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WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY



It is almost the end of another busy year at school. We have welcomed new staff and children over the course of the year, and said some goodbyes too. After school today we have a tea party for Mrs Smith's retirement and I hope some of you will be able to join us for this. I would like to thank all our families for the support you give to your children's learning and to the work of the school. A special thank you goes to our staff, all of whom work very hard with the children's best interests at heart as they do so, no matter what their role in school. Our governors have supported us by giving their time and expertise so generously and also by helping us to identify areas for further improvement. We've worked with other schools to develop the teaching of maths and we've taken part in some amazing events, such as the Tour de Yorkshire. Friends of Westgate have had a great year too, culminating in winning both the overall winner and the people's choice award at this year's Otley Carnival.

As we look ahead, I hope everyone has a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday, before returning refreshed and recharged for a new school year on Wednesday 7th September.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher



Well done to Y4 who raised £63.60 for Martin House Children's Hospice with their recent tombola!

CLUSTER PACKED LUNCH POLICY



Attached to this email is a copy of the new Cluster Packed Lunch Policy, which will be implemented in all primary schools in Otley, Pool and Bramhope from September. If your child has a packed lunch you will also receive a hard copy. The policy and all of its appendices will also be available on the school website. It is designed to ensure a balanced, healthy meal at lunch time in school and incorporates the feedback we have received from children and parents. Very few foods are not allowed but please note that if your child's lunch does contain, for example, crisps, sweets/ chocolate or processed fruit products, they will be asked to swap the item in question for a piece of fruit/ vegetables and will have the item returned to them at the end of the day. Two other key changes are: no fruit smoothies will be allowed, but peanut butter *will* be allowed. In view of the new policy, I must also ask that from September children do not bring sweets in to school, for example for birthdays or after a holiday. Of course what any parent chooses to give their child to eat outside of school is unaffected and your choice as a parent. Thank you.

CLUSTER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

You will have received many flyers over the last few weeks with information about holiday activities, many of which have been organised through the Otley, Pool & Bramhope cluster at a subsidised rate. It's not too late to book up and your child can enjoy a wide range of fun and safe activities over the long summer break.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that from September, costs are increasing as follows: School milk will be £7 per term; School meals in KS2 will be £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week); Nursery flexi lunches will be £4 per week; and music tuition will be £35 per term. Instrument hire remains at £15 per term/ £25 per term for cellos. Instruments are to be returned to school this week if your child is leaving or not continuing. Please ensure that any outstanding bills for school or WOOSH are settled by Friday morning this week, and the office is notified of any plans to change meal arrangements ready for September. Lost property will be available in the school playground on Thursday and Friday: anything not claimed by the end of school on Friday will be disposed of so please make sure you claim what is yours and name it before it returns to school with your child in September.

DIARY DATES- NEXT YEAR

I will remind you of these dates again in September but hopefully advanced warning is useful, especially for working parents.

05/09/16 Training Day (Maths)
06/09/16 Training Day (Maths)
29/09/16 Harvest Festival
05/10/16 School Photos
11/10/16 Reception Curriculum evening 18:00
17/10/16 EYFS Training Day- school closed to Nursery & Reception only
18/10/16 Consultation evening 17:00
20/10/16 Consultation evening 15:30
21/10/16 Break up
31/10/16 Back to school
11/11/16 Takeover day
17/11/16 Y6 Robinwood/ SATs meeting
18/11/16 Children in Need day

22/11/16 Nursery Induction 15:45
17/11/16 Walk the Walls
04/12/16 Otley Victorian Fayre
07/12/16 FS Xmas performance 10:45/14:00
08/12/16 KS2 Xmas performance 18:00
09/12/16 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
09/12/16 Xmas Tree choir concert 19:00
12/12/16 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
13/12/16 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
14/12/16 Nursery Xmas parties
14/12/16 School Xmas Dinner
15/12/16 Xmas Parties
16/12/16 Break Up
02/01/17 Bank Holiday
03/01/17 Family of Schools Training Day
04/01/17 Back to School
07/02/17 Walk the Walls
10/02/17 Training Day/ Break Up
20/02/17 Back to school
21/02/17 Nursery Induction 15:45
23/02/17 Governors Day in School
28/02/17 Consultation evening 15:30
02/03/17 Consultation evening 17:00
14/03/17 Y5 Whitby meeting
29/03/17 Easter Concert 14:00
31/03/17 Training Day
17/04/17 Bank Holiday
18/04/17 Back to School
26/04/17 Class photos
01/05/17 Bank Holiday
08/05/17 w/b Y6 test week
20/05/17 Otley Show
24/05/17 Nursery maypole 11:15
25/05/17 Maypole 14:00
26/05/17 Break up
05/06/17 Back to school
08-09/06/17 Y5 Whitby residential
12-14/06/17 Y6 Robinwood residential
17/06/17 Otley Carnival
20/06/17 Reception Induction 14:00
27/06/17 Nursery Induction 15:45
03/07/17 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
04/07/17 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
05-07/07/17 Y6 Induction at PHGS
06/07/17 Whole School Induction Morning
12/07/17 Nursery Sports Day
13/07/17 Sports Day
20/07/17 Leavers' Play/ Party 18:30
21/07/17 Talent show 14:00
24/07/17 Last day for Nursery
24/07/17 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
25/07/17 Break up