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### HAPPY HALF TERM/ HALLOWE'EN

I am sure we are all ready for a rest- the first half term of the year is always a long one. The children have made a great start to the year but even their boundless reserves of energy are dropping now! As you know, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Cook tomorrow, as she takes up her position as HLTA at Bardsey Primary School. Mrs Cook has made an enormous contribution to Westgate in the last ten years and we wish her well in her new position. After half term therefore, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Pollhammer will be joined by Miss Ingle as TA in Y4. Miss Ingle knows the class well and we are sure this arrangement will work for everyone concerned. We will therefore be welcoming Mrs Pollhammer to join the KS1 teaching assistant team, to replace Miss Ingle.



I hope you all have a great half term, whether you are dressing up, trick-or-treating, going away somewhere for a break or 'just' relaxing! Remember we have a training day on Friday this week for Foundation Stage only, and a whole school training day on 3rd November so we will see you all back at school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### TOY LIBRARY



The Key Stage 1/ Foundation Stage Toy Library is once again open for business. It's £1 to join and then you can borrow games and puzzles for the whole year.

The Toy Library is open every Friday at 15:15 in the Key Stage One Shared Area, for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2. From half term, it will also be open every Wednesday morning in Nursery from 08:50, for morning/ flexi 1 nursery children. We have invested a lot of money in some lovely

new games and puzzles, so please come along and take a game home to share with your child.

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE CURRY EVENING

**\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*** Tickets are still available for next half term's Curry Evening- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, 19:30 for 20:00 at Westbourne Spice. Guaranteed no cringey crooner this year, just delicious food and good company! A bargain at £12 a head for all you can eat. Tickets are available via the school office, or after school in the gazebo/ from the Scholastic Book Fair- including during Consultation Evening.

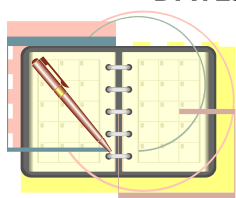


### TESCO TUBS FOR TABLETS

Mrs Senior is collecting Tubs for Tablets tokens which can be found on special edition Flora and Stork 500g margarine tubs, exclusively at **Tesco**. It's the actual foil wrapper which is the token. For every 50 tokens that we collect we can buy a Samsung Galaxy tab. There will be a collection box outside the Y1 cloakroom door and also in the school office. Our aim is to collect at least 100 tokens to buy 2 new tablets for Nursery. Thank you!



### DATES FOR THE DIARY



*Please note the following on your calendar:*

06/11/14 KS2 Indoor Athletics Team meet  
12/11/14 Y5/6 to Otley Science Festival

27/11/14 Walk the Walls 15:15

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners are:

1<sup>st</sup>: Amelia Farnaby (£96)

2<sup>nd</sup>: James Gould (£24)

3<sup>rd</sup>: Bec Bardgett (£12)

We currently have 48 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.



### BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



This week and the first week back, School Councillors will be selling Poppies and related items for the annual British Legion in school. Items include friendship bracelets and stationery items, all priced 50p to £1. Children are welcome to bring money in to school to buy items if they so wish.

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE NEWS



Our recent cake Sale raised £252.93 for the child we sponsor in Nepal- fantastic!

The Family Orienteering event raised £90 and was

an enjoyable afternoon for all who took part. Yesterday's Rag Bag collection weighed 156 kg which, at 40p a kilo, amounts to £62.40 for school. Thank you to everyone who donated! You will also be getting order details for your child's Christmas card designs soon- always a very personal touch for your Christmas greetings. On 14<sup>th</sup> November at 18:00 we have the annual Beetle Drive- an hour of fast and furious old-fashioned fun for children of all ages. And of course, we have our Victorian Fayre stall in December- more details to follow. With Wendy Forde (Chair)

and Victoria Mirfield (Secretary) being joined by Charlotte Evans taking on the role of Treasurer and Hannah Morley sharing Publicity Officer with Helen Jackson, we now have a full complement of posts. Thanks to all who volunteer their time to make Friends of Westgate so successful.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

I am very sad to say that Mrs Lord will be leaving us as admin assistant later this year. She is an integral part of the office team and will be sorely missed by us all. We are therefore recruiting. The job is advertised on our new school website and also through Leeds City Council and eTeach: if you are interested, please request/ download a pack, or pop in to school to ask for more information.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Individual school photos of children are being taken on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child is looking extra-smart for their moment in front of the camera. If you would like a photograph that includes a sibling not yet at school, come to the Y5 door for 08:15 with the children and the photographer will be able to accommodate this. All photographs of siblings who are in school will be done during the school day. Thank you.

### FOUNDATION STAGE FUNDRAISING



Earlier this term, Foundation Stage had a visit from Eddie the guide dog with his handler, Pat, as part of their learning about their senses. Following on from their visit, children in Nursery and Reception raised **£69.87 for Guide Dogs for the Blind** by having a 'Glow for Guide Dogs' day. The money is going towards training and naming a dog called Otley!

### BOOK CORNER



Just one recommendation this week... visit our Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school today and tomorrow, including during consultation evening!