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### LOOKING FORWARD...

Staffing has been finalised for the coming academic year and we are now planning transition work to enable all children to make the move to their new class with confidence. At present, our staffing structure for September looks like this, therefore:

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Nursery	Miss Robinson	Mrs Brogden HLTA (Mon-Wed) Mrs Norton HLTA (Wed-Fri)
Reception	Mrs Colannino Mrs Cook (Thurs)	Mrs Gulley
Year 1	Mrs Senior Mrs Ireland (Fri)	Mrs Chilton Mrs Winterburn
Year 2	Mrs Ireland (Mon-Wed) Ms Romaine (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Divers Miss Ingle
Year 3	Mrs Hattersley	Mrs Cardwell Mrs Pollhammer
Year 4	Mrs Cable (Mon-Wed) Mrs Hooper (Wed-Fri)	<i>New appointment</i> Mrs Charlesworth HLTA
Year 5	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Rich Mrs Simpson
Year 6	Mr Hackney Mrs Hooper (Mon)	Miss Gnap

In addition, Mrs Pearson will be working across Y2 and Foundation Stage, delivering individual support programmes and Mrs Eley will continue her work across school as our Learning Mentor. We are also recruiting for a new teaching assistant in Y4, who will be mentored by Mrs Charlesworth.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Pollhammer as a TA at the end of this year, as he begins his graduate training to be a teacher. However, we are delighted that he will be completing his placement with us in Y4 so he will still be with us in September for another year!

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### INCREASE TO MUSIC CHARGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2017



An audit of our current charges compared with the costs to school of peripatetic music lessons means that unfortunately we must raise the charge for music tuition fees to **£40** per term from September 2017, in line with many schools locally. Instrument hire charges remain unaffected. We continue to be able to offer almost full subsidies for any child who is currently eligible for free school meals: please enquire if this applies to your child.

## GOVERNOR VACANCIES



Today you will receive a letter inviting expressions of interest for the position of governor. We actually have 2 vacancies to fill: a parent governor and a co-opted governor. A co-opted governor can be - but doesn't have to be - a parent of a child at Westgate. We are particularly looking for governors with expertise / skills in finance, personnel & recruitment, safeguarding, property management and / or health & safety. If you know somebody with any of those skills who isn't a parent at Westgate, but who might be interested in supporting the ongoing development of our school by becoming a co-opted governor - please contact Ms Carpenter to discuss the possibility of approaching them to be a co-opted governor. I cannot stress enough the importance of our governing body in holding the school to account, ensuring we stay focused on our priorities, and also supporting our work through their skills, experience and expertise. Interest is actively encouraged from people who are not from the education sector: diversity in our governing body is its strength.

children's educational opportunities.

## WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> : P McPherson (£104)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> : J Harkness (£26)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> : L Coleman (£13)**

We currently have 52

members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see someone 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.



## EMERGENCY PLAN & LATENESS

We have been working hard to formulate our school's Emergency Plan, which sets out how we would respond to and manage a major incident, such as major fire, violent intruder, terrorist attack or bomb alert. Of course we hope that we will never have to refer to it but as we all know, it isn't too long ago that such an incident occurred in a Leeds school, resulting in the tragic death of teacher Anne Maguire. Part of the work has involved assessing the security procedures for our site. Please note, children arriving late to school after the doors have closed should not knock on the classroom door but should instead come to the school office. Staff and children have been instructed not to open the door as they are unable to see who is at the door, unless they have been informed by the school office to expect someone. While this may cause some minor inconvenience, we hope you will agree that ensuring the safety of all children is the most important issue.

## FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Yesterday, Zoe Hollis came to our assembly and shared with the children the costume designs for our Carnival entry, 'Westgate African Wilderness'. It's fair to say the children were inspired! The deadline for returning the slip to say your child would like to take part is **THIS FRIDAY** so don't forget to send in your slips by the end of this week! You can also let us know on the slip if you can volunteer to help with making the costumes- or let us know in the school office and we will forward your message to Zoe Hollis, this year's Carnival Mastermind.

Friends of Westgate will be supporting school by match-funding a set of iPads for schools later this term ready for the new academic year, and paying for cooking equipment (including portable cookers) to enhance our D&T curriculum. We are very grateful for their continued support for our

## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Payments for this term are now being received as follows: School milk £7; music tuition £35; instrument hire £15 or £25 for cello; flexi lunches (£20 flexi1 or £24 flexi2). School dinner money forecasts are also available from Ms Fuller on request.



## MAYPOLE DANCING

Next week all the school will be dancing - around the maypole or otherwise. Parents and carers are welcome to join us (11:15 on Wednesday for Nursery morning and flexi 1 children, 14:00 on Thursday for everyone else) and Friends of Westgate will be providing tea, coffee and light refreshments for parents and carers who join us.



## LEEDS BOOK AWARDS

On Tuesday Katie, Abbie, Eve, Maisy, Isobel, Esther and Daniel from Year 6 were among 500 pupils and teachers lucky enough to attend the 2017 Leeds Book Awards at Pudsey Civic Hall.

The event was hosted by local children's author Jason Beresford, who led an extremely entertaining Q and A session with each of the shortlisted authors, which included an impromptu song by Steve Cole, sung in a Dalek voice... don't ask!

The overall award was won by Fleur Hitchcock, author of 'Murder in Midwinter', who spoke about the importance of broadening the genres available in children's fiction, and encouraging the children to 'see where their writing can take them'.

Following the ceremony the children had the opportunity to meet the authors and have their favourite book signed, which proved to be a highlight despite the lengthy queues! All in all it was a fantastic experience for the children, and a brilliant day was had by all!

## SPORTS REPORT



On Tuesday 2nd May, Year 3 went to PHGS to attend a Tennis festival arranged by Mr Davies as part of their unit of work delivered by him before Christmas.

They competed in lots of different tennis activities against several other local schools and were delighted to come 1st! They all had a super afternoon and made the Westgate staff very proud with their behaviour and sporting attitude. Well done Year 3!