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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



It was such a treat to have parents join us (safely) for Sports Day last week, even if it was a modified day. We were blessed with perfect weather after some very wet days! Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along, and observed the restrictions to keep everyone as safe as possible.

You should have received your child's end of year report just over a week ago: don't forget to add your comments online if you would like to (and your child too) by the end of today, when the form will close.

It's been another challenging year in many ways, and I think it's fair to say that we are all- children, staff and families- ready for a break now! I hope everyone has a really relaxing summer holiday.

I want to thank the fantastic Westgate staff team, who have worked incredibly hard to keep everyone safe, to keep children learning, to change their practices at extremely short notice, working in completely new ways and learning lots about technology. I could not be prouder to work with such a dedicated team and indeed without them this year would have been impossible. Thank you too, for the way you have supported us and adhered to the many restrictions we have had to ask you to observe, without complaint or opposition. Our school community is something very special. Friends of Westgate have been fantastic in their support and creativity too, and we end the year stronger than ever.

At the end of this week, we will say goodbye to Y6 and children leaving us for other Reception classes. We all wish you happiness and success in your new schools.

When we return to school, we are **expecting** arrangements to be as follows:

- The school day will revert to 08:50 to 15:15 for everyone (08:45- 11:45 and 12:15- 15:15 for Nursery);
- Parents will be allowed into the playground at the beginning and end of the day;
- The school gates will open at 08:45 (or just before this for Nursery) and be locked at 15:30. WOOSH will continue to use the main office entrance for drop off and pick up;
- We will be able to hold whole school assemblies in person in the school hall;
- All classes will be able to eat in the hall at lunch time;
- Bubbling to keep each class separate will cease;
- Children will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact for a positive COVID-19 case;
- We will continue to be ready to offer remote learning as required;
- Children will continue to wear PE kit for the whole day that their class has PE;
- We hope to reboot extra-curricular clubs, including sports and music activities (more details will follow at the start of term);
- Children should not bring non-essential items to school;
- We will continue with good hand hygiene, ventilation and a thorough cleaning regime.

However, if I have learned one thing over the last 18 months, it is that situations and guidance can change at short notice(!), so I will write to you at the start of September, before term starts, to confirm arrangements.

In the meantime- **have a happy, safe and healthy summer holiday!**

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

Anything in a red box in this newsletter may require action on your part. Thank you ☺

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a summary of dates for the new academic year.

06/09/21 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 07/09/21 School opens
 10/09/21 Y3 Piano Trail trip
 18/09/21 150th anniversary FOW 'street party'
 20/09/21 Y5/6 150th Art workshop
 21/09/21 Y3/4 150th Art workshop
 24-26/09/21 Otley Festival of Kindness
 27/09/21 Y1/2 150th Art workshop
 28/09/21 Y3/4 150th Art workshop
 27/09/21 w/b Y6 Bikeability training
 27/09/21 Bike to School Week
 04/10/21 Y5/6 150th Art workshop
 05/10/21 Nursery/ Reception 150th Art workshop
 08/10/21 Harvest Festival 13:45 **TBC**
 11/10/21 Y1/2 150th Art workshop
 12/10/21 Nursery/ Reception 150th Art workshop
 12/10/21 No WOOSH after school on this day
 13/10/21 Reception Curriculum evening 19:00
 19/10/21 Y4 Organ Workshop trip
 19/10/21 Consultation evening 17:00
 21/10/21 Consultation evening 15:45
 22/10/21 Break up
 01/11/21 Back to school
 02/11/21 Individual Photos
 11/11/21 No WOOSH after school on this day
 12/11/21 Children in Need day
 15-19/11/21 Anti-Bullying Week
 16-18/11/21 Otley Science Festival
 16/11/21 Nursery Stay & Play am
 16/11/21 Nursery Induction 15:45
 17/11/21 Reception Stay & Play am
 18/11/21 Nursery Stay & Play pm
 21/11/21 Takeover Day
 25/11/21 EYFS cluster training day- school closed to Reception & Nursery
 06-12/12/21 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week
 08/12/21 FS Xmas performance 14:15- 14:45
 09/12/21 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00
 10/12/21 FS Xmas performance 11:00- 11:30
 10/12/21 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
 13/12/21 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
 14/12/21 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
 15/12/21 School Xmas Dinner
 17/12/21 Xmas Parties
 17/12/21 Break Up
 03/01/22 Bank Holiday
 04/01/22 Training Day- school closed to pupils
 11/01/22 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs mtg 18:30
 17/01/22 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30
 08/02/22 Safer Internet Day
 18/02/22 Break Up
 28/02/22 Back to school
 22/02- 07/03/22 Fair Trade Fortnight
 01/03/22 Governors Day in School **TBC**
 03/03/22 Nursery Induction 15:45
 08/03/22 Consultation evening 15:45
 10/03/22 Consultation evening 17:00
 03/03/22 World Book Day

