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THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Firstly, I just want to confirm the staffing arrangements for September, now that everyone is back from maternity leave and appointments have been made. The class structure looks like this for next year:

| Class | Teacher(s) | HLTAs/ TAs |
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| Nursery | Miss Robinson | Mrs Brogden (Mon-Wed) Mrs Norton (Wed-Fri) |
| Reception | Mrs Colannino (Mon-Wed) Mrs Jagger (Wed-Fri) | Mrs Gulley Ms Ellison |
| Year 1 | Mrs Senior (Mon-Thur) Mrs Ireland (Fri) | Mrs Winterburn Mrs Pearson |
| Year 2 | Mrs Ireland (Mon-Wed) Ms Romaine (Wed-Fri) | Mrs Divers Mrs Dawrant |
| Year 3 | Mrs Hattersley | Mrs Cardwell Mrs Kerry Miss Jeffery |
| Year 4 | Mrs Hooper (Tues- Fri) Mrs Cable (Mon) | Mrs Pollhammer Mrs Kelly Miss Jeffery |
| Year 5 | Mrs Hopkins | Mrs Silkstone Mrs Simpson Mrs Rich |
| Year 6 | Mr Hackney (Wed-Mon) Mrs Cable (Tues) | Miss Gnap |

On Friday we said goodbye to **Mr Pollhammer**, as we welcome **Mrs Kerry** back from maternity leave today. We are all delighted for him, however, as he will be taking up a teaching position at Otley All Saints in September! We also welcomed **Mrs Norton** back last week after her maternity leave, and appointed **Miss Jeffery**, whom many children know already from WOOSH, as a TA, so we are now ready for September.

Thank you everyone, for bearing with us as we try to fit everything in before the end of term at the same time as getting ready for the new year. It seems that we are busier than ever and it is a feat if you manage to know exactly what is happening and where your child is on each day at the moment, I am sure! It's lovely to be in such a happy, busy place, though, so I am most definitely not complaining!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

MUSIC CHAMPION SCHOOL



Just after the last newsletter, we were informed that Westgate has been chosen as one of just eight primary Schools in the local authority to be designated a Music Champion School, in recognition of the high quality of our music curriculum and extra-curricular provision. On Wednesday, Mrs Durrant and I attended a presentation ceremony, along with a small group of musicians from the School orchestra who played as part of the event.

Music is so important to our School: it spreads happiness and confidence, teaches teamwork and concentration and helps brain development. We're all delighted that our commitment to this important branch of the Arts has been recognised in this way, and grateful to Mrs Durrant for her hard work.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Since the last newsletter, we have been informed that our **Carnival** entry, Tropical Westgate, also won the Wilkinson Trophy, aka The People's Choice Award! We are very proud to be selected for this honour again. We've had a super successful year all round, raising enough money to support School with their plans to redevelop the Foundation Stage playground, providing a wide range of fun events and useful services for children and families, creating the Y6 leavers yearbook and raising money for other charities. Thank you to every one of our amazing volunteers and supporters. Tomorrow evening is our AGM - come along to help us review the year and start to think about the year ahead! We meet at **19:30 in The Fleece** and everyone is welcome!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Last week, we had an assembly visit from Helen Berry, who works for the Leeds Library Service, to tell the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. It is aimed at children aged four to eleven and it is run in almost all libraries in the UK. It launches nationally this weekend, 13th July. Visit Otley library during the summer holidays to sign up – the sooner you go, the longer your child will have to read six books! Staff will register your child for the Challenge and give them some fun materials to get them started. Visit the dedicated [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website to find out more and access extra challenges and activities all year round!

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT NEXT YEAR *ANOTHER REMINDER*

As we approach the end of the School year, you will inevitably start to look ahead to School supplies for September. We'd like to draw your attention to the following:

- Children **should not bring pencil cases** to School next year. School supplies pens, pencils, crayons etc. and pencil cases take up unnecessary space and provide distractions in the classroom - so please ensure your child leaves these at home.
- We have ongoing issues in KS2 cloakrooms with overloaded pegs. When choosing bags for your child for September, please ensure that **PE kit is in a traditional, drawstring-style bag**. Any other style bags - e.g. rucksacks, shoppers, over-sized handbags - simply do not fit onto the pegs. Unsuitable bags will be sent home and replaced with a carrier bag in School until replaced. Similarly, when choosing a School bag, please ensure that this is **not oversized** and will fit comfortably on your child's peg. Typically, pegs are spaced about 20 cm apart, so anything much wider than this will not fit!

