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AUTUMN DAYS



While we continue to take COVID-19 precautions seriously, it has been very enjoyable to achieve more normality so far this year in school. Having 3 classes together each week to take part in a 'live' assembly, singing together, has been very special, and we've also been doing lots of special things, including our Art Workshops as part of school's 150th anniversary, visits and visitors. So far this term, Y3 have been to the Carriageworks Theatre for a music and wellbeing day, Y2 have been to Tropical

World, Y4 are off soon to Leeds Town Hall for an organ workshop & concert... Y1/2 have a visit from Manic Chord Theatre company for a performance and workshop, 'Skylar's Missing Note', and Y1 & Y5 are off to Otley Science Festival, thanks to a very generous anonymous donation for this purpose. Mrs Hooper has been busy arranging sporting visits too!

On Friday afternoon, children from Reception to Y6 will be coming together in the Parish Church at 14:00 for our Harvest Festival. While families cannot join us in person this year, we will send out a secure link on Friday morning for you to watch the service online later in the day. On Friday morning we will also be accepting non-perishable food donations, to be split between **Otley Foodbank & PAFRAS**. Thank you in advance for any donation you are able to give to these brilliant organisations.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

ANYTHING BOXED IN RED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY REQUIRE ACTION ON YOUR PART. THANK YOU 😊

COVID-19

As of this term, regulations have changed with regard to COVID-19 so I thought it would be helpful to provide a short summary:

Self-Isolation

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should seek a full PCR test and self-isolate pending the result. A rapid LFD test is not sufficient in this instance.

Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case **do not** have to self-isolate if they are either under 18 years & 6 months, or double vaccinated. However, close contacts are advised to take a full PCR test. They do not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results, unless they become symptomatic. The DfE expects children to attend school even if other household members have tested positive, providing the child is not symptomatic.

Reporting Results

If your child tests positive, you should notify school via telephone or email, with the following information:

- Date they became symptomatic (if applicable)
- Date the test was taken
- Date the results were received
- When their self-isolation period ends.
- Any other information e.g. were they a close contact of a positive case outside of school.

This is because school must report every pupil and staff case, including these details, to the local authority.

Up to date information about COVID-19 and school, including letters sent home, can be found on the school website, under the tab, '[COVID-19 INFORMATION](#)'.



SAFETY ONSITE

If you need to come to the School Office, we respectfully ask all visitors to wear a mask inside the school building if at all possible. Because of the small foyer area, there is a limit of 4 adults at any one time, to keep everyone safe. There is also hand sanitiser for you to use as you enter. Thank you for your understanding.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for this term. They are also to be found on the calendar of the school website. Please

check in case there are any changes from provisional dates given out at the end of the last academic year... and make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

05/10/21 Y1/2 150th Art workshop

07/10/21 Y4 Cricket trip

08/10/21 Harvest Festival

11/10/21 Y1/2 Skylar's Missing Note

11/10/21 Nur/ Rec 150th Art workshop

12/10/21 Y1/2 150th Art workshop

12/10/21 Team Teach twilight all staff (no pm WOOSH)

13/10/21 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00

19/10/21 Nur/ Rec 150th Art workshop

19/10/21 Y4 Organ workshop trip

19/10/21 Consultation evening 17:00

21/10/21 Consultation evening 15:45

22/10/21 Break up

01/11/21 Back to school

02/11/21 Individual Photos

11/11/21 Team Teach twilight all staff (no pm WOOSH)

12/11/21 Children in Need day

15-19/11/21 Anti-Bullying Week

16/11/21 Nursery Stay & Play am

16/11/21 Nursery Induction 15:45

17/11/21 Y5 Stunt Science at Otley Science Festival

18/11/21 Y1 The Cloud Factory at Otley Science Festival

17/11/21 Reception Stay & Play am

18/11/21 Nursery Stay & Play pm

21/11/21 Takeover Day

25/11/21 EYFS cluster training day (school closed to Nur & Rec only)

06-12/12/21 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week

08/12/21 FS Xmas performance 14:15- 14:45

09/12/21 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00

10/12/21 FS Xmas performance 11:00

10/12/21 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

13/12/21 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

14/12/21 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

15/12/21 School Xmas Dinner

17/12/21 Xmas Parties

17/12/21 Break Up

If your child does not normally attend Nursery when a blue event is taking place, you are welcome to bring them along. Further details will be available from Miss Robinson.

Green events are new or amended since these dates were last published.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Thursday sees our AGM take place on Zoom. If you would like to join us, contact

l.boddy@westgateprimary.co.uk for more details.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

September's winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

As of August we have 69 members. 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. Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Now that after school clubs are up and running it is increasingly important to ensure you are able to receive notifications of any last minute cancellations or changes.

These will usually be sent by text, and due to the on-going situation with COVID-19, changes are more likely to occur than usual.

Please ensure:

- your SIMS Parent App notifications are switched on (text messages will automatically defer here if you have the app)
- you have saved the email address from which school emails are sent - this will stop any emails landing in your junk folder
- you check Next Week at Westgate for any changes to your child's activities.