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HALLOWE'EN, GUY FAWKES AND HALF TERM

It's been an unusually long half term but we are almost at the half term holiday now. Over half term, Friends of Westgate are running a Halloween window trail. It's not too late to enter- for £3 you will receive materials to create your own Halloween window decoration, and a clue to put in your window. If you'd like to have a go at the trail over the holiday, you can buy entry forms through School Gateway for £2. **There are prizes of £20 Toyland**

vouchers- one for the winning entry and one for the best-dressed window!

Today, our PCSO Rob Powell led a bonfire night safety assembly for the children. However, if you plan to celebrate the 5th November over half term, please ensure you follow the Firework Code and talk to your children about staying safe around fireworks and bonfires.

The Firework Code:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and check the time you can legally set off fireworks
2. In England, Scotland and Wales only buy fireworks which carry the UKCA marks. In the case of Northern Ireland look for the UKNI symbol. You may also see the UKNI mark along with the UKCA symbol. Keep your fireworks in a closed box, and use them one at a time
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



Have a great half term holiday, everyone!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

ArtCamp UK will be running at Westgate over half term, from Monday to Wednesday. You can book via [their website](#). There is also a multi-sports camp run by InGear Coaching at PHGS, Monday to Friday next week: book [here](#). Both camps are open to all children in the Otley/ local area.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

September's winners were as follows:

1st: Mrs C Colman £132.00

2nd: Mr Green & Ms Atkinson £33.00

3rd: Miss L Bibby £16.50

As of September we have **66** 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.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



A huge thank you to our new **class reps!** We hope this will help to develop a shared sense of community and enable all of our planned events to go ahead successfully this year. First up this week is our **Cake Sale** after school on Wednesday, followed by our **Hallowe'en Window Trail** over half term. Next half term we have the **Victorian Fayre** to look forward to, and before that our family **Bingo & Pizza night on 10/11/2023!**

Also coming up is the first **RagBag** collection of the school year- on **14/11/23** - an ideal opportunity to have a clear-out before the festive season is upon us. Thanks too, to everyone for the ongoing donations to our **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**; don't forget you can order online at any time and we will send home items requested with your child once they are in stock. Donations we can't use are recycled via RagBag.

You can contact FOW directly on FOWotley@gmail.com with suggestions or offers of help. Our next meeting is at 19:30 on 16/11/23 at The Black Horse- all are welcome!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please remember **WOOSH** payments are due by the end of this half term. Failure to make payment against your

account will result in the option to book **WOOSH** being removed from your Gateway account, and unfortunately all future bookings being cancelled.

A polite reminder that after school clubs will continue after half term – if you have only paid half of the club fees, the remaining funds will be due.

Many thanks.

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!

23-24/10/23 Y5 Anne Frank Trust visit
25/10/23 FOW Cake Sale
27/10/23 Break up
30/10 to 05/11/23 FOW Hallowe'en Trail
06/11/23 Back to school
06/11/23 UK Parliament Week
07/11/23 Individual photos
07/11/23 Consultation evening 17:00 (online)
09/11/23 Consultation evening 15:45 (in person)
10/11/23 FOW Bingo Night
13/11/23 Anti Bullying Week
14/11/23 Nursery Stay & Play 10:30
14/11/23 Nursery Induction 15:45
14/11/23 Y5 Science trip
15/11/23 Reception Stay & Play 09:00
15/11/23 Y1 Science trip
16/11/23 Nursery Stay & Play 14:15
16/11/23 Y3 Science trip
16/11/23 FOW meeting
17/11/23 Children in Need day
24/11/23 EYFS cluster training day; school closed to Nursery & Reception children only
04/12/23 SEN bookings open
12/12/23 Y3 gymnastics festival @ PHGS
13/12/23 FS Xmas performance 11:00
14/12/23 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00
14/12/23 FS Xmas performance 14:15
15/12/23 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
18/12/23 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
18/12/23 IPM Bookings open for pupils with SEND
19/12/23 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
20/12/23 School Xmas Dinner
22/12/23 Xmas Parties
22/12/23 Break Up
08/01/24 Training Day

If your child does not normally attend Nursery when a blue event is taking place, you are welcome to bring them along. Further details will be available from Miss Robinson/ via Tapestry.