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WELCOME BACK



Our first big school event, **Harvest Festival**, takes place a week today, at Otley Parish Church (All Saints) at 14:00. Parents and carers of children from Reception upwards are welcome to come along to join us and any donations of food should be given to your child's class teacher at the start of school that morning. Food donations will be split between Otley Food Bank and PAFRAS (Positive Action For Refugees and Asylum Seekers) in Leeds. We can accept tinned and packet/ dried goods. Here is a suggested shopping list from Otley Food Bank, in case you are

wondering what to get:

UHT milk	Tinned tomatoes	Tinned fruit	Rice	Jam
Tea bags	Tinned spaghetti	Tinned rice pudding	Pasta	Sugar
Instant coffee	Tinned meat/ fish	Tinned sponge pudding	Instant mash	Breakfast cereal
Long-life fruit juice	Tinned beans	Couscous	Dried fruit	Biscuits
Soup	Tinned vegetables	Noodles	Pasta sauces	Snack bars

Thank you in advance for supporting the collection and I hope you are able to join us to hear the children's readings and singing. **As we will have 7 classes walking to church, if you could help to escort your child's class, please sign up on the classroom door/ with your child's class teacher this week. Thank you!**

Today from 16:00 you will be able to book online for your **parents/carers consultation evening appointments**. Please ensure that you book early if you need to accommodate particular time/ day constraints, or co-ordinate appointments for more than one child at Westgate. Each appointment is ten minutes long, and is intended to be a brief conversation with your child's class teacher about how they have begun in their new class and what they need to work on to improve further. Each teacher has a maximum of 32 appointment slots in total. All appointments take place in the school hall, where you will also have the chance to look at your child's work. You can choose to bring your child with you if you wish, so that they can be part of the discussion about their learning and behaviour. Please come into the hall via the Y5 external door. If you have additional access needs, for example if you are a wheelchair user or require a hearing induction loop, please let us know in advance so that we can ensure the evening is fully accessible for you. While Consultation Evening is on, you will also be able to visit the annual School Book Fair, which will be located in Y6 off the hall. Finally, please note the slightly later start time this year for Thursday's consultation evening, which has changed from 15:30 to **15:45**. I look forward to seeing you all there!

**Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher**

DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to have had our defibrillator installed at school today, after the children's successful sponsored 1K in Health & Wellbeing week last term. The children's sponsorship has enabled us to purchase a defibrillator, a secure wall-mounted storage unit, and budget for maintenance and upkeep. Well done to School Council for organising such a successful event!



SCHOOL FOOD & DRINK

Just a few reminders for all families at the start of the new year. At break times, children in Nursery to Y2 are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack, as part of the national [School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme](#). In KS2, children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack (or a stick of cheese), or buy something from Fruit Stall which is run by Y6, for their morning break snack.

At lunch times, children have the choice of a school meal or a packed lunch. Our school meals are freshly cooked on site and fully comply with the [School Food Standards](#). Our kitchen has been awarded [Bronze level Food For Life](#) accreditation, for its focus on fresh ingredients and quality.

For children who bring a packed lunch, we have a [packed lunch policy](#) which holds packed lunches to the same standard as school meals. A small number of foods are 'red', i.e. not allowed. These are monitored by staff. The remainder are classed as 'green'- i.e. children should eat these every day, and 'amber', i.e. children should only have these one or two times a week. We ask parents to monitor these, as we do not. As a rule of thumb, children can have anything in a packed lunch that might be served in a school dinner. The main items that are *not* allowed are: crisps; chocolate & confectionery (or items containing them); processed dried fruit; drinks- including fruit juice and smoothies. All children have access to their own water bottle all day, and you can choose for your child to have milk at school through [Cool Milk](#) too, if you wish.

I hope this is helpful, as I am aware that urban myths and misunderstandings can grow around such things. Thank you ☺

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOTIFICATIONS

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is in place to support children who witness 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.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Our focus for fundraising this year is to begin to replace the laptops that children use in lessons. We first bought a set of 16 laptops about 7 years ago and as you might expect, they are in need of updating. In total, school should have 52 laptops for pupil use so this project will require a significant amount of funds- though we can plan to replace laptops over 2-3 years if need be. Thank you in advance for your support! You will notice a number of FOW events have now been added to the school calendar- offers of help on the day and coming along to the events are both ways that you can really help us to raise the funds we need to support our school. Thank you!

We are still recruiting for adults and children to take part in **Run Bolton Abbey to raise money for FOW and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice, on 10/11/19.**

We'd love you to join us! There are a choice of distances to suit all abilities of runners – a 10K, 10 mile, half marathon and a 2-mile fun run. The 10K and 2-mile fun run are open to children to run with a registered adult. The children will get more information about it in an assembly next week.

