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### ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...

We are now entering one of the busiest and most emotional times of the year, as we complete and distribute children's school reports, prepare to say goodbye to those children moving on to new schools, and start preparing for the new year, new teachers, teaching assistants and classrooms. We also have the excitement and emotion of Sports Day, the Talent Show and the Y6 Leavers' play and assembly. And of course we are saying goodbye to valued colleagues Mrs Smith and Mrs Hall. We are also looking forward to congratulating Mrs Piercy on her wedding during the summer holidays! She will be returning in September as Mrs Pearson, so hopefully her name change won't be too hard to manage!

Nursery Sports Day is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30. Parents of children in morning/ flexi1 nursery should collect their children as normal and make their way over to Grove Hill Park, and afternoon/ flexi2 nursery children should be brought to Grove Hill Park for 12:30. Picnic lunches are recommended! You will then be able to stay and watch the children's activities, with afternoon/ flexi2 nursery children returning to school when it finishes and morning/ flexi1 nursery children free to leave at that point.



For everyone else, Sports Day is the following day (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July) and parents are invited to join us at Grove Hill Park: 10:00 for KS1 and 13:45 for KS2. While Sports Day is taking place, please don't approach your child to give drinks or snacks, as this is unfair and disruptive. All the children will have their water bottles with them. Please ensure your child applies sunscreen before coming to school on that day, and brings a sun cap, in case of sunny weather (fingers crossed!)

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### MEET THE TEACHER!

Parents have the chance to meet their child's new teacher after school, at an informal 'drop-in' session, along with their child(ren), in their new classroom. Due to the NUT industrial action on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the dates are now as follows: for children who will be in Years 1/2/4/6 in September can meet their teacher after school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. For children who will be in Y3 or Y5 in September, they can meet their teacher after school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Huge congratulations to Steph Wood and her team for achieving our first **Overall Winner** of Otley Carnival on 18<sup>th</sup> June since 2008! It really was a spectacularly good turn out, with a wide range of creativity and artistic talent on display as we walked through the town as 'An English Country Garden'. The fact that we had so many children from Nursery all the way through to Y6, with so many parents and carers, just said everything about what a brilliant school community we have at Westgate. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to such a great day.

**STOP PRESS! We have just been informed that we have also won the people's choice award & take collection of the Keith Wilkinson Memorial Shield for the 2nd year running!!**

### POWER UP YOUR PACK UP

In a hotly contested competition, on Friday the School Food Ambassadors judged the (anonymised) finalists' entries. The overall school winners ended up being brother and sister when the names of the winning entries were revealed! Well done to Toby Dixon in Y2 and Maisy Dixon in Y5. Maisy will now go through to the Cluster final which will be held at PHGS's Be Healthy Be Active Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> July, where she will go head to head with the other school winners and be required to make her packed lunch design. A photograph of Toby and his winning Funny Food Face will be displayed alongside the other schools' KS1 winners. The overall winner will be chosen by the celebrity judge, Sandy Docherty, of Great British Bake-Off fame! The overall winner wins a healthy hamper from Sainsburys- good luck Maisy!



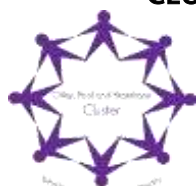
### REFERENDUM VOTE TO REMAIN

Yes, you read that right! Last week, as part of their learning about balanced arguments in their English lessons, Y4 led an assembly and provided the school with information- presentations and leaflets- about the arguments for and against leaving the EU or remaining a member. On Polling Day they organised a polling station in Y4 and the school was invited to cast their vote. The final result was 54 (27%) Leave and 146 (73%) Remain, with 95.2% turnout. It has been wonderful to hear children engaging in such an important issue and having the confidence to express their opinions as well as listen to opposing views.



### CLUSTER PACKED LUNCH POLICY

The cluster packed lunch policy will be published before the end of this term and will be enforced in all primary schools in Otley, Pool and Bramhope from September, as consultation is now at an



end. Children bringing items that are not allowed (a very short list) will be able to swap the item for a piece of fruit or vegetables provided by school, and collect the item in question at the end of the school day.

### 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. The annual parent survey is also now live and must be returned by Friday if you want to be entered into the prize draw. Simply return your survey with ONE of your raffle tickets, and keep its pair so that if your ticket is drawn, you can claim the prize of £30 Love to Shop vouchers. Your feedback is important and helps us to identify where we are doing well and where we can work to make further improvements.

### 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.*

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 Y1/2/4/6  
05/07/16 **NUT strike action- school closed to Reception**  
05/07/16 Meet the Teacher Y3/5  
05/07/16 Y5 Whitby assembly 09:05  
06/07/16 Be Active Be Healthy Fair at PHGS 18:00 – 20:00  
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**

### DRESSING UP

A plea from Foundation Stage- if any families have dressing up clothes for 'People Who Help Us' (police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses etc) that they no longer need, donations would be gratefully received!

### Y4 FUND RAISER FOR MARTIN HOUSE



Year 4 have decided that they want to raise some extra money for our school charity, Martin House

Children's Hospice. They have organised a 20p Tombola for **after school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Come along and see what you can win!

### BRADFORD HOSPITAL'S CHILDREN'S CHARITY



Last week, Westgate parent James Simpson cycled from Bradford to Paris to raise money

for the above charity, along with Bec Bardgett, a former Westgate parent. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause in honour of their amazing efforts, you can donate cash via a collection box in the school office, or you can text BHCC14 £5 to 70070 to donate £5. Thank you!