

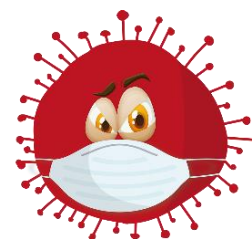
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### THANK YOU

I want to start by thanking all our families for the incredible support we continue to receive from you that makes it easier for school to run safely.

A huge THANK YOU for:

- Managing our staggered start and end times so well
- Remembering when PE days are so that your child comes in the correct clothing on the correct days
- Adapting to new online systems for ordering school meals and booking WOOSH
- Taking part in our first ever virtual parents consultation evening
- Supporting my request to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children from last week
- Being vigilant about COVID-19 symptoms and taking the requirements around self-isolation for households seriously
- Trying hard to support your child(ren) through the remote learning the class teacher sets when they are self-isolating
- Supporting Friends of Westgate's initiatives to continue to raise funds to support the work of our school



The additional restrictions that came into force on Thursday mean that classroom support is stretched at the moment. **It means that, more than ever, it is incredibly important that you support your child's learning with daily home learning.** Coming out with this newsletter is the homework leaflet which sets out our expectations. Thank you for your support in this matter. We make a great team.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

*Anything in a red box in this newsletter requires action on your part. Thank you 😊*

#### CONTACTING SCHOOL, REPORTING ABSENCES, ORDERING & REPORTING TEST RESULTS

- To report any school absence: Call 01943 462349 and leave a message (option 1). Do not email about absences as these messages may not be picked up in time.
- To order a COVID-19 test: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or call 119 if you have no internet access. If you are unable to access a test, call school on 01943 462349.
- To report a COVID-19 test result in school hours (08:45- 16:00): Call 01943 462349.
- To report a COVID-19 test result out of school hours/ at the weekend: Call or text 07891 279271, including child's name.

All information relating to COVID-19 can be found on the school website [here](#).

Thank you

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have two excellent candidates up for election! Thank you to Andy Berry and Louise Shackleton for putting themselves forward. Information was sent out about this last week.



You can [vote online here](#): you will need your unique voter number, which was sent to you via email in the second half of last week. Voting closes at 09:00 on Friday 13/11/20 this week.

*Thank you ☺*

## LIVE MUSIC AT WESTGATE- HELP WANTED!



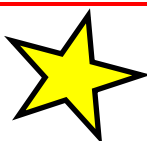
I am delighted that we already have two parents and a former pupil confirmed to record virtual music assemblies in the coming months. However I am certain that there are more talented people out

there in our wider school community! Don't be shy or think that what you have to share isn't of interest. The children would love to see and hear real musicians, explaining how their instrument makes its sound, how their ensemble works, playing some music and talking about why they enjoy making music- basically anything you'd like to share with the children! **We are open to all instruments and all genres.** If you think you could help out and share your music-making, this term or next, let me know via the school office or by email, [head@westgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@westgateprimary.co.uk).

*Thank you!*

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Just a reminder that if your child has achieved something out of school that they would like to share in our weekly celebration assembly, for example a sporting achievement of any kind, you can email a photo of them with their badge/ certificate/ trophy etc and a couple of sentences explaining what they have done, to [head@westgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@westgateprimary.co.uk) (subject line: celebration assembly) and I will include it in the next Celebration Assembly!



## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A small number of families are not managing to complete the **weekly school dinner ordering**



online. After the end of this week we will **not** be sending out routine reminder text messages: please set a weekly reminder (for example on your smartphone) to complete the form, if this applies to you. Children without any choices received will automatically receive a red and purple choice each day. Please also note that orders should be received **by 09:00 each Friday** and orders received after this cannot be guaranteed to be picked up.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

Westgate is doing incredibly well in our weekly Travel Tracker. Last half term, we took part in Bike to School Week, Walk to School Week and the Walk of Fame. I am delighted to say that out of all the participating schools across West Yorkshire, Westgate came **top** in the Walk of Fame Challenge!

