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### SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME!

It's that time of year when teachers begin to look in two directions at once - reviewing the year whose end is fast approaching, as they write reports, complete final assessments, celebrate learning and progress with their pupils, and also begin to look ahead to the next academic year. Of course, between now and then we also have an extremely enjoyable and busy half term ahead of us, stuffed full of learning, visits, special school events, sporting activities and lots more!

This term has seen a lot of recruitment and while we are not quite finished yet, this is the staffing structure at the moment for September.

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Nursery	Mrs Ireland*	HLTA Mrs Brogden (Mon-Wed) HLTA Mrs Norton (Wed-Fri)
Reception	Mrs Colannino (Mon-Wed) Mrs Jagger (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Gulley AN Other
Year 1	Mrs Senior*	Mrs Dawrant Mrs Winterburn
Year 2	Ms Romaine*	Mrs Divers Miss Ingle
Year 3	Mrs Hattersley	Mrs Kelly Mrs Pearson Mrs Pollhammer
Year 4	Mrs Cable (Mon-Wed) Mrs Hooper (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Cardwell Mrs Silkstone
Year 5	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Simpson
Year 6	Mr Hackney (Tues-Fri) Mrs Hooper (Mon)	Miss Gnap Mrs Rich

*\* Mrs Cook will teach one day a week in each of these classes as part of the arrangements to cover Miss Robinson's maternity leave. At the end of the maternity leave, teaching responsibilities for these classes will return to the arrangements in place currently.*

You will notice some changes and some new names: In order to manage Mrs Colannino's workload as SENCo and balance this with the demands of teaching Reception, we have recruited **Mrs Jagger** to share the class teaching responsibility. In addition, last week **Mrs Chilton** was appointed as our HLTA to replace Mrs Charlesworth, who left us earlier this term. This means we are currently recruiting for an additional TA for Reception, and an Out of School Club leader. I will keep you updated with further developments!

This week's newsletter is a bumper affair and is packed with information. Please read it carefully as there is lots of information about the coming weeks contained within...!

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### HEALTH & WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

We have an exciting programme of activities planned for this extended Family of Schools event. You will already have received information about the whole school morning at PHGS organised for the whole Family of Schools, but that's far from the only highlight of the fortnight. At the end of this newsletter you will find a flyer detailing the many activities we have on offer. I hope you will agree it looks like it's going to be an amazing fortnight!

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



We are all saddled up and excited for Saturday's Carnival entry, Wild Wild Westgate. Yee-hah! Zoe Hollis' team of intrepid costumiers have been so busy getting everything ready - thanks to everyone for their skill and hard work. A special thank you to Rachel Michael for her contributions and to Jim Ibbetson, who looks set to top his *101 Dalmatians* car success of 2015 with this year's centrepiece.

Most recently, we held our first ever Bingo n Pizza night, which was a great success, raising **£291** in the process. Many thanks to Katy Senior for organising the evening.

Looking ahead, we have Film Night coming up for children in Reception upwards, when *Paddington 2* will be showing (thanks, Hannah Morley!). Sam Kelly is hard at work finalising our Leaving Book gift to our Y6 children. Next month you will all see the fruits of a joint funding project between school and FOW as **new playground equipment** is installed. FOW is contributing **£5000** towards this installation. Our next big project for the coming year is to fund a similar installation for the Foundation Stage playground.

Look out too for more details coming shortly about how you can raise money for FOW when you shop online, at no cost to yourselves!

Our final meeting of the year will be 12/07/18 at 19:30 in The Fleece, including our AGM. All welcome!

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips about peripatetic music tuition for September. Letters confirming new places are coming out this week. We are offering a small number of places on a first come first served basis, to children who were unsuccessful in securing tuition in

the instrument of their choice.

We are also delighted to hear that the Catering Agency is not changing its charges for the coming year, meaning that the price of school meals will not be increasing in September.

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Richard Sells (£126)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Rebecca McLernon (£31.50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Gemma Shearer (£15.75)



May's winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Katie Burnett (£126)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Kate & Martin Davies (£31.50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Jean Parry (£15.75)

We have **63** members at present and the more members we have, the more each prize is worth! 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.

### SCHOOL FOOD AMBASSADOR HEALTH & WELLBEING FORTNIGHT COMPETITION



SFAs are running a competition for our Health & Wellbeing fortnight. Last year we ran a healthy packed lunch competition and this year we are having a Fun Fruit Friday Sculpture competition. This will involve children from each class designing a labelled poster of a fruit sculpture that they would like to make. Each class will then vote for their class winner by 22nd June. The winners will then go head to head on the 29th June to make their fruit sculpture. The fruit sculpture competition will be judged by the SFAs and a member of the kitchen staff. The overall winner will get their sculpture made for school lunches on the following Friday (6th July).

*Mrs Hattersley*



### DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

The week beginning the 18th June is Leeds' Learning Disability Awareness Week. At Westgate, we are celebrating this with Mencap leading a whole school assembly on Tuesday 19th June followed by a Mencap workshop for Y5 children. Each class will also be focusing some of their lessons on this theme throughout the week.

