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### LOOKING FORWARD...

The start of this half term has been a characteristically busy one! Firstly, I have some appointment news. Last week, we interviewed for the position of Learning Mentor for September, in light of Mrs Smith's impending retirement (more on this later in the newsletter). I am delighted to tell you that, from a strong field of applicants, Mrs Eley has been appointed. Mrs Eley is very excited about the development opportunities the new role will give her and she brings a wealth of experience working with children and families, along with a strong commitment to our school. This means that we are now recruiting for an Early Years HLTA to replace her, together with a Reception teaching assistant to replace Mrs Hall.

Staffing in September has just a few small changes and will be as follows (teachers in bold):

Nursery: **Miss Robinson**, Mrs Brogden, AN Other, Mrs Piercy

Reception: **Mrs Colannino**, Mrs Chilton, AN Other

Year 1: **Mrs Senior/ Mrs Ireland (Fri)**, Miss Taylor, Mrs Winterburn

Year 2: **Mrs Ireland (Mon-Wed)/ Ms Romaine (Wed-Fri)**, Mrs Divers, Miss Ingle

Year 3: **Mrs Hattersley**, Mrs Cardwell, Miss Taylor

Year 4: **Mrs Cable (Mon-Wed)/ Mrs Hooper (Wed-Fri)**, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Pollhammer

Year 5: **Mrs Hopkins**, Mrs Rich

Year 6: **Mr Hackney/ Mrs Hooper (Mon)**, Miss Gnap, Mr Pollhammer

Transition arrangements are in place for this half term so that children and staff are ready for their new classes in September. This includes Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July when all children will spend their morning in their new classroom with their new teachers. Y6 get two full days of induction at PHGS, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### RETIREMENT TEA PARTY



As you all know, Pam Smith, our Learning Mentor, is retiring at the end of the year. We would like to celebrate Pam's time at Westgate by inviting you to Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July straight after school at 3:30pm until 5pm. It will be a chance for parents, pupils and staff, past and present to share their appreciation for Pam and everything she has done for the children at Westgate. We hope you will be able to join us! Any donations of biscuits, buns and cakes would be welcome on the day.

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Saturday sees the culmination of an incredible amount of hard work on behalf of Steph Wood and her crack team of Carnival Costume Volunteers. As ever, it looks like we will have over 100 children and adults participating in Westgate's English Country Garden walking float. If you come down to watch us on Saturday, make sure you vote for us as you enter/ leave the show field, in the Wilkinson People's Choice Award. Huge thanks to Steph and everyone who has helped to get everything ready. Sam Kelly is also hard at work preparing the Westgate Y6 Leavers' Book, which is a wonderful souvenir of the children's time at Westgate.



### CLUSTER PACKED LUNCH POLICY

Thank you to everyone who returned a packed lunch survey. In all, we had 38 responses from Westgate families and 335 across the cluster (Otley, Pool & Bramhope) as a whole. It was very encouraging to read that 98.5% feel it is important or very important for children to eat a healthy, balanced meal at lunchtimes, and that 87.2% agree that a healthy school lunch can help their child to learn. 70.2% feel that schools should always or sometimes have packed lunch policy/ guidance in line with the School Food Standards. A small minority expressed concern at the proposal, feeling it would either be too restrictive or an intrusion on personal choice. The policy is intended to support parents in helping children to make healthy choices as part of a balanced rather than rigid diet.

There is a meeting at Westgate on **Wednesday 22/06/16 at 18:00** for parents across the cluster wishing to find out more- all welcome.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOTIFICATION PROJECT

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is now in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like further support or

information about domestic violence and abuse please go to [www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk](http://www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk)

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners are:

**1<sup>st</sup>: James Simpson (£106)**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Rebecca Gilray (£26.50)**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Amelia Farnaby (£13.25)**

We currently have 53

members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Finlay 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.



### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please ensure that you have settled any outstanding music, milk or school dinner money bills in good time before the end of term.

### DIARY DATES- END OF TERM CHECK

*Please make sure you have the correct dates for these important end of term events as some of them were changed partway through the Autumn term due to external clashes.*

21/06/16 Rec Induction meeting 14:00

22/06/16 Y6 Mini-Olympics at PHGS (pm)

23/06/16 Y5 PHGS high school experience day

23/06/16 School closed to Nursery-Polling Day

28/06/16 Nursery Induction meetings

30/06/16 Y6 Robinwood assembly 09:05

04/07/16 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

05/07/16 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

05/07/16 Y5 Whitby assembly 09:05

06/07/16 Be Active Be Healthy Fair at PHGS 18:00 – 20:00

12/07/16 Friends of Westgate mtg 19:30

13/07/16 Nursery Sports Day 12:30

14/07/16 KS1 Sports Day 10:00

14/07/16 KS2 Sports Day 13:45

18/07/16 Talent Show final

19/07/16 Y6 Leavers' Play & Party 18:30

21/07/16 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 09:05

21/07/16 Last day for Nursery

22/07/16 Break up for Summer- no WOOSH after school