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### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last Thursday we visited the Parish Church as a school (Reception to Y6) and parents joined us to celebrate our Harvest Festival. We were collecting food for the festival, which was donated to [Otley Food Bank](#). Non-perishable items such as tins, jars, packet and dried goods were all welcomed - the food bank has experienced lower donation rates in recent months so anything given was very gratefully received.

### Hallowe'en Trail

You are invited to decorate a window as part of our Hallowe'en Window Trail in time for the October half term, with a spooky/ seasonal theme of your choosing. You will be given a puzzle sign to display in the corner of your window. The entrance fee of £3 is payable through School Gateway, and you will be able to collect black sugar paper and crepe or tissue paper to create your design.

The Hallowe'en Window Trail is a self-guided activity, where people can purchase a map and follow the trail to solve the clues. Entry forms for the Trail will be available from the school office for £2, which you will be able to buy online (via Gateway) or in person.

There is a £20 Toyland voucher for the best decorated window and also for the winning trail entry.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

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



ArtCamp UK will be running a Hallowe'en themed holiday scheme at Westgate over half term, from Monday to Wednesday. You can book online via their website:

[https://www.artcampuk.com/Westgate\\_primary\\_school.html](https://www.artcampuk.com/Westgate_primary_school.html)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOTIFICATION PROJECT

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school. The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to [www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk](http://www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk)

## WESTGATE WINDFALL

August's winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup>: (£130) Dr Biggs**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: (£33) Miss Booth**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: (£16.50) Mrs Fortune**

As of August 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. 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 £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56!** School Fund contributes to the cost of trips, visitors, special events and equipment, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.



## FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



A letter from Friends of Westgate came out recently, explaining our plans for the year ahead. We're looking forward to getting started with our new class reps and another successful year of fundraising and fun school community events for all the family. All our events come with a full 'how to' guide, letter templates and full support from the committee/ school office. Our first 2 events of this year are our cake sale and the Hallowe'en Window Trail. We hope lots of you will take part in both events!



## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us at the start of the year as we implemented our new school payment system. Hopefully you are now starting to reap the benefits of the new system, including the ease of booking and paying for WOOSH.



## 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 school website's calendar. Please make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

04/10/23 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00

05/10/23 Harvest Festival

**10/10/23 Y6 residential meeting 18:30 on Teams**

11/10/23 parents evening booking opens

**12/10/23 Y3/ Y5 scooter training**

**13/10/23 Flu Immunisations**

**23/10/23 Y6 Anne Frank Trust visit**

**25/10/23 Y4 netball festival @ PHGS**

**25/10/23 FOW Cake Sale**

27/10/23 Break up

**30/10 to 05/11/23 FOW Hallowe'en Trail**

06/11/23 Back to school

06/11/23 UK parliament week

**07/11/23 Individual photos**

07/11/23 Consultation evening 17:00

09/11/23 Consultation evening 15:45

**10/11/23 FOW Bingo Night**

13/11/23 Anti Bullying Week

14/11/23 Nursery Stay & Play 10:30

14/11/23 Nursery Induction 15:45

**14/11/23 Y5 Science trip**

15/11/23 Reception Stay & Play 09:00

**15/11/23 Y1 Science trip**

16/11/23 Nursery Stay & Play 14:15

**16/11/23 Y3 Science trip**

**16/11/23 FOW meeting**

17/11/23 Children in Need day

**24/11/23 EYFS cluster training day; school closed to Nursery & Reception children only**

04/12/23 SEN bookings open

**12/12/23 Y3 gymnastics festival @ PHGS**

**13/12/23 FS Xmas performance 11:00**

14/12/23 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00

**14/12/23 FS Xmas performance 14:15**

15/12/23 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

18/12/23 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

18/12/23 IPM Bookings open for pupils with SEND

19/12/23 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

20/12/23 School Xmas Dinner

22/12/23 Xmas Parties

22/12/23 Break Up

08/01/24 Training Day

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.

## CLUSTER EYFS TRAINING DAY

Every year, Early Years educators across our cluster meet for a day of valuable, EYFS-specific professional development. **This year, it will take place on Friday 24/11/2023, meaning that school will be closed for Reception and Nursery pupils on this day.** Thank you for your understanding in this matter.