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REMEMBER, REMEMBER IT'S BUSY NOVEMBER

We have a very exciting couple of weeks at the moment. This Friday sees our third **School Takeover Day**, when children take on the roles of a whole range of adults in school. I will be out of school for the morning as I am taking part in the Leeds Mathematics Conference, where I will be presenting a workshop for other head teachers jointly with head-for-the-day, Lucy Chambers! School Council were inundated with applications this year, many of which were of a very high standard, so the task of selecting the successful candidates was a tough one. Thank you to Mrs Senior who organises this day- we are looking forward to the annual Takeover Day newsletter!



Next Friday is of course **Children in Need** day. Friends of Westgate and School Council are jointly running our fundraiser this year. You will have received before half term a sponsor form for your child to take part in a **Roller Racing event- 'Sponsor me to be the fastest I can be!'** Children taking part can wear sportswear for the day. If your child is not being sponsored, they should pay £1 if they want to wear sportswear for the day. Bikes and all equipment will be provided and the event will be run and supervised by Rob Wilks, who is also part of Otley Cycle Club, during the school day. The day will culminate in a roller race involving

some members of staff in assembly that afternoon! Good luck collecting sponsorship between now and next Friday- proceeds are to be split between Children in Need and Friends of Westgate and we are hoping everyone will want to take part in this fun event.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

PARKING ON SCARBOROUGH ROAD



I am sorry to report that since the beginning of October we have had a sharp increase in people parking badly on Scarborough Road, in flagrant disregard for both the road markings and the residents of the road. Residents of 1 and 2 Scarborough Road have on several times been unable to leave their house because parents have parked right across their driveway, blocking their car in. This has occurred at the beginning and end of the school day and during parents evening. In addition, we have had

parents parking inappropriately on the zigzags, including on the right hand side of the road, when dropping off at WOOSH. This has resulted in the whole road being blocked until the car is moved. The zigzags restrictions are in force from 08:00 so parents must not park on them to drop off at WOOSH- on either side of the road. **Please be considerate when parking and ensure you adhere to the legal parking restrictions, for everyone's safety and convenience.** Thank you ☺

FAREWELL TO MRS MARSHALL

On Friday, Mrs Marshall left our school kitchen to be the cook in charge at The Whartons, after 18 years at Westgate. We gave her a present and flowers to say thank you for her time with all the children over lunchtimes at Westgate, providing their hot meals. We wish her the very best for her new school. In the meantime, Miss Ashton will be in charge of the kitchen and is being supported by Leeds Catering Agency in this. I know that she is looking forward to getting her teeth into her new role, and we are looking forward to getting our teeth into her dinners!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some additions for your diary or calendar:

10/11/16 School Uniform Sale 15:15

Please note that all classes break up for Christmas on Friday 16/12/16 and there will be no WOOSH after school on this day.



WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners are:

1st: Amelia Farnaby (£116)

2nd: Deborah Lee (£29)

3rd: Jayne Chilton (£14.50)

And November's winners are:

1st: Linda Rich (£116)

2nd: John Harkness (£29)

3rd: Jamil & Debbie Parapia (£14.50)

We currently have 58 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Finlay 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.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We raised £60.11 by selling our Black History month newsletter, which goes to BASIK (Build A School In Kenya). I hope you enjoyed reading all about the children's learning!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We would like to apologise for the inconvenience some of you have experienced with school photographs this term and we hope that the new photos taken yesterday are of a better standard. We have taken on board parents' concerns and have booked with Tempest for next year as a result. Thank you for your patience while we worked with the company to resolve the issues.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

What a success FOW's inaugural **Hallow'een Disco** was! Huge thanks to Laura Coleman and her band of helpers for organising and running the whole thing, which was very positively received by all the children who came along. As well as being a very fun event, it also raised **£277** in profit! Similarly, the **Scholastic Book Fair** earned the maximum rate of commission, meaning we can spend **£480** on Scholastic books for classrooms. Thanks to Alison Heppenstall-Ross for organising and to everyone who manned the stall or who bought books during the fair.

Our normal meeting takes place next Wednesday, once again in the Fleece, at 19:30. New faces and old all welcome!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



A polite reminder that music fees are now due. Cheques for this should be made payable to Westgate Primary School and this is £35 for tuition, plus £15 if you are also hiring a school instrument. Orders for Christmas cards must be received by the school office by this Friday, 11th November. And finally, the deadline to let us know if your child would like a school Christmas dinner, if they usually have a packed lunch, is **25th November** (£2.30 for KS2 children). Late orders for either of these will not be able to be accepted. Thank you

