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NEARLY THERE!



This week is **Walk to School Week**. Try ditching the car altogether, or if you need to use your car but are fed up of how long it can take to find a parking space near school (never mind the stress!), consider parking a bit further away and walking the last part of your journey. *There is a very safe walking route from Waitrose car park, for example, taking the footpath out of the car park, along Jennetts Crescent, down the ginnel off Granville Terrace onto Richmond Terrace, which then brings you out very close to our pedestrian crossing.* The class with the highest rate of sustainable travel for the week will win some cash to spend on their Golden Time resources. Thank you for your support!

Last week saw Y6 taking national tests in Grammar Punctuation & Spelling, Reading and Mathematics. They worked really hard and took the whole week in their stride. Whatever the outcomes, we are proud of the way they rose to the occasion. Well done Y6!

Tomorrow morning sees the whole School **Maypole and Country Dancing**. Please bring along your **own reusable covered coffee cup** if you have one and visit Friends of Westgate's refreshments stations, where you will be able to fill your cup up with a hot tea or coffee, and get a homemade snack to keep you going while you watch your child(ren) dance, for a financial donation to FOW.

Today we also welcome Miss Robinson back from maternity leave into Nursery! We are looking forward to having her back. I do also want to say a **huge thank you** to Mrs Ireland, Mrs Cook and Ms Romaine for their work in covering the maternity leave, which has given us the best possible continuity and least disruption possible. Mrs Cook's temporary role as part of the arrangements will be ending on Friday – though we will definitely not be saying a full goodbye as we very much hope she will still be able to come back for supply teaching at Westgate!

Finally, I hope you will all have a lovely half term holiday when it arrives.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher



HELP US raise **FREE** funds with your everyday shopping online through #easyfundraising. We're close to £300 now with just 38 supporters and every penny helps! Imagine if more Westgate families joined and made it

an everyday part of how they shop online!

Over 3,600 big-name retailers such as Argos, John Lewis, Boden, Apple, Confused.com, ASOS, even Amazon and eBay all give **free donations** when you make an online purchase with them and **doesn't cost you a penny**. **THIS IS FREE MONEY** for us, so make sure we don't miss out when you shop online! This 60 second video shows you how #easyfundraising works:

<http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>

Sign-up using this unique link and when you raise your first £5, #easyfundraising will match it!:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/4OK2Z3>



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

FOW Bingo and Pizza night took place on Friday and much fun was had by all. Thank you to Katy Senior who organised and ran the evening - despite having moved house the day before! The final figure for money raised on the evening is a brilliant **£276**.

Our big project this summer is, following on from KS1/2 last year, to match fund the **replacement of the play/climbing equipment** in the Foundation Stage Playground. Elsewhere, Clea and Laura's FOW volunteers have been busy preparing for our **Totally Tropical Westgate Carnival** entry in June! Thank you if you are one of these much-appreciated volunteers.

If you have an idea for an event we could run that would appeal to families, let us know via Facebook or in person!

WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were:

1st: Victoria Mirfield (£136)

2nd: Sue Taylor (£34)

3rd: Laura & Stephen Boddy (£17)

We currently have 68 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, Westgate School Fund will pay for or subsidise: Y3/Y4 Trip to Herd Farm and the Ilkley Tennis Club Trip.



ECO TEAM NEWS

We are looking at ways to reduce single use plastic in School. As part of this, please can we ask families to try to **avoid single use plastics in lunch boxes**, if you can? Try replacing plastic bags and cling film with pots and containers that can be washed and reused. Over a year, not only is this better for the planet, it should also work out cheaper! Try reusing takeaway containers as an environmentally friendly way to make the most out of the plastics we do have.

Thank you! *From Eco Team*

SPORTS NEWS

Lots has been going on in PE and Sport over the past few weeks at Westgate.



Friday saw our annual **Wake up Shake up** competition, where 15 groups of children competed using their own fitness routines to music. Congratulations to Tom, Sophie P, Emily, Amelia, Niamh, Maud, Lily, Harriet and Elena (KS1) and Freya, Rachael, Declan, Mischa and Paige (KS2) who go through to the next round at Benton Park. Good luck too, to the **Kwik Cricket** and **Tag Rugby** teams, who are both participating in events this week.

