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WELL DONE WESTGATE!



Last week, we were so excited and proud to find out that **Gracie Hodge** has been successful in reaching the final 12 for this year's [Leeds Children's Mayor](#). Voting will take place online in September and anyone under the age of 18 who lives and/or goes to school in Leeds local authority can vote. Each of the candidates will have their own manifesto published online to help voters decide. [Voting went live today](#) so please encourage your child to vote!

This brings to a close a year full of celebrations and occasions to make our whole school proud. We've just achieved School Games Mark Gold for the second year in a row - a testament to the amount of sporting opportunities that are available to all our children. Our work on promoting sustainable travel to school helped us to achieve Modeshift Stars Bronze; we've been chosen as a Leeds Champion Music School and we're working towards a Silver Eco-Schools award. Individual pupils have also had success representing Westgate in local Art & Design competitions and in reaching the last 5000 nationally (out of 110,000!) in the Radio 2 500 Words competition. We've enjoyed a range of sporting successes too in various competitions, such as reaching the Leeds Tag Rugby final, amongst others! Friends of Westgate's Tropical Carnival entry also won both first prize in our class and the People's Choice Award.

Children have performed well overall in the various statutory assessments we are required to carry out, in Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y6. We are so proud of them all for their hard work and the results they have achieved. We want every child to do as well as they can in English and Maths, for their future success, but we don't think that tests and assessments are the only things that are important about our children, nor do they define them. Each of our pupils is much [more than a score](#) and it's a pleasure to reflect that this year has been full of learning, achievement and enjoyment, in a whole range of ways.

Thank you to all of our families, for the support you offer your children and your partnership with school, to enable them to reach their full potential. It's been a busy year and we have all definitely earned a great summer holiday. We all wish our leavers the very best as they move on to their new schools, whether that is Y7 at PHGS or Reception at another local primary school, and look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

ONLINE PAYMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER



The school office will 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 over the summer if you haven't already. This change is being made in order to increase convenience for parents, to increase efficiency and to improve financial security measures.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Thank you to everyone for their support this year. We've had another very successful year and are proud to be helping school to replace playground equipment for Foundation Stage and to install covered cycle/scooter shelters. This week, Y6 will all receive the gift of a Leavers Book which has been entirely created and funded by Friends of Westgate - huge thanks to Matthew Fortune for his hard work on this. We look forward to another successful year in 2019-20, and to seeing many of our families at our events.

CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

On 10th November, a group of parents and families will be taking part in Run Bolton Abbey to raise money for FOW and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice.



We'd love you to join us! There are a choice of distances to suit all abilities of runners – a 10K, 10 mile, half marathon and a 2-mile fun run. The 10K and 2-mile fun run are open to children to run with a registered adult. Tickets for this event do sell out well in advance, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.sueryder.org/runboltonabbey>

We would also be very grateful if you could let us know when you have registered and the distance you have chosen by emailing us at: teamwestgate@urbanwide.com.

Thank you! ☺

WESTGATE WINDFALL

We would just like to thank everyone who has supported our school through Westgate Windfall this year. Your contributions have enabled us to enrich the children's learning experiences right across school, from buying resources to helping to pay for visits and visitors - all of which would have been nigh on impossible without the funding that Westgate Windfall



raises. At the moment we have 74 members for September. If you would like to join the monthly draw in time for next academic year, please see Mrs Bleasdale in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/cheque in advance. Average prizes so far this year have been £136.80 (1st), £34.20 (2nd), £17.10 (3rd).

(July's and August's winners will be published at the start of the Autumn term.)

FRUIT STALL AND SNACKS AT BREAK TIME



Just a reminder that, for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children, a snack of fresh fruit or vegetables is provided every day. In Key Stage 2, children may choose to bring a snack for break time, or buy a piece of fruit from the fruit stall run by Y6. At the moment, this costs 20p a day, and parents may pay in advance if they wish. Children bringing their own snack may bring fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, or cheese. If your child is bringing a snack for break, please avoid single use plastics wherever possible. Thank you!

GRANT APPLICATION SUCCESS

Last week, we heard that Otley Town Council has agreed to provide a grant of **£1850** to help us install **covered cycle/scooter shelters** at the front of school. This will join funding from School Fund, School Budget and Friends of Westgate to make the project possible. There is work to be done to level the ground prior to installation, but when the shelters are installed, all bikes and scooters should be stored here rather than in the playground. You may wish to purchase a bike lock to keep your child's bike secure.

HELP REMOVING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are planning to remove and replace the large play equipment in the Foundation Stage playground. If any parents are able to help with removing the old equipment – especially if you have access to an angle grinder! - Please let Mr Wardman or Ms Carpenter know via the school office. We are trying to keep the costs down so that

the money we spend is focused as much as possible on buying the new equipment/remodelling the space, rather than on the removal of existing equipment. Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give.



HELP US raise FREE funds with your everyday shopping online through #easyfundraising. **We've just passed the £360 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 **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>

LOST PROPERTY



We have a reducing, but still too large, pile of lost property from KS2 cloakrooms. Please ensure you claim any item that is yours before Wednesday, as anything left will be disposed of at the end of term. To ensure your child does not lose any belongings next year, please ensure:

- All uniform, coats and shoes/pumps are clearly named;
- Your child has a drawstring PE bag, also named, which they keep hung on their peg;
- Your child's school bag is small enough to hang on their peg;
- Your child does not bring; unnecessary stationery items, e.g. pencil case, pens, crayons, to school.

Thank you!

PARENT/CARER SURVEY

The winning ticket is **190**, with a blue edge. Please claim your prize as soon as possible by producing your matching ticket for the office staff!

In the first newsletter next term we will publish a summary of the results. Thanks to the 120+ families who returned a survey, as this information helps us to plan our work for the coming year.



ECO TEAM NEWS



We have reached 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

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.

Next year:

02/09/19 Training Day

03/09/19 Training Day

23-27/09/19 Bike to School Week

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

08/11/19 Cluster EYFS Training Day: School closed to Nursery and Reception pupils only.

11/11/19 w/b Anti-Bullying Week

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 (School Closed)
 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
 22/04/20- 05/05/20 **The Big Pedal**
 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
 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 ☺