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ECO-FRIENDLY WESTGATE

Hot on the heels of our [Modeshift STARS](#) silver school travel award last month, we were delighted to find out on the last day of the half term that Westgate has been awarded [Eco-Schools Green Flag](#) Status! This is the culmination of 3+ years' work to raise the profile of sustainability and ecology at school, and has included our work to reduce our carbon footprint and the progress we have all made with sustainable school travel. As part of our work, Eco Team have worked on improving litter and rubbish disposal, increasing recycling, reducing water waste and encouraging everyone to turn off electrical appliance when not in use. Then during lockdown, several classes completed curriculum work related to the Eco-School themes. Huge congratulations to all of our children who really do think about how their actions impact the environment, and thank you to all our families who support our work on sustainability, for example through choosing sustainable journeys to school.

SEPTEMBER STAFFING

We are planning for our staffing structure to be as follows in September:

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

Mrs Eley and Mrs Chilton will continue to work with children across school, and Mrs Chilton will also teach in Y3 and Y6 to provide leadership time for Mr Hackney and Mrs Hattersley, as our deputy & assistant head teachers. Staff will be working on transition this half term so that all children receive the support they need as they move on to new classes.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

Anything in a red box in this newsletter may require action on your part. Thank you ☺

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



Unfortunately we have no further update as to when we will have a replacement for Mrs Hoare on our school crossing. I have chased the matter with the relevant team and will inform parents when we get any details.

SCHOOL AND COVID-19

Like everyone else, we are waiting to see what the end of the month may bring as the government prepares to announce the next/ final phase of restrictions lifting. In particular, what the requirements will be for schools. As ever, we will be guided by the Leeds Health & Safety team and their comprehensive risk assessment, and take into account our school circumstances. This half term sees a number of classes venturing out on school trips for the first time this year. Our big events, Sports Day and the Y6 Leavers Play, are planned, but we are yet to find out if we can invite parents to come and watch. We will obviously keep you updated as and when we know more.

The week of Sports Day is also our annual Health & Wellbeing week, which Mrs Hooper is organising as our PE & Sport leader. See below for more details!

WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were:

- 1st: D&R Lees (£130)
- 2nd: R Scurfield (£32.50)
- 3rd: J Booth (£16.25)



As of April we have 65 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please contact [Mrs Bleasdale](#) in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. **We would really like to increase our membership this term, and the more members we have the larger the prize fund to be won!** All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund. Current projects we are seeking funding for include: upgrading pupil laptops; climate-proofing the outdoor spaces through planting; improvements to the kitchen facilities for EYFS/ pupils. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**

GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR WESTGATE



This is the final week of Friends of Westgate's whole school sponsored event this year is GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR WESTGATE. 'Go the Extra Mile'. We will of course accept late donations but challenges should now be coming to an end. Please send an email to extramile@friendsofwestgate.uk when you have finished with your name, class and details of your challenge. We would also love to see any photos or videos of you completing your challenge – to be included in a special assembly this term!

Go the Extra Mile Sponsorship

Please ask friends and family to sponsor you to complete your challenge by giving them the link to our Just Giving page for the event:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westgate-extra-mile>

Sponsorship money can also be dropped into the office in a named envelope by Friday 11th June at the latest please.



SCHOOL STREETS



Before half term, we circulated a link for parents to contribute to a review of the (currently temporary) School Streets initiative. We would really like this scheme to be made permanent, because of the positive difference the closure of Scarborough Road has made to the beginning and end of the school day. The consultation has been extended to 11th June (Friday), so if you would like to respond but haven't yet done so, [click here](#) to add your voice!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below a reminder of dates for the rest of the year. **Dates for our larger events are all provisional, subject to the**

restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

11/06/21 Y5 Whitby day trip
17-18/06/21 Y6 Herd Farm visit
22/06/21 Nursery Induction mtg (for Sept 21)
15:45 & 17:00

23/06/21 Reception Induction mtg 19:00

24/06/21 Y4 Jorvik visit

05-09/07/21 Health & Wellbeing Week

06/07/21 Y5 Leeds Lieder Worksop (in school)

06/07/21 Friends of Westgate mtg 19:30

08/07/21 Sports Day KS1/ Rec 10:00; Nursery 12:15; KS2 13:45

13/07/21 Y3 Leeds Organ visit

14-16/07/21 Y6 to Y7 transition (PHGS)

02/07/21 Talent Show entry deadline

15/07/21 Y2 Skipton Castle visit

16/07/21 Whole school transition day

21/07/21 Y6 Leavers Play & Party

23/07/21 Y6 Leavers Assembly

23/07/21 Break up for Summer Holiday

We have also set next year's training days/ term dates as follows:

06/09/21 Training day- school closed to pupils

07/09/21 Back to school

12/10/21 Whole school Team Teach training after school- **no afternoon WOOSH on this day**

25/10/21 Break up for half term

01/11/21 Back to school

11/11/21 Whole school Team Teach training after school- **no afternoon WOOSH on this day**

17/12/21 Break up for Christmas

04/01/22 Training day- school closed to pupils

05/01/22 Back to school

18/02/22 Break up for half term

28/02/22 Back to school

01/04/22 Break up for Easter

19/04/22 Back to school

27/05/22 Break up for half term

06/06/22 Back to school

22/07/22 Break up for summer

25/07/22 Training Day- disaggregated

26/07/22 Training Day- disaggregated

27/07/22 Training Day- disaggregated

*** Green events are new or amended since the last newsletter.**



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

HMRC TAX-FREE CHILDCARE SCHEME

This is a polite reminder that if you use this scheme to pay for some or all of your child's nursery or WOOSH fees, you **must** inform the office of your child's reference number, and then email

admin@westgateprimary.co.uk to let us

know each time you make a payment, so that we can ensure your billing is accurate and so that Leeds City Council can allocate the funding to our school budget appropriately. Thank you ☺