Last week's figures are as follows:

| Class               | Active Journeys | Position              |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Nursery             | 74%             | 8 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Reception           | 95%             | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       |
| Year 1              | 95%             | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       |
| Year 2              | 92%             | 5 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Year 3              | 87%             | 7 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Year 4              | 88%             | 6 <sup>th</sup>       |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | <b>98%</b>      | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> |
| Year 6              | 97%             | 2 <sup>nd</sup>       |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>92%</b>      |                       |

We are really grateful that Waitrose is supporting us by allowing parents to use their car park for Park & Stride at the beginning and end of the school day, and I think we can all agree that the School Streets initiative, closing Scarborough Road at the beginning and end of the school day, has made a huge difference. Active travel is good for children, good for our local area and good for the planet. Well done, everyone!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned for the rest of this term. They are also to be found on the calendar when you

log on to the VLE.

**13/11/20 Non-uniform day for a donation to Children in Need**

16/11/20 w/b Anti-Bullying Week

**16/11/20 Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week**

17/11/20 Nursery Induction mtg **20:00**

19/11/20 Prospective Parents meeting 19:30

23/11/20 Prospective Parents meeting 19:30  
 24/11/20 FOW meeting 19:30  
 02/12/20 Prospective Parents meeting 19:30  
 07-13/12/20 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week  
 16/12/20 School Xmas Dinner  
 18/12/20 Xmas Parties  
 18/12/20 Break Up  
 04/01/21 Back to school  
 12/01/21 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 18:30  
 18/01/21 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30  
 08/02/21 Booking for Consultation Evening opens at 16:00  
 09/02/21 Safer Internet Day  
 12/02/21 Break Up  
 22/02/21 Training Day- school closed to pupils  
 23/02/21 Back to School  
 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.

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners are:

1<sup>st</sup>: (£132) TBC

2<sup>nd</sup>: (£33) TBC

3<sup>rd</sup>: (£16.50) TBC



As of September we have 66 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!**

### PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETINGS



Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to conduct school tours for parents thinking of applying to Westgate for Reception 2021. We are instead offering the chance to meet virtually, when we will share information about our school and answer any questions parents may have. If you know of someone in this position for September 2021, please encourage them to contact the school office, who will be able to share a link to join one of the three meetings, on 19/11/20, 23/11/20 or 02/12/20 at 19:30.

### SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Over half term, I was proud that we could help struggling families, with Sainsbury's vouchers and a food delivery, thanks to some very kind anonymous donations, and [ReThink Food](#).

For any child eligible for free school meals (FSM) who has to self-isolate, we will be now able to provide weekly hampers from the catering agency, as happened during Lockdown 1, and also access further food parcels from Morrisons, so no child should go hungry. I am very aware that for some families, the continuing restrictions on business will be having an impact on already stretched family income, and may result in job losses as businesses struggle. If you find yourself newly eligible for a range of benefits, [your child will be eligible for FSM](#), and free school milk, too- don't hesitate to contact the school office to let us know so we can make sure you receive your entitlement. All information will be managed confidentially. **We are here to help.**

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Don't forget you can raise funds at no cost to yourself! [Easy Fundraising](#) for a wide range of online retailers- support FOW Friends of

Westgate

[Amazon Smile](#) for direct donations when shopping on Amazon- select Friends of Westgate

<https://www.easy2name.com/> when buying name labels (select Westgate Primary School when prompted.)

At our last meeting, Laura Boddy & Amy Webster were elected as our new co-chairs.

Our Hallowe'en activity packs raised **£488.65** and uniform sales totalled **£103.50!** We are continuing to work on ideas for fundraising: we are working towards helping school to upgrade pupil laptops this year. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 24/11/20 at 19:30 via Zoom**. Contact [v.fuller@westgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:v.fuller@westgateprimary.co.uk) for more details.