A couple of weeks ago, **Zetsurin Karate** club delivered a fantastic taster session to enthusiastic participants of all ages, and more recently, **Grove Hill Tennis Club** welcomed several Westgate families who wanted to try their hand at tennis.

Look out for an upcoming **Badminton** session which is in the pipeline, and more tennis sessions for anyone else who is interested but couldn't make the original dates.

Coming up in June is our annual **Health & Wellbeing Fortnight**, which is always a fantastic event with a real buzz around School. The children will be having a go at **Basketball** delivered by coaches from the **City of Leeds club**, **Scooter Training** for Y5/Y6, **Balance Bike Fun Day** for YR/Y1, a trip to **Ilkley Trophy Tennis Tournament** for Y4/Y6, **Tennis** sessions at Grove Hill for all classes, as well as **Karate**, **Yoga**, **Rounders**, **Dance**, and **Food Workshops**, all delivered by specialist visitors.

The highlight is sure to be a visit for all children to PHGS for another go on the **giant inflatables** and **large play equipment**!

Mrs Hooper
PE & Physical Activity Leader

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for next term. They are also to be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE. Dates in **green/ bold** are new or changed since dates were first circulated.



21/05/19 Whole School Maypole Dancing 09:15*

21/05/19 Leeds Book Awards (participating pupils only)

21/05/19 Tag Rugby Final (participating pupils only)

23/05/19 School closed to pupils for EU Election polling

24/05/19 Y3 Iron Age visit to Herd Farm

24/05/19 Break up

03/06/19 Back to School

06-07/06/19 Y5 Whitby Residential

07/06/19 Rag Bag Drop off Day

10/06/19 Rag Bag Collection Day (before 9am)

15/06/19 Otley Carnival

17/06/19 Y4 Iron Age visit to Herd Farm

17/06/19 Y5/Y6 Scooter training

18/06/19 Y2 Class Assembly 09:05

18/06/19 Reception Induction meeting 19:00

24/06/19 Whole School Activity afternoon at PHGS Rec - Y6

25/06/19 Nursery Induction 15:45 & 17:15

27/06/19 Sports Day: Rec/KS1 10:00;

Nursery* 12:30; KS2 13:45

01/07/19 Y5 High School Experience Day

01/07/19 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

02/07/19 Y6 Mini-Olympics afternoon

02/07/19 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

04/07/19 Whole School Pedestrian training

05/07/19 Y5 Whitby Assembly 09:05

09/07/19 Reception Class Assembly 09:05

18/07/19 Orchestra/ Gym/ Choir Performance 09:15

18/07/19 Leavers' Play/ Party 18:30

22/07/19 Talent show 14:00

23/07/19 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

24/07/19 Break up 15:15 WOOSH is available after School on this day.

Next year:

02/09/19 Training day- School closed to pupils

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04/09/19 School Opens

15/10/19 Individual School Photo's

25/10/19 Break up for half term

04/11/19 Back to School

20/12/19 Break up for Christmas 15:15 WOOSH is available after School on this day.

06/01/20 Training day- School closed to pupils

07/01/20 School Opens

13/02/20 Break up for half term

14/02/20 Training day- School closed to pupils Please note however that this will be moved to Polling Day (07/05/2020) if we are designated a polling station by the local authority in 2019-20.

24/02/20 Back to School

03/04/20 Break up for Easter 15:15 WOOSH is available after School on this day.

20/04/20 Back to School

30/04/20 Whole School Class Photo's

04/05/20 Bank Holiday- School closed

22/05/20 Break up for half term

01/06/20 Back to School

17/07/20 Break up for the summer 15:15 WOOSH is available after School on this day.

20/07/20 Training day - School closed to pupils

*** NURSERY CHILDREN**

If your child would not normally attend Nursery at this time/ on this day and you would like him/ her to be part of this event, please speak to the class teacher to confirm their attendance. Thank you ☺



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We plan to move all payments to SIMS Pay in September, meaning we will no longer accept cash or cheques in the School office as payment in all but a few circumstances (such as charitable collections).

In light of this, please ensure that you sign up for this facility if you haven't already, so that you are ready for this change and can try the system out before the end of term.

This change is being made in order to increase convenience for parents, to increase efficiency and to improve financial security measures.

LOOK AFTER THE PLANET

Don't forget your coffee cup for tomorrow's Maypole Dancing if you have one! Thank you ☺

