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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that everyone had a great break over Christmas and New Year, whatever you chose to do as a family. It was lovely to see all the children back at school last week, and it's been a very positive start to 2024 so far: we've welcomed Miss Tortora to Y5 and Noah & Liah to Y5 and Reception, as well as our new starters in Nursery. You should also have received our Ofsted inspection report by now, which I hope you enjoyed reading.

There is lots to look forward to over the next two terms; visits and trips, a project with



Opera North for Y5, taking part in Leeds Lieder for Y4, a long list of sporting events across school, whole school maypole dancing, the Easter concert, residentials, Sports Day and much, much more.

Friends of Westgate have busy time ahead too- more of that below- and we are looking forward to working with them once again on Westgate's entry to Otley Carnival!

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

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

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

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Y6's **Mulled Wine and Chocolate Tombola** stall at Otley Victorian Fayre was a huge success: thank you to everyone who donated chocolate or gave their time to run the stall on the day, which made **£956.12** profit!

This Friday sees our grown-ups only **quiz night** with licensed bar, run by Y5. Book a table and come along to socialise and test your general knowledge! Next up will be our **children's discos on 08/02/24** run by Y2 and then of course, the **Easter Fayre on 23/03/24**. In the meantime, if you received any gifts at Christmas that you don't think you will use, we are happy to accept them via the school office as donated prizes for future events, including the Easter Tombola.

You can contact Friends Of Westgate directly on [FOWotley@gmail.com](mailto:FOWotley@gmail.com) with suggestions or offers of help. Our next meeting is later this week at 19:30 on 16/11/23 at The Black Horse- all are welcome!



### EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Easter raffle is a key part of the success of the Easter Fayre. Could your business or place of work help by donating a voucher, service or prize to be part of the raffle? If so, please contact Friends of Westgate on [FOWotley@gmail.com](mailto:FOWotley@gmail.com) with details. In return, we will ensure that your support is publicised to encourage more customers your way.

Thank you! 😊



### WESTGATE WINDFALL

November's winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs H Evison £138\*

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs C Copperthwaite  
£34.50\*

3<sup>rd</sup>: Mrs T Midgley £17.25\*

December's winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs R Parker £138\*

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs S Kelly £34.50\*

3<sup>rd</sup>: Mrs E Peattie £17.25\*

*\*Cheques will follow in due course – our accounts are currently being audited!*

As of December we have **69** 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, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56!**



### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



The new Spring clubs are up and running – please confirm your child's place on their club via the 'clubs' section of Gateway. Payments are due by Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (for either the half term or full term). A reminder that music fees and instrument hire for the Spring term are also now due. Payment can be made via Gateway. Don't forget to pay at the school office for any pre-loved uniform orders that you have received. We are sorry that we are unable to offer online payment for the uniform store. Thank you!

### 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!

17/01/24 IPM meetings  
**19/01/24 FOW Quiz Night**  
 06/02/24 Safer Internet Day  
 05/02/24 Booking opens for consultation evenings  
**05/02/24 YR/ Y6 height & weight checks (School Nurse Team)**  
**08/02/24 FOW disco Nur- Y1 17:45- 18:45**  
**08/02/24 FOW disco Y2-Y6 19:00- 20:00**  
 09/02/24 Break up for half term  
 19/02/24 Back to school  
**27/02/24 Nursery Induction 15:45**  
 21/02/24 Nursery Stay & Play pm  
 22/02/24 Nursery Stay & Play am  
**25/01/24 19:30 FOW mtg The Black Horse**  
**26/02/24 Reception Stay & Play am**  
**29/02/24 Y2 Temple Newsam trip**  
 04/03/24 Consultation evening 15:45  
 04/03/23 Fair Trade fortnight  
 06/03/24 Consultation evening 17:00  
 07/03/24 World Book Day  
**08/03/24 Choir Sing & Swing afternoon**  
 12/03/24 Governors Day in School  
**20/03/24 Ragbag collection**  
 23/03/24 FOW Easter Fair  
 25/03/24 IPM Bookings open for pupils with SEND  
 27/03/24 Easter Concert 14:00  
 28/03/24 Training Day  
 29/03/24 Easter Hols  
 15/04/24 Back to School  
 01/05/24 IPM SEND review meetings  
 06/05/24 BANK HOLIDAY  
 13/05/24 w/b Y6 test week  
 20-24/05/24 Walk to School Week

### MINI MINDMATE AMBASSADORS



This school year we have a new team of Mindmate Ambassadors who have already achieved a huge amount since September.

The Mindmate Ambassador role in school is to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for everyone by organising wellbeing activities, helping to create calm, mindful spaces for children to use and encouraging positive relationships in school. The Mindmate Ambassadors have created an action plan for the school year that includes purchasing and promoting new Buddy Benches for KS1 and KS2, developing our garden area, organising activities for Children's Mental Health Week in February and meeting with Mindmate Ambassadors from other schools to share ideas. *Harriet says, "I love helping the school to be a more calm, happy and relaxing place for everybody."*

*Arthur says, "It's nice to have spaces where you can have some quiet time and not worry about anything else."*

Finally, please look out for our Meet and Greet Mindmate Ambassadors at the gate in the morning. They will be wearing blue jackets and are there to start everyone's day with a cheerful smile and good morning. It's the small things that can make a big difference to our wellbeing.

© Mrs Eley, learning mentor

23/05/24 Maypole 09:15

03/06/24 Back to school

10/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play am

11/06/24 Reception Stay & Play am

12-14/06/24 Y6 Herd Farm residential

15/06/24 Otley Carnival

17-23/06/24 Refugee Week

19/06/24 Reception Induction 19:00

20/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play pm

26/06/24 Nursery Induction 15:45

27-28/06/24 Y5 Whitby residential trip

01/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

02/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

15/07/24 Talent show 13:45

16/07/24 Leavers' Play 19:00

18/07/24 Leavers' Party 19:00

19/07/24 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

19/07/24 Break up

22/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)

23/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)

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.

Any events in green have been added or amended since the last time dates were published in the newsletter.

#### **TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR**

02/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils

03/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils

04/09/24 Back to school

25/10/24 Break up for half term

04/11/24 Back to School

20/12/24 Break for Christmas holidays

06/01/25 Training Day- school closed to pupils

07/01/25 Back to school

14/02/25 Break up for half term

24/02/25 Back to school

04/04/25 Break up for Easter holidays

22/04/25 Back to school

05/05/25 Bank Holiday- school closed to pupils

23/05/25 Break up for half term

02/06/25 Back to school

18/07/25 Break up for summer holidays

21/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)

22/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)