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I hope everyone enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend- despite the rain later on! We have so many lovely things to look forward to over the rest of this term. Health & Wellbeing Week and Sports Day take place next month, along with Y5 & Y6 residentials, Y5's performance with Opera North, our school team's participation in the Panathlon final. Y4 are off to Murton Park for their history trip and Reception to Harlow Carr. Soon Friends of Westgate will be finalising the plans for our Otley Carnival entry, 'Egyptian Tomb Raiders'. As we move closer to warmer, summery weather, it's really important that children come to



school wearing sunscreen on any day that is forecast to be sunny, and also bring a sun hat. Please apply before they come to school- preferably the longlasting kind- and do not leave sunscreen in children's bags as this often ends messily...! As ever, naming items such as jumpers, hoodies, cardigans and hats in particular is essential to avoid losing items that you've spent your hard-earned cash on. And if you find that your child has brought home an item that doesn't belong to them, please ensure you return it to school promptly

so that it can be reunited with its rightful owner. Thank you!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

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We are very excited to announce that we will be supporting school to install a [ScrapShed](#) in September. The large shed in the playground will be filled with a wide range of items that children can use to build with at playtimes. The ScrapShed comes with full training for staff & children, as well as regular replenishing each year. School hopes that this new resource will support all our children, not only with creativity and imagination, but also with the crucial skills of co-operation, teamwork and collaboration.



At the moment, our biggest focus is of course **Otley Carnival!** With Sophia's winning theme of Egyptian Tombraider, we are looking forward to creating another amazing tableau. All offers of help with costume preparations will be gratefully received.

Also running at the moment is our **Grow a £ challenge**. We hope lots of families will get involved and have fun finding ways to raise funds to help us with our other projects, which include replacing some of school's classroom furniture among other things. We can't wait to see what children come up with!

Tickets for the **Big Summer Quiz** (adults only!) are also available to buy via Gateway. Details will follow but this event is back by popular demand - put 7th June in your diaries!

You can contact Friends Of Westgate directly on FOWotley@gmail.com with suggestions or offers of help. Our next meeting is later this week at 19:30 on Thursday at The Black Horse- all are welcome!

LIBRARY VISIT

The winners of our World Book Day 20-day reading challenge had a lovely visit to Otley Library with Mrs Hooper on Friday afternoon, where they spent time choosing books to borrow. If your children doesn't already belong to the library, it's well worth a visit as a way to access an enormous range of books for no cost, and help your child develop a love of reading. Library staff are always on hand to help and it's a family friendly space where you can also access the internet without charge.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were as follows:

1st: G. Fisher - £138

2nd: M. Simpson - £34.50

3rd: M. Williams - £17.25

As of April we have **69** 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, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56!**



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A polite reminder that the Summer Term music fees and instrument hire fees are now due.

We are currently reviewing our music offer and will be sending information out soon regarding which peri-music lessons will be available for the new school year. If your child currently plays an instrument and you have not yet completed the form to say if they wish to continue next year, please do so ASAP. Thanks.

Many thanks to those who have paid for their after-school activities for this term – please remember that if you pay half termly then these fees will be due again after the half term holidays.

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!

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/ via Tapestry.

13/05/24 w/b Y6 test week

17/05/24 Y4 trip to Murton Park

18/05/24 Otley Show

20-24/05/24 Walk to School Week

23/05/24 Maypole 09:15

23/05/24 Whole school art exhibition (pm)

24/05/24 Y4 Brownlee Triathlon

03/06/24 Back to school

04/06/24 FOW Rag Bag Collection Day

07/06/24 FOW Big Summer Quiz (adults only) 7.30 - 9pm

10/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play am

11/06/24 Reception Stay & Play am

12-14/06/24 Y6 Herd Farm residential

15/06/24 Otley Carnival

17-23/06/24 Refugee Week

17-23/06/24 Health & Wellbeing Week

19/06/24 Leeds Panathlon final

19/06/24 Reception Induction 19:00

20/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play pm

20/06/24 School Sports Day; KS2 10:00; Nur 12:30; KS1 & Rec 13:45

21/06/24 Rec trip to Harlow Carr

24/06/24 Y5 High School Experience Day (PHGS)

25/06/24 Y5 Opera North performance

26/06/24 Y6 Junior Band Day (PHGS)

26/06/24 Nursery Induction 15:45

27-28/06/24 Y5 Whitby residential trip

01/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

02/07/24 Y1 multi skills festival @ PHGS

02/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

10/07/24 Whole School Transition Day

10-12/07 Y6 Transition Days

15/07/24 Talent show 13:45

16-19/07/24 Y4 swimming

16/07/24 Leavers' Play 19:00

18/07/24 Leavers' Party 19:00

19/07/24 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

19/07/24 Break up

22/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)

23/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)

TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

02/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils

03/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils

04/09/24 Back to school

25/10/24 EYFS cluster training day- school closed to Nursery & Reception

25/10/24 Break up for half term

04/11/24 Back to School

20/12/24 Break for Christmas holidays

06/01/25 Training Day- school closed to pupils
07/01/25 Back to school
14/02/25 Break up for half term
24/02/25 Back to school
04/04/25 Break up for Easter holidays
22/04/25 Back to school
05/05/25 Bank Holiday- school closed to pupils
23/05/25 Break up for half term
02/06/25 Back to school
18/07/25 Break up for summer holidays
21/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)
22/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)