Tickets for this event do sell out, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.sueryder.org/runboltonabbey> We would also be very grateful if you could let us know when you have registered and the distance you have chosen by emailing us at: teamwestgate@urbanwide.com Look out for more information soon!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for this academic year. They are also to be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE. Please check in case there are any changes from provisional dates given out at the end of the last academic year... and make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

07/10/19 Harvest Festival
 09/10/19 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00
10/10/19 FOW Cake Sale
15/10/19 individual school photos
 22/10/19 Consultation evening 17:00
 24/10/19 Consultation evening 15:45
 25/10/19 Break up
 04/11/19 Back to school
 08/11/19 EYFS Training Day- school closed to Nursery & Reception pupils only
 11/11/19 w/b Anti-Bullying Week
11/11/19 FOW Xmas Jumper Sale
 12/11/19 Y1 Otley Science Festival visit
 13/11/19 Y5 Otley Science Festival visit
 14/11/19 Y3 Otley Science Festival visit
 15/11/19 Children in Need day
 19/11/19 Nursery Induction 15:45
21/11/19 FOW non-uniform day for Chocolate Tombola
22/11/19 FOW Sponsored Roller Racing Rec- Y6
27/11/19 FOW Xmas Pottery Workshop
 01/12/19 Otley Victorian Fayre
01/12/19 Choir sing at Victorian Fayre 12:45
03/12/19 FOW Xmas Pottery Workshop
 03/12/19 LSMA Xmas concert
04/12/19 FOW Xmas Pottery Workshop
05/12/19 FOW Film Night
 09-15/12/19 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week
12/12/19 FS Xmas performance 11:15/ 14:00
 12/12/19 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00
 13/12/19 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
 13/12/19 Xmas Tree choir concert 20:00
 16/12/19 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
 17/12/19 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
 18/12/19 School Xmas Dinner
 20/12/19 Xmas Parties
 20/12/19 Break Up
 06/01/20 FOS Training Day

13/01/20 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 18:30
 17/01/20 Y1 School Council Election deadline
 20/01/20 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30
 11/02/20 Safer Internet Day
 14/02/20 Break Up
 24/02/20 Back to school
 24/02/20 w/b Fair Trade Fortnight
 25/02/20 Nursery Induction 15:45
 03/03/20 Consultation evening 15:45
 05/03/20 Consultation evening 17:00
 05/03/20 World Book Day
 28/03/20 FOW Easter Fair
 01/04/20 Easter Concert 14:00
 03/04/20 Break up for Easter
 20/04/20 Back to School
 22/04/20 Big Pedal starts
30/04/20 Class photos
 05/05/20 Big Pedal ends
 07/05/20 Polling Day/ Training Day (Autism Level 2)
 08/05/20 Bank Holiday
 11/05/20 w/b Y6 test week
 16/05/20 Otley Show TBC
21/05/20 Maypole 09:15
 22/05/20 Break up
 01/06/20 Back to school
 04-05/06/20 Y5 Whitby residential
 10-12/06/20 Y6 Herd Farm residential
 17/06/20 Reception Induction 19:00
 20/06/20 Otley Carnival
 25/06/20 Nursery Induction
 29/06/20 Meet the Teacher new Y2/4/6
 30/06/20 Meet the Teacher new Y1/3/5
 06/07/20 Anyone Can Day
 14/07/20 Talent show 13:45
 15/07/20 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:30
 17/07/20 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
 17/07/20 Break up
 20/07/20 Training Day
Green events are changed or new since last time.
Blue events involve Nursery- if your child does not normally attend on that day, please let Miss Robinson know if your child will attend for this event.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that payments are due today for music tuition (£135 per annum or £45 per term) and instrument hire (£15 per term/ £25 per term for cellos). Nursery bills will be going out over the next fortnight and WOOSH billing will be distributed immediately after half term. Thank you and well done to everyone who has now signed up and mastered SIMS Pay- we are happy to help if you are not quite there yet!

WESTGATE WINDFALL

September's winners will be announced in the next newsletter. As of this month we have **76** 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 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. This term, School Fund is partly or wholly subsidising a number of events, including KS1's performance of Skylar's Missing Note, as part of Leeds International Piano Competition, 3 classes' trips to Otley Science Festival and 2 classes' RE trips. None of these exciting and inspiring experiences would be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.



we have received funding for this initiative, so that is free for us to use this year. Because of our work in the last year to promote sustainable, active travel choices, Westgate is one of just over 100 schools nationally that have been nominated for a School Travel Award! Mrs Hooper and Ms Carpenter will be attending the regional awards in November, with Isha, Evie and Bertie from Eco Team, to find out if we are a winner. Well done everybody and keep up the good work!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to help support the work of our school by becoming a regular volunteer? Or are you thinking about beginning or resuming a career in school and want to



gain classroom experience? We have a need for volunteers, for example to hear children read or help them to practise spelling, handwriting or maths facts. You might want to volunteer for an enrichment activity, such as sport, gardening, craft or art. If you would be interested in coming into school to help in a voluntary capacity, check out our Volunteer Policy and application form on our school website, under 'Community'.



If you'd like to support the work of Friends of Westgate without any cost to you, **Easy Fundraising** could be the answer! By signing up and using the app and/ or using the web browser reminder, you can get a wide range of retailers and service providers to donate to FOW when you shop online- money that comes from them, not you! So far this year we have raised **over £470**. We are contributing to capital projects such as the redevelopment of the Foundation Stage outdoor area and the installation of cycle shelters this term.

Use this link to sign up and earn donation for FOW:

<http://efraising.org/53kkJyzBvi>

SCHOOL TRAVEL

Every class has begun to use the Living Streets [Travel Tracker](#) after our launch assembly earlier this term and this week we will be giving out our first badges for children who walked at least once a week, every week this month! We are delighted that

