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HAPPY HALLOWE'EN

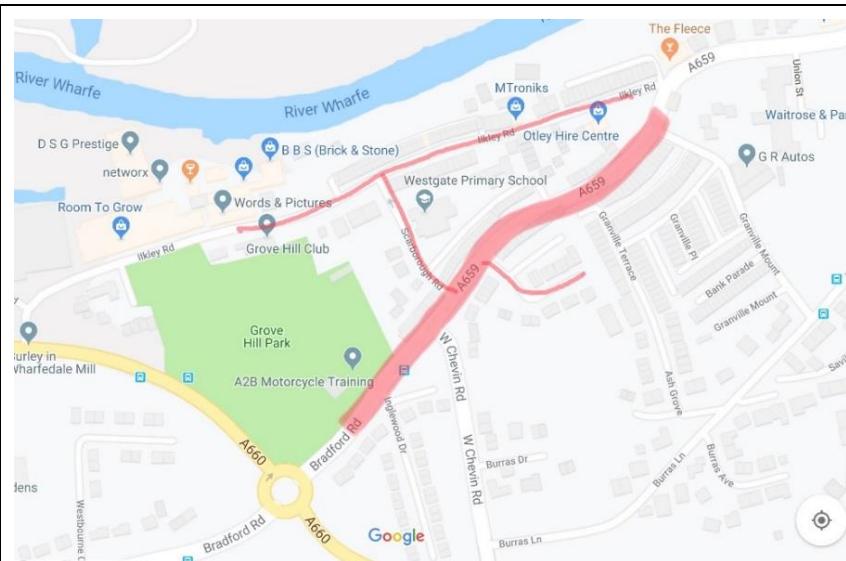
First of all, a big thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Collection for PAFRAS/Otley Foodbank, and to all of you who joined us for our Harvest Festival service at Otley Parish Church earlier this month. It's our first whole school event of the new year and it was a delight to share the occasion with so many friends and family. Thank you to Rev Graham Buttanshaw and Otley Parish Church for making us feel so welcome.

Half term is almost upon us and as ever, the first half term of the year has been a busy one! This week sees us meeting with parents and carers to talk about children's learning. Well done to everyone who booked their appointments so quickly this year- most bookings were done in the first couple of days. Remember, appointments are 10 minutes long only so if there is something more sensitive that requires a longer conversation, please speak to your child's teacher to make an appointment outside of these times, and keep the appointments for the general discussion about learning and progress as intended, so that we can keep to schedule for everyone. Thank you for your understanding with this.



I am sure you will all enjoy trick or treating over half term! Please ensure your children stay safe during the spooky festivities, particularly with costumes and naked flames, and also ensure that children are safely supervised if trick or treating through the neighbourhood. We look forward to seeing you all after a week off at the start of November! Parents of Reception & Nursery children, please remember that we have a training day for these classes only on **Friday 08/11/19**: this is a training day for early years practitioners across the Otley, Pool & Bramhope cluster and we will all be sharing training on this day on a range of topics relevant to the age range.

Helen Carpenter
Head teacher



TRAVEL TRACKER - PARK & STRIDE

Well done to everyone who earned their first badge in September, for choosing active travel to school at least once a week! There has been some debate amongst children as to what might count for 'Park & Stride' (parking further away, then walking). This map shows the area which would not count for Park & Stride. Waitrose car park is ideal for this as it has lots of parking spaces and then a safe walking route (*Waitrose - alongside GR Autos - Jennetts along Scarborough Road*).

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PARENT DROP-INS- CUPPA AND A CHAT

Would you like to meet other Parents in school? Are you new to the school or would just like to meet other Parents and Carers in a friendly and supportive environment?

On Friday 8th November between 9 and 10am I will be starting a parent's drop in session in the Nurture Room where you can have a cup of tea, a chat and support each other while discussing everyday parenting issues. Parenting is THE most difficult job we will ever do and the best support comes from fellow parents who are going through or have been through similar experiences.

These will be informal sessions, with our next ParentGym course starting in January 2020.

Dates for these drop in sessions will be

Friday 08/11/19, 09:00 – 10:00

Friday 22/11/19, 09:00 – 10:00

Friday 06/12/19, 09:00 – 10:00

Friday 20/12/19, 09:00 – 10:00

If you are interested just turn up on the day and sign in at the office.

For more information catch me, Caroline Eley (Learning Mentor) on the playground every morning or email me at C.Eley@westgateprimary.co.uk.



