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THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR!



It feels incredible to me that we are so close to the end of this academic year. I have been meeting staff to review the year in the last week and we have all said that it feels like our autumn term OFSTED inspection is a distant memory, as we have packed so much into the intervening months! There's been a lot of change, and a bit more still to come, but above all else a lot of fun and a lot of learning... as primary school should be! I am approaching the end of the term with trepidation, as I see more and more 'lasts' of my time at Westgate, and the inevitable goodbyes that July always brings. However, I am also looking forward to September and the start of a new academic year, which is always my favourite month as we look forward to the possibilities of the year ahead.

For those of you who are leaving us this summer, as your child moves on to their new school, I hope that the end of the year is a happy time, when you can feel confident that your child is ready for the next part of their school journey. It has been a privilege to be part of your child's education and I wish them every success in the years ahead. For everyone else, I can't wait to welcome you back in September after a restful summer holiday. And finally, thank you to staff and families for all your support this year for the children, their learning and their wellbeing. Have a great summer, everyone!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

STAFFING CHANGES

I am sad to tell you that **Mrs Kerry** will not be returning to Westgate. After a short period of illness, she has secured another position in a school closer to her home. She will be much missed by children and staff. I know everyone will join with me in wishing her the very best in her new position. We are now recruiting for an out of school club leader therefore.

As you know, I will be leaving Westgate at Christmas. The governing body has worked very hard with all stakeholders, and the local authority, to plan the recruitment process to find my successor, and the advert will go live imminently with the intention of making an appointment before the end of September. Andrew Ross, our chair of governors, will keep you informed about the process as appropriate.

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

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Our last meeting of the year is at **19:30 on Tuesday 09/07/24 (tomorrow!)** at The Black Horse- all are welcome as we celebrate and review another very successful year.



Huge thanks to everyone who helped us with this year's carnival entry- despite the rain, Westgate had a great turnout and looked as fabulous as ever! Our disco last week was extremely fun. Thanks to Clare Walker for organising it.

If you have ordered a school tea towel, you should receive these fun mementoes before the end of next week. Finally, the last thing we will do this year is to give every Y6 pupil their year book, which has been created by Matthew Fortune as a special keepsake of their time at Westgate. Thank you to Matthew for all his hard work on this.

We are looking forward to another successful year of activities and fundraising next year and hope that lots of you will support our activities over the next 12 months. You can contact Friends Of Westgate directly on FOWotley@gmail.com with suggestions or offers of help.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners were as follows:

1st: Martin & Kate Davies - £132

2nd: Rebecca Parker - £33

3rd: Hannah Evison - £16.50

As of June 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, 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

As we approach the end of the school year, please can you ensure all outstanding monies are settled, especially if your child will be leaving us this summer.

Any queries, please contact the office immediately. Many thanks.



SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed our 2 recent surveys, which inform our improvement plans for the coming year. Your input is very valuable to us and results are shared with staff and governors too.

TRAVEL SURVEY

You can see a summary of responses to the annual school travel survey here and the winning response number is

479

This wins a £20 voucher. Well done!

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

Our annual general survey results can be found at the end of this newsletter, compared to national responses for information. The winning response number is

156

And this also wins a £20 voucher. Well done!

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!

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.

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 EYFS cluster training day- school closed to Nursery & Reception

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)

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY SUMMER TERM 2024

You can view a more visual representation of the responses [here](#)

**Shaded rows are the latest national survey responses (from OFSTED Jan 24), for comparison purposes.*

Number of responses:		55 (representing 81 pupils)				
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at Westgate.		67%	31%	0%	0%	2%
		59%	30%	6%	5%	1%
2. My child feels safe at Westgate.		76%	24%	0%	0%	0%
		61%	29%	5%	4%	1%
3. Westgate makes sure its pupils are well behaved.		44%	49%	2%	0%	5%
		48%	36%	9%	5%	3%
						My child has not been bullied
4. My child has been bullied and Westgate dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.		2%	15%	2%	0%	2%
		8%	9%	6%	5%	6%
5. Westgate makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.		22%	60%	11%	2%	5%
		48%	35%	11%	5%	2%
						I have not raised a concern
6. When I have raised concerns with Westgate they have been dealt with properly		31%	24%	7%	0%	0%
		35%	21%	9%	7%	2%
		Yes	No			
7a. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?		25%	75%			
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
7b. My child has SEND, and Westgate gives them the support they need to succeed.		71%	21%	7%	0%	0%
		42%	25%	14%	15%	4%
8. Westgate has high expectations for my child.		55%	40%	0%	0%	5%
		47%	36%	8%	3%	6%
9. My child does well at Westgate.		56%	42%	2%	0%	0%
		52%	35%	7%	3%	3%
10. Westgate lets me know how my child is doing.		31%	55%	13%	0%	2%
		46%	38%	10%	4%	1%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Westgate.		47%	44%	0%	0%	9%
		52%	39%	5%	2%	3%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at Westgate.		55%	38%	7%	0%	0%
		55%	35%	5%	2%	3%
13. Westgate supports my child's wider personal development.		45%	47%	0%	0%	7%
		46%	33%	9%	5%	7%
		Yes	No			
14. I would recommend Westgate to another parent.		100%	0%			
		84%	16%			