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### LOOKING AHEAD

First of all, I must let you know that we are saying farewell to Mrs Ireland at the end of this term. It has been my pleasure to work with Mrs Ireland for many years since she first joined Westgate when I was deputy head teacher back in 2004-5. Over that time she has taught children in Nursery up to Y2, as well as making a significant contribution to the wider life of the school, especially through music. However, with her family now grown up, she has decided to retire a little early from teaching and pursue her other love, which is horticulture. Mrs Ireland will be sorely missed by us all but we are delighted for her too as she looks forward to her next adventure.

Staffing for September 2022 is therefore planned as follows:

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

I am delighted that Ms Romaine will be taking full time responsibility for Y2 from September, and also that 2 members of staff, Mrs Norton and Mrs Dawrant, are returning to class teaching for part of the week. We are so lucky to have such a skilled and well-qualified body of support staff and I know this move will be very positive for them both.

Mrs Eley and Mrs Chilton will continue their work in and out of class as this year, and our PPA arrangements on a Wednesday with Mrs Durrant, Mr Eley & Sra Ruiz teaching music, PE and Spanish also remain unchanged. As mentioned in our last newsletter, transition arrangements will now commence in earnest for all pupils so that they feel confident as they look ahead to September.

Thank you for all your support, as ever.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

*Anything in a red box in this newsletter may require action on your part. Thank you ☺*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a summary of dates for your diary for the remainder of the school year:

13-24/06/22 Health & Wellbeing Fortnight  
13/06/22 Rec- Y3 scooter training  
14/06/22 Y4-6 scooter training  
15/06/22 Reception Induction 19:00  
16/06/22 Clean Air Day  
15-17/06/22 Y6 Herd Farm residential  
18/06/22 Otley Carnival  
20-26/06/22 Refugee Week  
21/06/22 Sports Day  
21/06/22 Nursery Induction 15:45  
22/06/22 Reception Stay & Play am  
23/06/22 Y2 trip to Skipton Castle  
27/06/22 Y5 High School Experience Day  
27/06/22 Y6 transition road safety training  
27/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6  
28/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play am  
28/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5  
29/06/22 Y6 Junior Band Day at PHGS (instrumentalists only)  
30/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm  
30/06/22- 01/07/22 Y5 Whitby residential  
13-15/07/22 Y6-Y7 Induction Days PHGS  
14/07/22 Whole School Transition Day  
14/07/22 Rec Induction Morning  
**17/07/22 FOW Jubilee Street Party**  
18/07/22 Talent show 13:45  
20/ 07/22 Y6 Leavers Play 19:00- 20:00  
21/ 07/22 Y6 Leavers Party 19:00- 20:30  
22/07/22 Leavers' Assembly 09:00  
22/07/22 Break up  
25/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)  
26/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)  
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.

## WESTGATE WINDFALL

Due to half term, May's winners have not yet been drawn and will be published in the next newsletter.

1<sup>st</sup>: (£) - TBC

2<sup>nd</sup>: (£) - TBC

3<sup>rd</sup>: (£) - TBC

As of April we had **64** members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please contact [Mrs Bleasdale](#) in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. **We would really like to increase our membership this term, and the more members we have the larger the prize fund to be won!** All proceeds go to



Westgate School Fund. Current projects we are seeking funding for include: climate-proofing the outdoor spaces through planting; improvements to the kitchen facilities for EYFS/ pupils. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**

## SPORTS NEWS

Just a reminder that it is **School Sports Day on Tuesday 21/06/22**. Timings for this will be, approximately:  
**10:00 Reception, Y1 and Y2**  
**12:30 Nursery**  
**13:45 Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6**  
**15:00 Finish**



We hope that parents & carers will be able to join us at Grovehill Park for this event, and maybe even take part in a race for fun!

## FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Our street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been postponed until **Sunday 17/07/2022**. There will be a licensed bar,

barbecue and tuck shop and you are welcome to bring your own picnic too if you wish. We hope that lots of our school community will join us! Before that however we have **Otley Carnival on 18/06/22**, of course. This week we are focusing on costume making ahead of the big day!

**Grow a £** has also been an incredible success. To date it has raised close to **£2000**. Most sustainable project award went to Harry in Y6, most creative award to Will in Y2, and most money raised to Horatio in Nursery, with a whopping **£146!** Well done to everyone who took part.

## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that half termly music fees, and WOOSH payments are currently due. Invoices for Nursery fees for this half term will be sent out shortly.



*If your child is due to leave us this summer, please ensure you are up to date with all outstanding monies, and keep a check on school dinner balances! Thanks.*