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BEGINNING TO LOOK AHEAD...

The end of the school year and the start of the next are starting to get closer. At the moment we are still waiting for any information from the DfE as to what September might or might not need to look like, so we have been unable to make detailed plans in that regard. However, other plans are well underway, including staffing arrangements, which next year are as follows:

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

This summer we are saying goodbye to Miss Jeffery, who is leaving us to begin a teaching degree! We are very excited for her and wish her the very best for her next steps on the road to becoming a primary school teacher.

We have already begun transition meetings so that staff can hand over detailed information about the children they have been teaching and supporting. For children with SEND who need additional transition support, this will begin to be shared with families later this week.

This Friday afternoon you will receive your child's school report via email. We are unable to send out hard copies this year due to the current extraordinary circumstances. You will still be able to comment on your child's report, however: further details will be contained within the letter which accompanies your child's report. The report format this year has had to be changed due to the unique circumstances, but next year's reports will revert to our standard format.

Yesterday, the education secretary, Gavin Williamson confirmed that it is no longer expected that primary schools will open to more year groups before the summer break. Given that we have no classrooms or teachers spare at the moment, I can confirm that Westgate will **not** be able to open to year groups beyond Reception, Y1 and Y6 this term. And finally, when we have any information from the DfE about how September will look, I will of course share more detailed plans. Thank you for your continued patience in this regard.

Helen Carpenter

Head Teacher

HARDSHIP AND FOOD POVERTY



If you think that, due to changes in your circumstances, your child(ren) may now be eligible for FSM, please contact us via

info@westgateprimary.co.uk so that we can run an eligibility check. Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We also know that there will be families who are not eligible for FSM who may still be struggling. Please don't hesitate to email Ms Carpenter in confidence, as we can refer to Otley Food Bank and there may be other ways we can help too.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The School Office is staffed between

09:00 and 15:15 as a minimum and so you may telephone between these hours if you need to speak to someone about a query you may have. We continue to send reminders about outstanding dinner money, music lesson or WOOSH fees as normal: please ensure these are paid promptly via SIMS Pay, particularly if your child is leaving Westgate at the end of this term. If you need to discuss this in confidence further, please call the office in the hours stated above, or email and someone will call you back. Thank you ☺



STARTING BACK TO SCHOOL

Well done to the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who began their return to school last week and this week. Starting gradually has allowed us to identify any little tweaks that were needed and to refine routines, as we gradually add to our numbers. All the staff who are in school have loved working face to face with children again! School looks very different at the moment, and lots of routines are new, but everyone has risen to the challenge brilliantly.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



While some families are enjoying having this extra time together, we also know that the lockdown may be putting significant

additional strain on family relationships. If you are experiencing domestic abuse of any kind, or if you are concerned about somebody else, there is help out there.

[Leeds Domestic Violence and Abuse](#) webpage has lots of information that you can access without leaving an online trail, including emergency housing support. There is a 24 hour helpline 0113 246 0401 as well as daily online chat from 13:00-15:00 through [Leeds Women's Aid](#).

Finally, if you are concerned about your abusive behaviour towards your partner, [Respect Phoneline](#) (0808 8024040) can offer support to change.

INDUCTION MEETINGS



Our scheduled induction meetings for parents of children starting Nursery and Reception are

postponed. They will take place online nearer the end of term. We are waiting until later in the term in the hope that we will have more information from the DfE about September and the new school year. We will write to parents with details as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, new starter families should have received a series of induction emails which walk you through the admin side of getting ready to start school. Thank you to everyone who has embraced this online approach, as it has enabled us to complete a number of important tasks that are usually done face to face or on paper.

NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

We have spaces in a range of sessions across the week for September, including full and half day sessions, as well as before and after school care. If you know of anyone who might be interested in nursery provision next term, and their child will be 3 years old by 1st September, ask them to register their interest via the [school website](#) and we will get in touch to see what we can offer! We will shortly be writing to confirm our offers for those of you who have already requested a place for September. Thank you ☺

SPANISH



Don't forget that your child can log in to [Rockalingua.com](#) to find a range of online activities to practise

their language skills while we are closed. Their login/ password is the same as for Purple Mash.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

May's winners were:

1st: KR Swettenham (£144)

2nd: E Bailey (£36)

3rd: R Parker (£18)

We currently have 72 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please email 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.



