

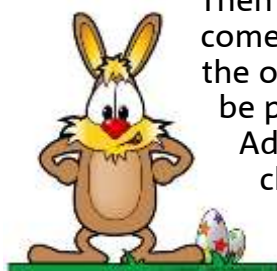
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EASTER APPROACHES...

It isn't long now till Mr Wardman will be trying to clean up after the Easter Bunny... but before then there are a few Easter themed events to look forward to here at Westgate!

First of all, the Big Event is of course this Saturday's **Easter Fair**, from 10 till 12 at school. We are still accepting donations for the Tombola, as well as soft toys and books (for children and adults) and of course on Friday we will be delighted to receive cakes for the famous Westgate Easter Fair Cake Stall. Also on Friday we are holding a **non-uniform day**- for the simple price of a bottle. It can be a bottle of anything- soft or alcoholic drinks, shampoo, bubble bath, water even! I hope we will see lots and lots of families on the day- it's a fun, family-oriented event which is also the Friends of Westgate's main fundraiser. At the moment they are raising money to purchase stage lighting for the school.



Then next week we have the **Decorate an Easter Egg competition**- entries must come to school on **Monday morning**. You can let your creative juices run wild- the only rule is that at least one egg must be involved in your creation. There will be prizes for Foundation Stage/ Key Stage One, Key Stage Two, and also an Adults section if you feel inspired! Then we have the **Easter Concert** for children who play a musical instrument or sing in choir, on Tuesday.

Finally, on the last day of term for children, Wednesday 1st April, we are bracing ourselves for the footsteps of the **Easter Bunny** round and about school...

When the Easter Break comes, I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

ZAI JIAN (goodbye) TO TEACHER HELEN AND TEACHER JASON

On Wednesday last week, the whole school said goodbye to our Shanghai colleagues, Helen Yuan Yueping and Jason Ji Changzhen. They were with us for a week and a half and in that time, all teachers at Westgate observed at least 2 lessons and participated in Teacher Research Group discussions. In addition, we welcomed about 80 visitors from schools across Leeds and North Yorkshire- from schools in Otley to as far away as Whitby! Everyone has been inspired by the work we have carried out together and we have much now to consider as we continue to move forward with the project. Year 3 and Year 5 pupils were a real credit to the school, welcoming so many observers into each maths lesson and responding well to Jason's and Helen's lessons. On Thursday, Helen and Jason were accompanied by Ms Carpenter to a national conference on Teaching for Mastery in Mathematics, and Helen addressed over 400 delegates at Birmingham's International Conference Centre about her experiences with us and in Hull. We are delighted to be part of this important national research project.

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OTLEY CARNIVAL- SAFE!



You may have read in the newspaper that Otley Carnival Committee heard last week that the Police will offer their usual support for this year's carnival- great news! Thanks to everyone who wrote to or emailed the Police Commissioner on this subject.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Just a reminder- if you are clearing out wardrobes in preparation/ hope for Summer over the Easter break, we are having a **RagBag**

Collection week

commencing **27/04/15**. So hang on to your cast offs, bag them up and bring them in to school when term starts again, to raise money for school and make some space at home! Any textiles (not just clothing) are accepted, as well as paired shoes, handbags and belts.

We also hope to begin using the new Friends of Westgate logo next term, after Frances from the Big Hoo-Ha Company judged the anonymous entries and chose **Ted Bardgett's** entry as the winner. Well done Ted! Ted received a £10 voucher as his prize from the Friends.

COMPETITION WINNERS



We were delighted and proud to hear that **George Lunn** in Y5 has been chosen as the overall winner of the Otley Carnival Poster competition. In addition, a

number of children won their age categories:

Tilly Morley: Age 5 category
Miller Harris: Age 6 category
Jacob Parapia: Age 7 category
Molly Collins: Age 11 category
Well done everyone!

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

A polite reminder about a few uniform-related issues:

- Children should not wear make-up or nail polish to school
- The only jewellery allowed is small stud earrings- no bangles, necklaces, rings or wristbands
- All jewellery/ watches must be removed for every PE lesson.
- School shoes should be black only
- Sandals (in the summer) may be black, white or red
- Hairbands should be unobtrusive

We are really proud of how smart Westgate children look in our school uniform and thank you for your support in this matter.



THEMED SCHOOL MEALS- A CORRECTION

Please note a correction to the date advertised on the recent letter:

The **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** meal will take place on **Thursday 30th April**, not Wednesday 1st April as previously mentioned. Please

accept our apologies for this unintentional early April Fool!

LEARNING PLATFORM

The Learning Platform has recently been updated so that parents can view their child(ren)'s class page and group page, as well as projects and homework set and all letters home that you have received, when you logon through the website. We hope that these will be welcome additions for parents.



BIG YELLOW FRIDAY

We raised £534.15 in total for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Well done everyone!

