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CHRISTMAS IS COMING...!



With just four weeks of term left (how can this be?!) our thoughts are turning to Christmas preparations. Casting and costumes are underway, children are learning songs and lines, all while 'normal' learning continues apace. There is nothing quite like Christmas in a primary school, and this year we are very excited to be returning to our usual Christmas tradition of Nativity shows that you will be able to come and watch. I hope you enjoy the fruits of the children's labour, whatever you come along to!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

JUNK MODELLING RESOURCES

Nursery, Reception & Y1 are always grateful for donations of materials for junk modelling! The sorts of items we accept are items that would ordinarily go in your recycling bin, such as:

- Small boxes
- Yoghurt pots
- Plastic lids/ bottle tops
- Foil bun cases & milk bottle tops
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard tubes/ cylinders

... basically, anything you look at and think, a little person could make that into something! Please make sure items are washed if appropriate to remove any food or drink traces. You can hand a carrier bag of items to teachers in EYFS/ Y1, or to the school office. Thank you! ☺



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We have identified a glitch in the WOOSH billing which affects a small number of families and are working to rectify this: you will be notified as soon as possible of any adjustments to ensure you are not overcharged. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Everyone had a very cosy Friday in their pyjamas, to raise money for Children in Need! The final total raised for this great cause was £234.20! Well done to School Council for organising the event, and thank you to everyone for their donations.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Last week we had a very enjoyable family bingo evening! Huge thanks to everyone who came along, and to Mrs Senior for organising, able assisted by

Ms Romaine & Mr Hackney. We raised around £200 on the night!

This Friday we are hoping to run a **Christmas jumper sale** after school, provided we have sufficient stock.

Donations will be gratefully received via the school office all this week.

If you would like to sign up to help with any of our events planned for later in the year, you can do so [here](#). Anyone who volunteers in this way will be fully supported with a straightforward 'How To' guide, and all related outlay for an event can be claimed back from FOW.

On **Saturday 10/12/22** we will be running a **mulled wine stand and chocolate tombola at the Buttercross**- come along and see us if you are shopping in town on this day!

Finally, we are still in need of a chairperson. It is really urgent that we welcome new faces to Friends of Westgate so that we can continue to run all of the events that make our school community so special. We can offer a good support network and help with admin from school. Please get in touch via the school office if you think you could help, either individually or as a co-chair.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners were:

1st G Fisher (£130)

2nd L Danskin (£32.50)

3rd M&B Gray (£16.25)



As of October we have **65** 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. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56!** School Fund contributes to the cost of trips, visitors, special events and equipment, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.

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!

28/11/22 EYFS cluster training day: school closed to Nursery & Reception only

28/11/22 Choir Otley Xmas Lights pm

29/11/22 Choir concert at Pudsey Civic Hall

30/11/22 SEN reviews (SchoolCloud)

02/12/22 Non-uniform day for chocolate tombola

04/12/22 Otley Victorian Fayre- choir singing at 13:45

06-12/22 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week

07/12/22 FS Xmas performance 14:15- 14:45

08/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00

09/12/22 FS Xmas performance 11:00

09/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

09/12/22 Choir concert Otley Xmas Tree Festival

10/12/22 FOW Buttercross stall

12/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

13/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

13/12/22 Y1 trip to Leeds Central Library

14/12/22 School Xmas Dinner

16/12/22 Xmas Parties

16/12/22 Break up for Christmas

02/01/23 Bank Holiday

03/01/23 Training Day- school closed to pupils

04/01/23 Back to School

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.

Term dates for next academic year (2023-24):

04/09/23 Training day- school closed to pupils

05/09/23 Back to school

27/10/23 Break up for half term

06/11/23 Back to school

22/12/23 Break up for Christmas

08/01/24 Training day- school closed to pupils

09/01/24 Back to school

09/02/24 Break up for half term

19/02/24 Back to school

27/03/24 Break up for Easter

28/03/24 Training day- school closed to pupils

15/04/24 Back to school

06/05/24 Bank holiday- school closed to pupils

24/05/24 Break up for half term

03/06/24 Back to school

19/07/24 Break up for summer holidays

22/07/24 Disaggregated training day: school closed to pupils

23/07/24 Disaggregated training day- school closed to pupils