week

03-06/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate

11-14/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate

29/03/23 Easter Concert 14:00

31/03/23 Break up for Easter

17/04/23 Back to School

Term dates for next academic year (2023-24):

04/09/23 Training day- school closed to pupils

05/09/23 Back to school

27/10/23 Break up for half term

06/11/23 Back to school

22/12/23 Break up for Christmas

08/01/24 Training day- school closed to pupils

09/01/24 Back to school

09/02/24 Break up for half term

19/02/24 Back to school

27/03/24 Break up for Easter

28/03/24 Training day- school closed to pupils

15/04/24 Back to school

06/05/24 Bank holiday- school closed to pupils

24/05/24 Break up for half term

03/06/24 Back to school

19/07/24 Break up for summer holidays

22/07/24 Disaggregated training day: school closed to pupils

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FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Music fees (& instrument hire, where applicable) are now due for the Spring term / half term.

Nursery invoices for half term #3 will be issued in the next week and can be paid via Pay360 / using childcare vouchers.

WOOSH invoices for half term #2 were sent out on the last day of term – please ensure prompt payment if you have not already done so.

Information on school payment systems and login information for new starters will be issued via email in the next week, once all our new starters are successfully on the school roll.

A polite reminder to ensure you keep your child's school records up to date with any changes to address, living arrangements, parent contact details etc. Please contact the office if you need to discuss any changes.