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CONTINUING TO LOOK AHEAD...

Like me, I am sure you were excited to hear Gavin Williamson's announcement on Friday afternoon that the government expects schools to reopen fully in September, by moving from 'bubbles' of 15 to whole class bubbles. As yet, the only information we have received is from that briefing, but as soon as more details are known I will of course share them with everyone. We have however already been beginning to make preparations, planning the learning environment to make it as safe and easy to clean as possible, and looking at how we can scale up the measures we have put in place this half term. We are also planning some changes to school routines. For example, from September, children will not keep PE kit in school, but instead will come to school in PE kit on the days their class has PE. It is important therefore that your child has the correct PE kit for September:

- Grey hoodie (school logo or plain)
- Grey or black jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- Black shorts
- Plain or school logo T shirt (white, or their House colour)
- Pumps or trainers

Variations on these items will *not* be allowed.

Children will also need to bring their own water bottle to school each day. This **must** have a sports top, so that the top does not have to be removed to drink from it, and it must be possible to see the contents of the bottle without opening it.

I am also making my annual plea for everything to be clearly named. You can purchase name labels for clothing and other belongings at <https://www.easy2name.com/> and select Friends of Westgate to receive commission on any purchases you make.

You will also be asked to complete a weekly online form about your child's school meals/ packed lunches, so that meals are chosen together at home a week at a time rather than at school each morning. Registers will also be taken electronically, removing the need for movement between each class to collect/ deliver registers twice a day.

Most excitingly, we are finally seeing a large, £21.5K project take place this summer, to **completely refurbish the Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor area!** This project will see the existing climbing equipment removed and a complete re-zoning of the whole space, with a wide range of different equipment being installed. The whole project is being made possible in part through the generosity of Friends of Westgate, who are contributing £10,000 and a large contribution from School Fund, among other sources of funding. We will confirm the full list of supporters/ contributions by the start of next term.

Please read the rest of this newsletter carefully as some items (boxed in red) may need action from you. Thank you!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

SUMMER HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEALS



We are delighted that the government confirmed last week that children entitled to free school meals will receive vouchers

for food over the school summer holidays this year. **Eligible families receive £15 per week for each child of school age, and vouchers can be spent on food in major supermarkets, in store and online.** If you think that, due to changes in your circumstances, your child(ren) may now be eligible for FSM, please contact us as **soon as possible** via info@westgateprimary.co.uk so that we can run an eligibility check. Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We also know that there will be families who are not eligible for FSM who may struggle over the summer. Please don't hesitate to email Ms Carpenter in confidence, as there are ways we can help.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The School Office is staffed between



09:00 and 15:15 as a minimum and so you may telephone between these hours if you need to speak to someone about a query

you may have. We continue to send reminders about outstanding dinner money, music lesson or WOOSH fees as normal: please ensure these are paid promptly via SIMS Pay, particularly if your child is leaving Westgate at the end of this term. If you need to discuss this in confidence further, please call the office

in the hours stated above, or email and someone will call you back. Thank you ☺



You may find yourself buying things online more than usual at the moment. If so, consider signing up to Easy Fundraising. By [clicking here and signing up](#), you can agree to support Friends of Westgate at no cost to yourself. We are now approaching a total of **£650** raised-every penny helps!

TALENT SHOW

Mrs Chilton has been busy putting together Talent Show entries for the end of term, but sadly she hasn't yet had many entries! Here is her message: "It would be lovely if more of you could send me your videos. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, play an instrument, puppet show, sport skills etc. Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes. People have been very imaginative doing things that we wouldn't normally be able to accommodate in school. Send your videos to me via the VLE or by email to j.chilton@westgateprimary.co.uk no later than **Friday 03/07/20**, if you want to take part."



END OF YEAR PHOTOS



Mrs Chilton is also very busy making class photographs for everyone! If you haven't already done so, please send a full-length photograph of your child, in school uniform, **as soon as possible**. If your child's uniform no longer fits after all this time, a plain white top would be great. You should send the photograph to Mrs Chilton via the VLE or by email (see above). Thank you!

BOOK SWAP

Please note that Book Swap sessions continue to run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 13:30 to 14:30 (subject to dry weather!), for those of you who need to swap reading books or collect other learning materials, including exercise books. However, they will no longer run on Wednesday mornings due to low demand. Thank you ☺

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY



On Tuesday 7th July, Westgate will be participating in the West Yorkshire

Virtual School Games Sports Day.

At 10:00am on Tuesday 07/07/20 the official Virtual Sports Day video will be premiered live here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WestYorksSport>. The video will include a performance, warm up, and competitions children can take part in throughout the day; they will also have some exciting guests!