15/03/22 Nursery Stay & Play am
 16/03/22 Reception Stay & Play am
 17/03/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm
 21/03-01/04/22 Big Walk & Wheel
 26/03/22 FOW Easter Fair
 30/03/22 Easter Concert 14:00
 01/04/22 Break up for Easter
 18/04/22 Bank Holiday
 19/04/22 Back to School
 28/04/22 Class photos
 02/05/22 Bank Holiday
 13/05/22 Training Day (First Aid at Work)- school closed to pupils **TBC**
 16-20/05/22 Walk to School Week
 19/05/22 Whole school road safety training
 21/05/22 Otley Show
 26/05/22 Maypole 09:15
 27/05/22 Break up
 06/06/22 Back to school
 13/06/22 Rec- Y3 scooter training
 14/06/22 Y4-6 scooter training
 15/06/22 Reception Induction 19:00
 16/06/22 Clean Air Day
 15-17/06/22 Y6 Herd Farm residential
 21/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play am
 22/06/22 Reception Stay & Play am
 23/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm
 18/06/22 Otley Carnival
 20-26/06/22 Refugee Week
 21/06/22 Nursery Induction 15:45 & 17:00
 27/06/22 Y6 transition road safety training
 27/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
 28/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
 30/06 to 01/07/22 Y5 Whitby residential
 18/07/22 Talent show 13:45
 20/07/22 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:00
 22/07/22 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
 22/07/22 Break up for summer holiday
 25/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)- school closed to pupils
 26/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)- school closed to pupils

WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners were:

1st: J Gould (£136)

2nd: A Gregory (£34)

3rd: E & D Peattie (£17)

As of June we have **68**

members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please contact [Mrs Bleasdale](#) in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. **We would really like to increase our membership this term, and the more members we have the larger the prize fund to be won!** All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**



Well done to everyone who is



using Times Table Rockstars & Numbots regularly each week. The following table shows the **proportion of children engaging** in each class over the last 3 weeks:

Class	01/07/21	08/07/21	15/07/21	
Rec	24%	21%	17%	Num bots
Y1	23%	30%	23%	
Y2	72%	79%	76%	Times Table Rockstars
Y3	61%	84%	48%	
Y4	70%	93%	19%	
Y5	30%	70%	96%	
Y6	54%	32%	25%	

Children are expected to spend **10 minutes every day** practising on either Numbots or TT Rockstars as part of their mathematics homework.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



This week, children will be presented with a commemorative enamel badge, to mark school's 150th anniversary, and at the end of the week, Year 6 will receive

their year book, full of memories of their time at Westgate. We are proud to be able to provide these mementoes for the children.

The funds we have raised this year are helping the school to replace all pupil laptops, and we are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this.

Finally, in September, we are planning a **family 'street party'** in the playground, including a bar and barbecue, on the afternoon of Sunday 18th September. Save the date and look out for more details at the beginning of term! It should be a lovely way to celebrate the start of the new year, and bring our school community back together after 18 months of being kept at a distance.

THANK YOU



An enormous thank you to Gavin & Jeanie Parry, who have generously donated a quantity of refurbished laptops for pupils to use next year. This means we can ensure that children don't have to share laptops in class in KS1 or KS2.

RECYCLING AT WESTGATE

Just a reminder that at Westgate, you can recycle the following:



- Printer cartridges (drop off at the office)
- Batteries (via children/classrooms)
- Clothing (via termly Rag Bag collections)
- And now... **crisp packets!**

Yes, that's right. Westgate is a drop off point for empty crisp packets (washed if you can manage it). The Crisp Packet Project uses empty foil crisp packets to create bivvy sleeping bags and survival sheets for those living on the streets. A crisp packet can take 80 years to decompose. Turning them into something useful reduces waste and provides comfort for those in need. Each blanket uses 44 packets. That's 3520 recycling years! Take a look at www.crisppacketproject.com or search on Facebook for more information.

When collecting your crisp packets, if you have the time, please can you open them by cutting down the side, washing out and drying. Just as you would other recyclables! It really speeds up the next step in making the sheets.

Collections can be put in the green recycling bin inside the second school gate on Scarborough Road; it is labelled for the Crisp Packet Project. The gate is always open so you can drop off at any time, even over the holidays.

Start collecting and feel a bit better the next time you tuck into a packet of crisps knowing the packet can be made into something useful.

If anyone would like to further help in the production of the bivvy bags and survival sheets please contact Michelle Howard at michelleskinner@gmail.com



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

Please ensure that you have completed the online permission form by the end of this week- it includes photography and film permissions, as well as end of the day arrangements for Y3 to Y6 from September. A separate form is coming out for current Y2 to ask about plans for school meals in September. Finally, please ensure you have settled any outstanding balances if your child is leaving Westgate at the end of this term.

Thank you ☺

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,
EVERYONE!**