MUSIC



I am delighted that we are continuing to offer peripatetic music lessons online this half term and that so many children have taken up

this opportunity. We still have a small number of places for children who wish to begin learning an instrument in September, so it's not too late to express an interest by responding to our previous letter on this subject. We have a small number of spaces for violin, cello, cornet and woodwind at present.

TT ROCKSTARS & NUMBOTS

Here are the latest 'scores on the doors' for Times Table Rockstars (Y2-6) and Numbots (Rec/ Y1). Regular practice for a short period will really help children to become automatic and secure in their recall and application of key maths facts. Y3 & Y4 are battling it out at the top of the table at the moment! As well as sending well done messages to individual children for highest scores and most improved in each class, here is the class league table:

W/C	11/05/20	18/05/20	01/06/20
Rec	36%	24%	19%
Y1	40%	35%	25%
Y2	70%	53%	40%
Y3	71%	68%	42%
Y4	70%	74%	41%
Y5	59%	64%	33%
Y6	32%	35%	35%

Every child has their own login and can practise whenever they like, through a web browser on a PC or a free downloadable app on a smartphone or tablet. Ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure what to do.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are very sad to be losing James Gould as a parent governor this term.

Accompanying this newsletter therefore is information about standing to join our governing body as a parent governor. I am asking for expressions of interest in the first instance, with a view to holding an election at the start of September, if more than one candidate comes forward. The role of governor is crucial in helping us to be the best school we can be, and never more so that at the current time.

Please consider volunteering your time in this way.

Thank you ☺





You may find yourself buying things online more than usual at the moment. If so, consider signing up to Easy Fundraising. By [clicking here and signing up](#), you can agree to support Friends of Westgate at no cost to yourself. We are now close to having raised **£625** and hopefully will have achieved that by the end of this week!

SCHOOL RESOURCES



You will know that when school closed, we sent home learning packs with the children. Some of the contents are consumables, and the items sent varied from class to class. However, please note that we expect Maths No Problem textbooks & workbooks to come back to school, along with school reading/ library books, and child scissors. Items such as these that are not returned, or returned in an unusable condition **will be chargeable**, as they will have to be replaced. If you can send crayons/ pencils back when we return that would also be great, but we understand that these might have been used up/ worn out by then! Thank you for looking after school's resources and thank you to all the children who have brought their resources back to school as they have returned.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a summary of all the dates we have planned so far for next year- *with the caveat that some may not be able to go ahead due to ongoing restrictions*. They will also shortly be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE. Please make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible! We will provide regular updates for any further events as bookings etc are confirmed.

07/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
08/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils
28/09/20 Y6 Bikeability all week
14/10/20 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00
12/10/20 Individual School Photos
20/10/20 Consultation Evening 17:00

22/10/20 Consultation Evening 15:45
23/10/20 Break up
02/11/20 Back to school
13/11/20 Children in Need day
16/11/20 w/b Anti-Bullying Week
17/11/20 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
20/11/20 Takeover Day
06/12/20 Otley Victorian Fayre
07-13/12/20 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week
08/12/20 LSMA Xmas concert
09/12/20 FS Xmas performance 14:15
10/12/20 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00
11/12/20 FS Xmas performance 11:00
11/12/20 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
14/12/20 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
15/12/20 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
16/12/20 School Xmas Dinner
18/12/20 Xmas Parties
18/12/20 Break Up
04/01/21 Back to school
12/01/21 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 18:30
18/01/21 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30
09/02/21 Safer Internet Day
12/02/21 Break Up
22/02/21 Back to school
22/02- 05/03/21 w/b Fair Trade Fortnight
25/02/21 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
09/03/21 Consultation Evening 15:45
11/03/21 Consultation Evening 17:00
04/03/21 World Book Day
27/03/21 FOW Easter Fair
31/03/21 Easter Concert 14:00
01/04/21 Break up for Easter
02/04/21 Bank Holiday
19/04/21 Back to School
03/05/21 Bank Holiday
10/05/21 w/b Y6 test week
22/05/21 Otley Show
27/05/21 Maypole 09:15
07/06/21 Back to school
15/06/21 Reception Induction mtg 19:00
16-18/06/21 Y6 Herd Farm residential
19/06/21 Otley Carnival
22/06/21 Nursery Induction mtg 15:45
28/06/21 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
29/06/21 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
20/07/21 Talent show 13:45
21/07/22 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:30
23/07/21 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
23/07/21 Break up
26/07/21 Training Day- school closed to pupils
27/07/21 Training 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.