Children can participate in lots of different activities which are designed to be done at both school and at home and are suitable for all children from Reception to Year 6. The children will then have until 10:00am on Wednesday 08/07/20 to submit their scores online, if they would like to. Any additional information will be shared on the children's VLE class page.

*Mrs Hooper
PE & Physical Activity Leader*

WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners will be announced in the next newsletter. We currently have **72** members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please email 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. It is also making a significant contribution to the refurbishment of the EYFS outdoor area this summer.



TT ROCKSTARS & NUMBOTS

Here are the latest 'scores on the doors' for Times Table Rockstars (Y2-6) and Numbots (Rec/ Y1). Regular practice for a short period each day will really help children to become automatic and secure in their recall and application of key maths facts. Well done Y1 for a great fortnight! As well as sending well done messages to individual children for highest scores and most improved in each class, here is the class league table:

W/C	08/06/20	15/06/20
Rec	27%	23%
Y1	62%	71%
Y2	53%	47%
Y3	55%	58%
Y4	52%	59%
Y5	58%	50%
Y6	19%	16%

Every child has their own login and can practise whenever they like, through a web browser on a PC or a free downloadable app on a smartphone or tablet. Ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure what to do.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are very sad to be losing James Gould as a parent governor this term. I am attaching again the information about standing to join our governing body as a parent governor, and I am asking for expressions of interest by Monday 6th July in the first instance, with a view to holding an election at the start of September, if more than one candidate comes forward. The role of governor is crucial in helping us to be the best school we can be, and never more so that at the current time. Please consider volunteering your time in this way.

Thank you ☺



SCHOOL RESOURCES



You will know that when school closed, we sent home learning packs with the children. Some of the contents are

consumables, and the items sent varied from class to class. However, please note that we expect Maths No Problem textbooks & workbooks to come back to school, along with school reading/ library books, and child scissors. Items such as these that are not returned, or returned in an unusable condition **will be chargeable**, as they will have to be replaced. If you can send crayons/ pencils back when we return that would also be great, but we understand that these might have been used up/ worn out by then! Thank you for looking after school's resources.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a summary of all the dates we have planned so far for next year- *with the caveat that some may not be able to go ahead due*

to ongoing restrictions. They will also shortly be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE. Please make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible! We will provide regular updates for any further events as bookings etc are confirmed.

03/07/20 Closing date for Talent Show entries
 06/07/20 Parent Governor nomination deadline
 07/07/20 Virtual School Sports Day
 16/07/20 Pupils break up for summer holidays
 17/07/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 20/07/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 07/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 08/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 28/09/20 Y6 Bikeability all week
 14/10/20 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00
 12/10/20 Individual School Photos
 20/10/20 Consultation Evening 17:00
 22/10/20 Consultation Evening 15:45
 23/10/20 Break up
 02/11/20 Back to school
 13/11/20 Children in Need day

16/11/20 w/b Anti-Bullying Week
 17/11/20 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
 20/11/20 Takeover Day
 06/12/20 Otley Victorian Fayre
 07-13/12/20 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week
 08/12/20 LSMA Xmas concert
 09/12/20 FS Xmas performance 14:00
 10/12/20 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00
 11/12/20 FS Xmas performance 11:15
 11/12/20 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
 14/12/20 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
 15/12/20 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
 16/12/20 School Xmas Dinner
 18/12/20 Xmas Parties
 18/12/20 Break Up
 04/01/21 Back to school
 12/01/21 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 18:30
 18/01/21 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30
 09/02/21 Safer Internet Day
 12/02/21 Break Up
 22/02/21 Back to school
 22/02- 05/03/21 w/b Fair Trade Fortnight
 25/02/21 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
 09/03/21 Consultation Evening 15:45
 11/03/21 Consultation Evening 17:00
 04/03/21 World Book Day
 27/03/21 FOW Easter Fair
 31/03/21 Easter Concert 14:00
 01/04/21 Break up for Easter
 02/04/21 Bank Holiday
 19/04/21 Back to School
 03/05/21 Bank Holiday
 10/05/21 w/b Y6 test week
 22/05/21 Otley Show
 27/05/21 Maypole 09:15
 07/06/21 Back to school
 08-09/06/21 Y5 Whitby residential
 15/06/21 Reception Induction mtg 19:00
 16-18/06/21 Y6 Herd Farm residential
 19/06/21 Otley Carnival
 22/06/21 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
 28/06/21 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
 29/06/21 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
 20/07/21 Talent show 13:45
 21/07/22 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:00
 23/07/21 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
 23/07/21 Break up
 26/07/21 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 27/07/21 Training Day- school closed to pupils
Green events are changed or new since last time.
Blue events involve Nursery- if your child does not normally attend on that day, please let Miss Robinson know if your child will attend for this event.
 Please note that we still have one more training day to confirm.