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HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



This is a busy week for families, with Hallowe'en today and Bonfire Night on Saturday. Tomorrow, our PCSO Rob Powell will be talking to all the children about staying safe around bonfires and fireworks: however you celebrate this week, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable time! Today we have welcomed Nina & Alex to our school as they join Y1. I am sure everyone will make them feel part of our school community very quickly.

On the subject of community, we have a busy time coming up for Friends of Westgate. On Wednesday we have our first RagBag collection of the school year- bring your bags of donations to the school office on Tuesday or first thing Wednesday. Then we hope to see a hall full of families for our Bingo, bar & pizza evening on 18/11/2022. Finally, in December we plan to run our mulled wine & chocolate tombola at the Victorian Fayre! Thanks to everyone who supports our school community events.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

If you were unable to get to the **uniform sale**, or find yourself in need of items in between sales, you can now request items online. A link will be included in each Friday's Next Week At Westgate email, or you can click [here](#). We currently stock:

- **School logo** jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies & reversible waterproof/ fleeces
- **Grey** trousers, shorts, skirts & pinafores
- **House logo** T Shirts
- **PE** shorts, joggers
- **Red gingham** summer dresses & hair scrunchies
- **School logo** book bags

Please note we have limited supply of some items.

CONSULTATION EVENING EVALUATION

Thank you to everyone who completed our short evaluation of our first ever hybrid parent consultation evening. You can view a summary of the responses [here](#). 91% of respondents indicated that they were happy with their allocated type of meeting, and the vast majority were happy to have a choice. On the basis of this feedback, we will continue with the hybrid model for our next round of meetings in the spring term. Based on feedback, we will also ensure that we send books home for you to look at beforehand if you are meeting teachers online.

A small number of parents indicated that appointments felt short: 9-10 minutes is a standard amount of time for a primary school consultation appointment. If there are more in depth things you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, you should make a separate appointment outside of consultation evening. As a school, we must ensure that additional meetings like this fit into teachers' directed time and so it is not possible to lengthen appointments. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Our Bake Sale & Uniform Sale just before half term raised over **£300** combined- thank you so much to everyone who donated or bought items.

It's not too late to [sign up](#) to our Bingo night either- we still have room for a few more families!

While you are clearing out for Ragbag, please put any **Christmas jumpers** etc you are thinking of getting rid of to one side and bring them to the school office separately- we are planning to have a Christmas jumper sale at the start of December, so that you don't have to splash out on something that only gets worn a couple of times a year.

If you would like to sign up to help with any of our events planned for later in the year, you can do so [here](#).

Finally, we are still in need of a chairperson. It is really urgent that we welcome new faces to Friends of Westgate so that we can continue to run all of the events that make our school community so special. We can offer a good support network and help with admin from school. Please get in touch via the school office if you think you could help, either individually or as a co-chair.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

As of October we have **65** 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.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A polite reminder that if parents wish to use HMRC Tax Free Childcare payments, it is essential that school has the relevant code on file, and that school is

notified whenever a payment is made using this method. This is the only way we are able to accurately credit your accounts.



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!

01/11/22 Individual photos

02/11/22 Ragbag collection

03/11/22 Y5 Ancient Greece workshop

03/11/22 Y1 Otley library visit

03/11/22 FOW meeting 19:30 The Black Horse

04/11/22 Y3 history trip- Leeds museum

07/11/22 Booking for SEN reviews opens

14-18/11/22 Anti-Bullying Week

14-18/11/22 Otley Science Week

14/11/22 UK Parliament Week

15/11/22 Y1 Science trip

15/11/22 Nursery Stay & Play am

15/11/22 Nursery Induction 15:45

16/11/22 Reception Stay & Play am

17/11/22 Y5 Science trip

17/11/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm

18/11/22 Children in Need day

18/11/22 FOW family bingo & pizza night

28/11/22 EYFS cluster training day: school

closed to Nursery & Reception only

28/11/22 Choir Otley Xmas Lights pm

29/11/22 Choir concert at Pudsey Civic Hall

30/11/22 SEN reviews (SchoolCloud)

04/12/22 Otley Victorian Fayre- choir singing at 13:45

06-12/12/22 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week

07/12/22 FS Xmas performance 14:15- 14:45

08/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00

09/12/22 FS Xmas performance 11:00

09/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

09/12/22 Choir concert Otley Xmas Tree Festival

12/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

13/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

14/12/22 School Xmas Dinner

16/12/22 Xmas Parties

16/12/22 Break up for Christmas

02/01/23 Bank Holiday

03/01/23 Training Day- school closed to pupils

04/01/23 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.](#)