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WANTED! FRIENDS OF WESTGATE CHAIRPERSON (OR PEOPLE)

Help! Wendy Forde steps down this week as her son leaves Westgate to start at PHGS. This leaves the Friends of Westgate without a Chairperson.

The Friends of Westgate are a key part of what makes our school such a friendly, close, community school, and they can't run without at chairperson- or two people to share the role.

As chair you would:

- Oversee the events through the year, checking that they are running OK by liaising with the teams that run each event.
- Chair meetings, check minutes and send out emails to all members on the distribution letters.
- Deal with any correspondence that comes to FOW.
- Be supported by school (and me!)
- Have dedicated teams which take responsibility for and deal with the practicalities of each event themselves
- Be supported by the publicity officer, the secretary and the treasurer

Meetings are at The Fleece in the evening, once or twice a term only, and we can be flexible about the day/ time to suit the chairperson and attendees.

While the chairperson doesn't run individual events, without a chairperson FOW cannot run, which means no Easter Fair, no Disco, no Carnival, no year book... and no funds for school to purchase things like laptops, stage lighting, costumes, playhouses, the gazebo.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING, ON YOUR OWN OR WITH A FRIEND, TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF FOW'S GOOD WORK. CONTACT ME VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU CAN OFFER TO HELP.

WE NEED YOU!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher



SPORTS DAY

Hopefully tomorrow we will have a dry day and in actual fact the forecast is looking very good!

Please remember to put sunscreen on your child(ren) before they come to school as they will be outdoors for most of either the morning or afternoon.

Reception & KS1 have their moment of glory in Grove Hill Park at 10:00, followed by KS2 at 13:30. Heats and training have taken place in PE lessons. Children from Reception to Y6 should come to school in PE kit with a top in the colour of their house (Granville= Green, Richmond= Red, Westbourne= Blue, Whiteley= White) as the event is organised into House Teams. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and bring a picnic as they wish, but please do not approach your child with snacks/ drinks while the event takes place as this is both confusing and unfair to others. Thank you ☺

END OF TERM AND START OF NEW YEAR

A reminder that school finishes next week on Tuesday 21st July at 15:15* and there is no WOOSH after school on that day. We have 2 training days before the start of term in September, meaning that the first day that school is open for children is **Monday 7th September.**

* Please note that the last day for Nursery children however is Monday 20th July.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Please ensure that any data collection sheets, music fees, dinner money or milk money still outstanding are all dealt with by the end of this week. If

your child is starting Nursery or Reception in September, it is essential you return all the Admissions forms this week too, in order for the office to process the information in time for your child's start date in September. Thank you.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

First of all, a reminder that the winning ticket is:

GREEN 788

The prize of £40 of John Lewis vouchers has yet to be claimed so please would the lucky parent bring in their matching ticket to claim their prize!

At the end of this newsletter is a copy of the total responses. More information following individual comments/ issues will follow next term but for now, I would like to say thank you again to everyone who took the time to respond: it really does help us to get feedback from families- both the thank you's and the constructive criticism.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

July's winners are:

1st: Ros Tucker (£96)

2nd: Amelia Farnaby (£24)

3rd: Bec Bardgett (£12)



We currently have 48 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Finlay 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.

AND FINALLY...



This is an emotional time of year, as we say goodbye to children in Y6 and in other year groups who are leaving us to join their new schools in September, and

to valued colleagues moving on to exciting new opportunities or indeed to more time for themselves and their families. We all wish those leaving the very best for the future. I would also like to thank all of our families for the support you give to Westgate all year round. It is a very special place to work and we are all proud to be or have been a part of it. So...

Good luck in your new school to Y6 and Nursery leavers, to the Maughan family and to Hermione!

Good luck Mrs Mullens in your new post- you will be amazing!

Good luck to Mr Thurgood in your new school- lucky Sharp Lane!

And enjoy a well-earned rest in retirement Mrs Boyes- you deserve it!

Have a lovely summer holiday everyone- we're looking forward to seeing everyone else in September!

	148 total responses	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child feels safe at Westgate.	82.4%	13.6%	0.7%	0.0%
2	My child is making good progress at Westgate.	68.9%	29.1%	2.1%	0.0%
3	Westgate meets my child's particular needs eg through: support when needed; challenge when needed; group and individual intervention when needed; seeking additional advice from professionals when necessary; providing care and guidance	62.9%	33.8%	2.7%	0.0%
4	Westgate ensures my child is well looked after.	79.1%	20.3%	0.0%	0.0%
5	My child is taught well at Westgate.	74.4%	25.0%	0.7%	0.0%
6	Westgate helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	75.7%	23.0%	0.7%	0.0%
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at Westgate.	70.9%	28.4%	0.7%	0.0%
8	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	58.2%	38.5%	2.0%	0.0%
9	Westgate deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	58.1%	29.7%	2.0%	0.7%
10	This school helps me to support my child's learning, e.g. through: Curriculum newsletters; Maths Information Evening; Literacy Information Evening; Learning Logs; Reading books and homework	67.6%	28.4%	1.4%	0.0%
11	Westgate responds well to my concerns.	66.9%	31.1%	1.4%	0.0%
12	Westgate keeps me well informed, e.g. through: discussions at parents evening; communication via letter, email, text and the school website; sharing individual Education Plans (IEPs) if my child has SEN; Walk the Walls; Open Door policy	67.6%	37.2%	0.7%	0.0%
13	My child is encouraged to be an active, responsible citizen in the local community and beyond, e.g. through: School Council; Fundraising events for good causes ; The school's work on equality and diversity related to the Stephen Lawrence award; Visits and visitors to and from the local community; Being encouraged to take personal responsibility	70.3%	27.0%	0.7%	0.0%
14	I have opportunity to contribute to school's development through consultation (for example through surveys; meetings; invitations to join working parties; giving feedback to staff which is acknowledged	59.5%	39.2%	1.4%	0.0%
14	I would recommend Westgate to another parent.	Yes	98.7%	No	0.0%

* Where percentages do not total 100% this is due to some respondents not answering the question, or to rounding.