HEALTH & WELLBEING WEEK

This term sees the return of our annual Health and Wellbeing Week and, particularly after the challenges of COVID-19, it's a great opportunity to remind the children how we can use physical activity to support our mental wellbeing. Every child in school from Nursery to Y6 will therefore have the chance to take part in activities, which include getting outdoors on our Wildlife Makeover day, enjoying some Yoga and Mindfulness with Tatty Bumpkin, and using music to feel good in our Footloose dance workshops, as well as trying out Karate at the Zetsurin Club Dojo, Tennis at Grovehill Park, Sailing at Yeadon Tarn and many other activities in the classroom. The week will also include Westgate Sports Day, where the children will compete as usual in their house teams in a range of round robin and race events. We're all looking forward to a great week!

Mrs Hooper

Well done to everyone



who is using Times Table Rockstars & Numbots regularly each week. The following table shows the **proportion of children engaging** in each class over the last 3 weeks:

Class	6.5.21	13.5.21	20.5.21	
Rec	24%	21%	21%	Num bots
Y1	17%	33%	33%	
Y2	86%	79%	79%	Times Table Rockstars
Y3	35%	71%	61%	
Y4	80%	93%	93%	
Y5	85%	81%	89%	
Y6	14%	21%	96%	

Children are expected to spend **10 minutes every day** practising on either Numbots or TT Rockstars as part of their mathematics homework.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Don't forget you can raise funds at no cost to yourself! [Easy Fundraising](#) for a wide range of online retailers- support FOW Friends of Westgate. We have raised over **£870** in this way so far! [Amazon Smile](#) for direct donations when shopping on Amazon- select Friends of Westgate. <https://www.easy2name.com/> when buying name labels (select Westgate Primary School when prompted.) This half term we are working on a school tea towel which you will be able to purchase before the summer holiday. Our next Friends of Westgate meeting takes place on **06/07/21**... possibly in person at the Fleece! More details to follow. It will include our AGM, in which we report on all our activities over the last year, as well as planning for the year ahead.

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY



Thank you to everyone who responded to our annual parent survey. A numerical summary of responses follows at the end of this newsletter. In all, 22 comments were received, the overwhelming majority of which were positive and appreciative of the work school has done over the last 18 months- probably the most challenging time any of us have endured as parents or educationalists. Your support is much appreciated. Two comments mentioned the lack of extra-curricular sporting activities. We are very much looking forward to the new academic year when we hope to be able to reinstate our wide range of sporting and other extra-curricular activities. Unfortunately, this has been an impossible challenge in recent months due to the restrictions of COVID, as has provision of extra-curricular activities in general. A couple of comments mentioned a desire for more feedback from teachers. We recognise that informal communication channels, such as a quick chat on the door, have been severely restricted this year. Unfortunately, teachers are unable to enter into lots of personal correspondence or give frequent, personalised feedback to all parents, as when a 50-60 hour working week is not uncommon, it is a priority to also protect teachers' work-life balance. I am asking teachers to prioritise tasks directly related to teaching and learning, as this is our core business. I am sure everyone would agree that these are the right priorities in difficult circumstances, and we thank you for your understanding and support.

Finally, the winning draw number is 103. Please contact the school office to claim your prize of £40 of Love to Shop vouchers!

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

You can view a more visual representation of the responses [here](#).

**Shaded rows are the latest national survey responses (OFSTED, April 2020), for comparison purposes.*

Number of responses:		68 families (representing 87 pupils)				
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. My child is happy at Westgate.		71%	28%	0%	0%	1%
		61%	30%	5%	3%	1%
2. My child feels safe at Westgate.		75%	22%	0%	0%	3%
		62%	29%	4%	3%	1%
3. Westgate makes sure its pupils are well behaved.		50%	49%	0%	0%	1%
		48%	38%	8%	4%	2%
						My child has not been bullied
4. My child has been bullied and Westgate dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.		4%	12%	1%	0%	7%
		9%	10%	6%	5%	8%
5. Westgate makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.		19%	66%	12%	0%	3%
		47%	37%	11%	4%	2%
						I have not raised a concern
6. When I have raised concerns with Westgate they have been dealt with properly		34%	34%	1%	0%	3%
		35%	21%	8%	6%	2%
		Yes	No			
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?		9%	91%			
		17%	83%			
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
7a. My child has SEND, and Westgate gives them the support they need to succeed.		67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
		45%	25%	13%	13%	4%
8. Westgate has high expectations for my child.		34%	57%	0%	0%	9%
		48%	37%	7%	3%	6%
9. My child does well at Westgate.		47%	51%	0%	0%	1%
		53%	36%	6%	3%	2%
10. Westgate lets me know how my child is doing.		34%	60%	3%	0%	3%
		47%	39%	9%	3%	1%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Westgate.		37%	54%	1%	0%	7%
		51%	40%	4%	2%	3%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at Westgate.		16%	44%	19%	0%	21%
		56%	35%	4%	2%	3%
13. Westgate supports my child's wider personal development.		32%	56%	6%	0%	6%
		46%	35%	9%	4%	7%
		Yes	No			
14. I would recommend Westgate to another parent.		100%	0%			
		87%	13%			