As part of this celebration, our sports leaders will be leading a whole school 'Go Noodle' dance on Friday 22nd June. On this day we would like the children to bring their own caps (Wear a cap for Mencap!) and sponsorship form to take part and raise money for the Mencap charity. Please help us to support this charity as part of disability awareness week.

*Mrs Hattersley*

### SPORTS REPORT



A few weeks ago, Year 4 took part in a skipping festival for which they'd been practising for weeks! All the children performed brilliantly in their individual, paired or group skill and came second in the whole-class Skipdance event. Well done Y4!

Last week, children from Y4/5/ 6 travelled to Cookridge Hall, where they took part in a Tri-Golf tournament against 9 other local schools. They participated well in all 10 different activities and, considering that for many of them it was a first go at golf, came a respectable 6th place. Well done to Edward, Hollie, Henry (Y6), Lizzie M, Alistair, Sonny (Y5) and Toby, Holly, Leah (Y4).

Also last week, we held our annual Westgate Wake Up Shake Up competition where children from Y1 - 6 are invited to get into groups and create exercise routines to music. This year, a fantastic 12 groups took part and it was agreed that the standard was the highest we've seen yet; it was incredibly difficult for our judges, Miss Ingle and Ms Fuller, to decide who should go through to the next round at Benton Park School. Well done to the Year 2 and Year 6 children who won in their Key Stage; they will receive a letter next week with the details.

Well done also to Y1 and Y4 who have walked to PHGS during recent weeks to take part in their festivals (multi-skills and gymnastics respectively) organised by Mrs Fenton-Green, our specialist PE teacher.

*Mrs Hooper*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for the rest of the school year. They are also to be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT DATE FOR SPORTS DAY IN YOUR DIARY, which had to be changed earlier in the year.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

#### Class assemblies this half term:

**13/07/18 at 09:05 Reception**

**16/07/18 at 09:05 Y5 (Whitby)**

**29/06/18 at 14:30 Y6 (Herd Farm)**

13-15/06/18 Y6 Herd Farm residential

16/06/18 Otley Carnival

19/06/18 Mencap assembly

19/06/18 Reception Induction 14:00 - 15:15

21/06/18 Y4/6 Ilkley Tennis Tournament

21/06/18 Y1/2 trip to Armley Mills

21/06/18 LSMA Summer Concert

21/06/18 FOW Film Night

22/06/18 Sponsored 'Go Noodle' for Mencap

**25/06/18 – 06/07/18 Health & Wellbeing Fortnight**

25/06/18 Karate Y1/4/5, Y3 Try Tennis,

26/06/18 Rec-6 Community Play Equipment at PHGS, Y3/5 Skipdance

26/06/18 Nursery Induction 15:45

27/06/18 National Writing Day

28/06/18 Bollywood Dancing, Y4 Kwik Cricket

29/06/18 Fun Fruit Friday Sculptures

02/07/18 Y3/4/5 Lindy Hop, Rec/Y1 Push n Scoot

02/07/18 Y5 high school experience day

02/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

03/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

03/07/18 Y2 PHGS Multi-skills Festival, Y5/6 Pro cycling

**05/07/18 Sports Day (KS1 10am; Nursery 12:30; KS2 13:45)**

06/07/18 Samba dancing & drumming (whole school)

06/07/18 Super Food Fight Workshops

10/07/18 Whole school induction am

12/07/18 Y3/4 Jorvik visit

12/07/18 Y6 Otley Squash Club

12/07/18 FOW meeting & AGM

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

20/07/18 Talent show 14:00

23/07/18 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

24/07/18 Break up

# Health & Wellbeing Fortnight

Why have one Health & Wellbeing Week when you can have two? This year, following last year's successful week of activities, Westgate have decided to double the fun and have two weeks dedicated to physical and emotional wellbeing. The aim of this time is to provide the children with new and exciting ways to be active and healthy, helping them to look after both their mind and their body and develop a healthy lifestyle for years to come.

Here are just a few of the things that the children will experience (not all year groups will do each activity);

- Karate from the Shukokai Karate Club, Otley
- Tennis at Rawdon Tennis Club
- Kwik Cricket at Green Lane Cricket Club
- Lindy Hop from Hannah Webster (Yorkshire Dance)
- Bollywood Dancing from Yazi (Amaali)
- Cycling skills from Phil Bateman (ex-Olympian)
- Push n' Scoot scooter skills
- Healthy Food and Drama Workshops
- Skipdance provided by Corcoran Skipping School
- Multi-Skills Festival at PHGS
- Sports Day!
- Samba day provided by Unidos de Samba Leeds

The highlight for all the children is sure to be our whole school visit to PHGS to spend the morning on the large play equipment which will be there for the week\*. This will consist of bouncy castles, assault courses, bungee trampolines, hover crafts, football zorbing, rodeo bull and much more!

\*Children from Westgate will also be able to visit with their families after school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 4.00 – 5.00 pm at a cost of £2.50 a ticket. Look out for more information nearer the time!

We hope all the children have an amazing Health & Wellbeing fortnight. Look out for more information during the 2 weeks about local clubs and activities you can get involved in.