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WELCOME BACK!

This week as well as welcoming new children to Nursery, we are delighted to welcome Tobias, a new recruit to reception, Mr Clegg to our Nursery team and Mrs Haley to our lunchtime team. Tomorrow is also national offer day for children entering reception classes in September 2024. Part of our work this term



therefore is dedicated to ensuring children are well-equipped to make the transition to their new classes in September- whether it is starting a new school, moving key stage/ building, or just to the classroom next door.

Alongside this, of course, are the many, many events we have planned for the summer term, including residentials for Y5 & Y6, Otley Carnival, Sports Day, class trips, FOW discos and other events. I will endeavour to keep you well-informed through this newsletter and of course your 'Next Week at Westgate' Friday email will give you weekly reminders of what's up next; please ensure you read these carefully so that you are fully informed about what's happening at school for your child(ren).

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM THIS TERM



This term, as the weather warms up, we have made a small change to school uniform expectations: As well as wearing summer dresses, children in KS2 who wear a white shirt may leave their ties at home and wear an open collar. Just make sure that you put your school ties somewhere safe so that you can find them again in September!

A polite reminder too, to check that all items of clothing are labelled- particularly coats, jumpers, cardigans and hoodies, but also shirts, trousers, skirts, dresses & pinafores if your child attends an after school club for which they get changed. Unclaimed items are periodically recycled, but if clothes are named they are always returned to their owner once found.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped the FOW core team make our Easter Fair such a success last month- in particular all the class reps and volunteers who gave some of their time to set up and/ or run a stall. Without you, this family fundraising institution would not be able to go ahead. This year saw a number of new stalls which went down well with visitors to the fair. The final amount raised is still to be confirmed, but looks likely to be comfortably in excess of £2,500!



Our plans this term include: Children's commemorative school tea towels; school discos; Y6 leavers' books;

You can contact Friends Of Westgate directly on FOWotley@gmail.com with suggestions or offers of help. Our next meeting is later this week at 19:30 on Thursday at The Black Horse- all are welcome!



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GOVERNING BODY

We have had an influx of new governors recently due to terms coming to an end for a variety of reasons. We are therefore welcoming Laura Bibby, Christina Copperthwaite, Jess Hignett and Philippa Jervis to join the governing body. All four offer relevant and valuable experience and we are delighted to have them on board.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

February's winners were as follows:

- 1st: H. Evison - £138
- 2nd: J. Bastow - £34.50
- 3rd: L. Boddy - £17.25



March's winners were as follows:

- 1st: A. Barnes - £138
- 2nd: G. Robinson - £34.50
- 3rd: L. Rich - £17.25

As of March we have 69 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, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes. Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We will soon be looking at peripatetic music lessons for the academic year 2024-2025; offering new opportunities for pupils in Y3 and above, and also ascertaining which pupils would like to continue with their lessons for another year. Please keep an eye out for relevant emails as this opportunity is only offered at one point in the school year.

WOOSH: If you are using private childcare vouchers to pay for WOOSH (excluding HMRC Tax Free childcare), please ensure you continue to use the payment reference: *10/237-973/74 *pupil name** This ensures school receives the payment. Many thanks.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day on 7th March was a huge success. Following a fun, lively and interactive reading assembly, every child in school spent time in the mezzanine which had been transformed into a magical reading wonderland, full of hundreds of books which Westgate families had kindly donated. The following day, all children returned and chose a book to take home. There was a great response to the 20-day challenge and the winners from each class will be announced in Mrs Hooper's Reading Assembly this week; these children will spend an afternoon at Otley Library and have the chance to join if they are not members already. Staff and pupils agree it was a lovely, memorable day and we are already looking forward to next year!



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!

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/ via Tapestry.

- 23/04/24 Class Photos
- 01/05/24 IPM SEND review meetings
- 06/05/24 BANK HOLIDAY – school closed to pupils
- 13/05/24 w/b Y6 test week
- 18/05/24 Otley Show
- 20-24/05/24 Walk to School Week
- 23/05/24 Maypole 09:15
- 03/06/24 Back to school
- 04/06/24 FOW Rag Bag Collection Day
- 10/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play am
- 11/06/24 Reception Stay & Play am
- 12-14/06/24 Y6 Herd Farm residential

15/06/24 Otley Carnival
17-23/06/24 Refugee Week
19/06/24 Reception Induction 19:00
20/06/24 Nursery Stay & Play pm
24/06/24 Y5 High School Experience Day (PHGS)
26/06/24 Y6 Junior Band Day (PHGS)
26/06/24 Nursery Induction 15:45
27-28/06/24 Y5 Whitby residential trip
01/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
02/07/24 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
10/07/24 Whole School Transition Day
10-12/07 Y6 Transition Days
15/07/24 Talent show 13:45
16/07/24 Leavers' Play 19:00
18/07/24 Leavers' Party 19:00
19/07/24 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
19/07/24 Break up
22/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)
23/07/24 Training Day (disaggregated)
TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR
02/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils
03/09/24 Training Day- school closed to pupils
04/09/24 Back to school
25/10/24 EYFS cluster training day- school closed to
Nursery & Reception
25/10/24 Break up for half term
04/11/24 Back to School
20/12/24 Break for Christmas holidays
06/01/25 Training Day- school closed to pupils
07/01/25 Back to school
14/02/25 Break up for half term
24/02/25 Back to school
04/04/25 Break up for Easter holidays
22/04/25 Back to school
05/05/25 Bank Holiday- school closed to pupils
23/05/25 Break up for half term
02/06/25 Back to school
18/07/25 Break up for summer holidays
21/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)
22/07/25 Training day (disaggregated)