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WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY!

In just under a week, the academic year will have ended at Westgate and we will all be enjoying the long summer holidays, which have been well-earned by all, staff and pupils alike, after all their hard work this year. I'm sure you will agree that we have had a lovely end to the year, with our Health & Wellbeing Week last week. The children were so enthusiastic, despite being so tired this close to the end of the year, and threw themselves into every activity offered to them. I have had fantastic feedback from visitors to school who came to run activities, about our children's positive attitudes, co-operation and good manners, which makes me feel as proud as ever to be head teacher at Westgate. As we look ahead now, we are getting ready to say goodbye to Y6 as they all move on to Prince Henry's. They've had lots of great transition activities to prepare them for the move and I am so proud of them all as they get ready to take the next step in their school career.

Whatever you are planning to do over the summer break, I hope all of our families have fun, get a rest, stay safe and enjoy spending time with each other. Thank you on behalf of all the staff for all the positive end of year comments and kind words. We are looking forward to seeing almost all of you back here in September, along with our new Reception and Nursery children. Have a great summer!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR...

Some reminders ready for when your child returns to school in September:

Uniform & School Shoes

Please remember to name everything before we return to school: school uniform, PE kit, PE kit bag, pumps/ trainers, coat. Every September we have a glut of clothing that is brand new and unnamed, which ends up being left right around school. School shoes should be **black**.

School Milk

Don't forget that families of all children who receive free milk and those who wish to receive milk who pay must sign up with Cool Milk online <http://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> by September in order to receive milk.

Hair Cuts

Please note that children should not come to school with shaven haircuts, 'tramlines' or similar.

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in term time are rarely authorised and, where applicable, unauthorised absences which total 5 days or more (consecutive or non-consecutive) will be referred on to the local authority for a per parent, per child fine, in accordance with local and national policy, where the child is of statutory school age. This includes where an absence has been reported as an illness but we have good reason to believe the child was in fact on holiday.

CHANGES TO WOOSH

You should all have received an electronic copy of a letter about some minor changes to WOOSH for



September, including timings, booking and charges. If you require a hard copy in order to return a slip, and have not received one, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

This summer we have a fair amount of IT related work being undertaken and this is no small measure thanks to Friends of Westgate,

who have match-funded school's capital budget, to enable us to replace one of our bank of laptops, replace our Wi-Fi infrastructure and purchase a bank of iPads. Thanks too to Sam Kelly, who is once again (ably assisted by Austin, her husband) the mastermind behind Y6's Year books, which we hope will be a lasting reminder of their time at Westgate.

Next year, we would like to concentrate our fundraising efforts to be able to replace the **Foundation Stage climbing frame equipment**- here's hoping we reach our target to replace it next summer! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to FOW's success over the last 12 months.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please can all families ensure that they have settled any outstanding bills before the end of the school year? Also, and outstanding forms for children beginning in Reception or Nursery must be returned to school asap as they are now overdue. Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This is the calendar for next year as it currently stands. If any changes are made these will be publicised through the newsletter with as much notice as possible. We hope this information will



help busy parents!

04/09/17 Training Day
 05/09/17 Training Day
 06/09/17 Back to School
 29/09/17 Harvest Festival
 03/10/17 Rec Curriculum evening 18:00
 09/10/17 w/b Black History Week
 17/10/17 Individual school photographs
 17/10/17 Consultation evening 17:00
 19/10/17 Consultation evening 15:30
 20/10/17 Break up
 30/10/17 Back to school
 30/10/17 EYFS Training Day- school closed to Nur & Rec ONLY
 10/11/17 Takeover Day
 13/11/17 w/b Anti-Bullying Week
 16/11/17 Walk the Walls
 16/11/17 Y6 Herd Farm/ SATs meeting
 17/11/17 Children in Need day
 23/11/17 Nursery Induction meeting 15:45
 03/12/17 Otley Victorian Fayre
 07/12/17 FS Xmas performance 11:00/ 14:00
 07/12/17 KS2 Xmas performance 18:00
 08/12/17 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45
 11/12/17 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00
 12/12/17 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00
 13/12/17 School Xmas Dinner
 15/12/17 Xmas Parties (whole school inc Nursery)
 15/12/17 Break Up
 01/01/18 Bank Holiday
 02/01/18 Family Of Schools Training Day
 03/01/18 Back to School
 06/02/18 Walk the Walls
 06/02/18 Y5 Whitby meeting
 08/02/18 Break Up
 09/02/18 Training Day
 19/02/18 Back to school
 20/02/18 Governors Day in School
 22/02/18 Nursery Induction meeting 15:45
 26/02/18 w/b Fair Trade Fortnight
 27/02/18 Consultation evening 15:30
 01/03/18 Consultation evening 17:00
 28/03/18 Easter Concert 14:00
 29/03/18 Break up for Easter
 30/03/18 Bank Holiday
 16/04/18 Back to School
 03/05/18 Polling day (Nursery closed)*
 07/05/18 Bank holiday
 10/05/18 Class photographs
 14/05/18 w/b Y6 test week
 19/05/18 Otley Show
 22/05/18 Maypole (whole school inc. Nursery) 09:15
 24-25/05/18 Y5 Whitby residential
 25/05/18 Break up
 04/06/18 Back to school
 13-15/06/18 Y6 Herd Farm residential
 16/06/18 Otley Carnival
 19/06/18 Reception Induction meeting 14:00