Finally, please make sure that everything- PE kit, bags, uniform - is clearly labelled with your child's name! We have a real issue with unnamed, unclaimed lost property at the moment- **5 bin liners-worth from just one cloakroom!**

Thank you ☺

WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners are:



1st: (£134.00) Ms Atkinson & Mr Green
2nd: (£33.50) Mr& Mrs Mellor
3rd: (£16.75) Mrs Lees

We currently have 67 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.



PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

Last week, children across School received pedestrian training to enable them to get to and from School safely on foot. They learned about safe places to cross and how to ensure that they are alert to traffic when crossing the road. We hope that as many families as possible will choose sustainable School journeys in the coming year.



ECO TEAM NEWS

We are close to our first collection for **recycling batteries!** Please carry on sending in your recycling items as we can raise money and / or win prizes for recycling through the schemes that we are participating in - and more importantly, reduce the amount of recyclables going to landfill. We are also still accepting all types of **used printer cartridges** for recycling - home and work!

Thank you!
From Eco Team



HELP US raise FREE funds with your everyday shopping online through #easyfundraising.

We've just passed the £300 mark, with 43 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 it **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>



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.

Please can everyone ensure that outstanding dinner monies, music fees, nursery fees and WOOSH fees are settled by the end of the term - particularly if your child is leaving Westgate at the end of this term. WOOSH bills and estimates will be issued on Monday 15/07/19. Thank you! ☺

SPONSORED 1K RESULTS JUST IN



The total raised to date is **£1512.10** which means that we will be able to purchase a defibrillator to be located at School, and fund its maintenance! Well done to School Council for organising such a successful sponsored event and a huge thank you to everyone who helped to raise money through sponsorship. A special well done to our most successful fundraiser, **Liam** in Y1, who single-handedly raised **£250!**

PARENT / CARER SURVEY

Coming home this evening with your child is a hard copy of our annual survey to Parents and Carers. This annual survey helps us to evaluate the effectiveness of our work and we value your feedback. As a thank you, we will be drawing a ticket to win £40 of shopping vouchers. Simply keep one of the raffle tickets attached to your survey and return the other with your responses, to be in with a chance of winning! The survey closes a week today and the winner will be drawn next week.



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.



09/07/19 Reception Class Assembly 09:05
09/07/19 FOW meeting 19:30 The Fleece
 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
 03/09/19 Training Day
 04/09/19 School opens for pupils
 30/09/19 w/b Y6 Bikeability training
 07/10/19 Harvest Festival
 09/10/19 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00
15/10/19 individual School photos*
 22/10/19 Consultation evening 17:00
 24/10/19 Consultation evening 15:30
 25/10/19 Break up
 04/11/19 Back to School
 11/11/19 w/b Anti-Bullying Week
 14/11/19 Flu Vaccinations – Rec to Y6
 19/11/19 Nursery Induction 15:45
 01/12/19 Otley Victorian Fayre
 03/12/19 LSMA Xmas concert
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 15:15 WOOSH is available after School on this day.
 06/01/20 FOS Training Day
 07/01/20 Back to School
 13/01/20 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs Meeting 18:30
 20/01/20 Y5 Whitby Meeting 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 15:30
 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

30/04/20 Class photos

04/05/20 w/b Y2 test week

07/05/20 Polling/ Training day- School closed to pupils At the moment it looks like we have again been designated a polling station so this will be a training day in place of 14/02/20, unless we get the decision reversed.

08/05/20 Bank Holiday- School closed

11/05/20 w/b Y6 test week

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 Meeting 15:45 & 17:00

29/06/20 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

30/06/20 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

06/07/20 Anyone Can Day

13/07/20 End of Year Drop-Ins

14/07/20 Talent show 14:00

15/07/20 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:30

17/07/20 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

17/07/20 Break up 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 ☺

HEAD LICE



We have recently had reports of recurrent infestations of head lice. Please can all families check their children and all family members, and take appropriate action if necessary, until they are clear? Children with long hair should also tie hair back for school to avoid an infestation, and for safety. More information about treatment can be found on the [NHS website](#). Thank you for your support.