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TIME FLIES!

It's hard to believe that the school year is over halfway through... the lighter mornings and evenings are helping to make it feel more spring-like and school continues to be as busy as ever!



The online safety group have been working to evaluate school's work in this area, and one of the ways you can help is by completing this [short, anonymous survey](#), about children's use of technology at home. We intend to use this to provide short online workshops for parents to help to understand what the risks are, and suggest simple measures that you can take to protect your child online. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 7TH MARCH!



We're planning to create a reading oasis in our school hall for World Book Day and we need your help! We are asking parents and children to dust off their shelves and donate any gently-used, age-appropriate books they no longer need. We would love to give those beloved stories a new home and spread the joy of reading. On World Book Day itself, classes will gather together in the hall to explore the wonder of books and, the following day, every child will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home and cherish. But that's not all - look out for more details about our Teachers' Tales Quiz, and a 20-day Challenge, with prizes to be won! More information will follow nearer the time. Whether it's one book or twenty, we will be very grateful to receive any donations from today.

Thank you 😊- Mrs Hooper, Assistant Head Teacher/ English leader

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Y5's grown-ups only **quiz night** in January was a great success. Next up is of course the **Easter Fayre on 23/03/24**. We are asking each year group to be responsible for a stall, and we have lots of fun and exciting new stalls this year so it should be the best fair ever! RagBag last week raised £90 and the school discos were very well attended. Our main funding target this year is a [ScrapShed](#) subscription for the whole school, but we have already helped school with science equipment, reading books and gardening work. Your support & generosity are what make this all possible.

You can contact Friends Of Westgate directly on FOWotley@gmail.com with suggestions or offers of help. Our next meeting is later this week on Thursday 29/02/24 at 19:30 at The Black Horse- all are welcome!

EASTER RAFFLE & TOMBOLA 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 with details. In return, we will ensure that your support is publicised to encourage more customers your way. We are also accepting tombola donations- bring them to the office, clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you! ☺



WESTGATE WINDFALL

January's winners will be published in the next newsletter.



As of January 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

Just a reminder that booking for WOOSH closes 48 hours before each session. After this you will need to speak to the school office to see if places are available. Please also 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!

29/02/24 Y2 Temple Newsam trip
29/02/24 HLC Orchestral day
04/03/23 Fair Trade fortnight
05/03/24 Consultation evening 15:45
07/03/24 Consultation evening 17:00

07/03/24 World Book Day
08/03/24 Choir Sing & Swing afternoon
12/03/24 Governors Day in School
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 – school closed to pupils
29/03/24 Easter Hols
15/04/24 Back to School
23/04/24 Class Photos
01/05/24 IPM SEND review meetings
06/05/24 BANK HOLIDAY – school closed to pupils
13/05/24 w/b Y6 test week
18/05/24 Otley Show
20-24/05/24 Walk to School Week
23/05/24 Maypole 09:15
03/06/24 Back to school
04/06/24 FOW Rag Bag Collection Day
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
24/06/24 Y5 High School Experience Day (PHGS)
26/06/24 Y6 Junior Band Day (PHGS)
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
10/07/24 Whole School Transition Day
10-12/07 Y6 Transition Days
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.