26/06/18 Nursery Induction meeting 15:45
 02/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
 03/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
 05/07/18 whole school induction am
 12/07/18 Sports Day: KS1 10:00; Nursery 12:30; KS2 13:45
 19/07/18 Leavers' Play/ Party 18:30
 20/07/18 Talent show 14:00
 23/07/18 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
 24/07/18 Break up
 25/07/18 Disaggregated training day
** In light of current national security issues, this is currently under review and may affect more year groups. Parents will be advised of any changes in due course.*

PARENT/ CARER SURVEY

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Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. It is a very helpful source of information for us as we plan the year ahead through the School Improvement Plan. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete and return a survey. I have already made a small but hopefully helpful change to next year's induction meeting based on one response, adding in basic information such as school day timings to the information pack new parents receive. At the end of this newsletter is a summary of the responses. Mr Wardman did us the honour of drawing the winning ticket, which is **Orange 304**. To claim your prize of £40 of Love to Shop vouchers, please bring the matching ticket to the school office!

SPORTS REPORT



Last week's Health & Wellbeing Week was a huge success with every child getting the opportunity to try some new sports and activities. Year 4 had a great day at Old Modernians Cricket club, playing short matches against other schools. Year 5 had an exciting day at a Racquets Festival at the John Charles Centre for Sport and Year 1 went to a multi-skills festival at PHGS to compete against other local schools. Other highlights in school were fencing, karate, archery, yoga and handball! We were lucky to have a beautiful day on Thursday for Sports Day and, despite it being neck and neck after the KS1 morning, Westbourne edged ahead in the afternoon and were awarded the trophy. Well done Westbourne! We were proud of all the children who competed enthusiastically and in good spirit and a great was had by all.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

Every week, we are supported in the work we do in school by a small but valuable team of volunteers. Whether it is helping out in the classroom, hearing readers or helping with a club, we really do appreciate the time, care and skill that our volunteers give to the children each week. **THANK YOU** to you all!

These are the results of the parent/ carer survey earlier this term:

	Total responses: 110	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Westgate.	77.3%	22.7%	0.0%	0.0%
2	My child feels safe at Westgate.	81.8%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%
3	Westgate ensures my child is well looked after.	79.1%	20.9%	0.0%	0.0%
4	My child is making good progress at Westgate.	71.8%	27.3%	0.9%	0.0%
5	Westgate meets my child's particular needs	68.2%	29.1%	1.8%	0.0%
6	My child is taught well at Westgate.	79.1%	19.1%	1.8%	0.0%
7	Westgate helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics	77.3%	20.9%	1.8%	0.0%
8	Westgate makes sure children are well behaved.	74.5%	25.5%	0.0%	0.0%
9	My child receives appropriate homework for his/ her age.	57.3%	30.9%	5.5%	0.0%
10	Westgate deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	60.0%	28.2%	0.9%	0.0%
11	Westgate helps me to support my child's learning.	64.5%	29.1%	3.6%	0.0%
12	I receive useful information from Westgate about my child's progress.	67.3%	29.1%	1.8%	0.0%
13	Westgate responds well to any concerns I raise.	72.7%	23.6%	2.7%	0.9%
14	Westgate keeps me well informed.	71.8%	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%
15	My child is encouraged to be an active, responsible citizen in the local community and beyond.	67.3%	30.9%	0.0%	0.0%
16	I would recommend Westgate to another parent.	Yes	97.3%	No	0.0%