POLLING STATION



I am very frustrated to have to tell you that we have again been designated a polling station for the Otley Neighbourhood Planning Referendum on

Thursday 30/01/20. This means that we will have to close to pupils on this day, as the governors and I feel that this is the safest things to do. Staff will still be required to work, however. I would urge all parents affected by this to voice their concerns and ask our local councillors to redouble their efforts to ask Leeds City Council to identify an alternative polling place within our ward, and ensure that they fully understand the impact these closures have on you, our pupils and their learning. Local councillors' contact details are as follows, and please note that Cllr Campbell sits on the Electoral Working Group at Leeds City Council, which is in charge of designating polling stations:

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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 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!

22/10/19 Y2 trip to Tropical World

22/10/19 - 24/10/19 FOW Book Fair in school hall

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 & PJ 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 Victorian Fayre 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
30/01/20 Polling Day - school closed to pupils

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.

INVESTING IN CHILDREN IN OTLEY, POOL & BRAMHOPE

Our Family of Schools recently received a membership award from [Investing in Children](#), in recognition of the way children and young people across all of our schools have worked together and have a voice in the way we are all promoting and embedding the Family of Schools' Equality & Diversity Charter. Investing in Children (IiC) is a children's human rights organisation working in partnership with children and young people to exercise their rights and participate in decisions that affect them. They support young people of all ages and living in all circumstances to help to shape local services in their communities. We are all proud to have received this recognition of the joint work we do across the Family of Schools.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

 Like the rest of school, we are gearing up for a busy few weeks here at FOW! This week we are running the annual Book Fair: come along to the school hall at the end of the school day, or visit the Fair in Y6 during our parent consultation evenings. The first Rag Bag Collection of the year will be on 19th November - bags will be sent

home with pupils this week and should be returned on 18th November (all day) or before 9am on 19th November.

Our **Christmas Jumper & PJ Sale** is coming up on 11/11/19 - have a clear out from last year, donate your old Xmas jumpers & PJ's beforehand and then come and pick up a bargain for the Festive Season!

A letter is coming home today about our now annual **Sponsored Roller Racing** event, which is happening next month in school. Next half term we also have some one-off pottery workshops - look out for the letter after half term. The big event is of course the **Victorian Fayre** - offers of help to serve mulled wine for an hour will be gratefully received as will donations for the **chocolate tombola**, in return for a **non-uniform day** on **21/11/19**. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support!

BOLTON ABBEY FUN RUN

On 10th November, a group of enthusiastic pupils & parents will be taking part in Run Bolton Abbey to raise money for FOW and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice.

Participants can choose to take part in either the 2-mile fun run, 10K, 10 mile or half marathon, with most so far opting to do the fun run together as a family and some adults running individually.

We already have nearly 30 pupils and parents signed up so far but we'd love there to be an even bigger Westgate crowd! It's not too late to sign up, so if you do fancy the challenge, you can still register using the following link:

<https://www.sueryder.org/runboltonabbey>

If you do decide to join us, please email us at teamwestgate@urbanwide.com to let us know you're coming!

Many of the children taking part have not run 2 miles before and indeed it will be a big challenge for all taking part. We'd really appreciate any support you could give us by visiting our Just Giving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/run-bolton-abby>

We will also be collecting sponsorship in the school playground closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!

FOUNDATION STAGE PLAYGROUND UPDATE

You will know that we are planning to completely update the Foundation Stage playground, using a mix of funding from school's capital budget, PE & sport budget and Friends of Westgate. I therefore wanted to update parents on progress. It took a long while to get quotes and designs back from providers. Now we are happy with the designs, we are in the process of writing a bid for an Awards for All grant, to enable us to be more ambitious with the work. On balance, we felt it was better to wait and hope we are successful in securing additional funding, in order to make the space as brilliant as possible. Thank you everyone for your patience!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



A reminder that payments still outstanding for music tuition should be paid asap. (£135 per annum or £45 per term) and instrument hire (£15 per term/ £25 per term for cellos). Nursery bills for half term 1 have been sent and should be paid before the start of half term 2. WOOSH billing will be distributed immediately after the half term break. 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!

SCOOTER RACK

This weekend I have had reports of young people in the local area playing on scooters that had been left on school property. Please can I remind all families that all scooters and bikes should be taken home at the end of the day, as they are not secured overnight. Any left beyond school hours are left at the owner's own risk. Thank you ☺



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 £490. 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://efundraising.org/53kkJyzBvi>