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HAPPY HALF TERM AND HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



It's been a busy and exciting half term! All our new children (and staff!) have settled in brilliantly. We've seen children in Y5 take the initiative and raise £233 for the Save the Children Refugee Child Appeal. Our Harvest Festival was well attended and enjoyed by all who shared the event with us. We even welcomed local hero, World Champion and Olympic Silver Medallist Lizzie Armitstead for an inspirational visit to assembly. Children right across school are in the middle of doing exciting things to mark Black History

Month... I could go on! Friends of Westgate have already organised their curry evening, which was a delicious and pleasant social evening as ever. We're in the middle of the Book Fair as I write and they've even got all the children's Christmas card designs collated and sent off!

It's great to see so many children taking part in extra-curricular activities this term and overall there is a really happy buzz around school of children and staff getting on with some great learning. It's a long term though, so I hope you have a break and a rest at half term, as next half term brings Christmas productions and concerts galore!

Finally, if your child is going Trick or Treating this half term, please be mindful of the safety warnings relating to costumes and naked flames so that no harm comes to them and they come back to school safe and sound on 2nd November.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

LOST PROPERTY



Two dining tables worth of unnamed lost property were put out to be claimed last week in KS2. This does not include named items that were able to be returned to their rightful owners. **Please ensure that all unnamed items are named over the school holiday: this includes items such as coats, PE bags and kit as well as shirts, blouses, ties, jumpers, cardigans, trousers, pinafores and skirts.** Any unnamed and unclaimed items which are still unclaimed have been

put in the Rag Bag collection for after half term. Equally, if you have *written* names onto labels, please check these have not faded with washing.

You can buy labels and raise money for Westgate at the same time by going to <http://www.easy2name.com/> and ordering them online. Thank you.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Friday in Celebration Assembly, Y1 to Y6 shared their learning about important black figures in history and public life and their achievements. This week, KS2 learned the Brazilian martial arts dance, Capoeira, and Reception to Y2 have decorated African masks and learned an African dance. You can read all about it in our Black History Month newsletter, for a £1 donation to BASIK.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that music tuition fees are now overdue. Lessons cost £30 per term and hire is £15 (or £25 for cello).

A small number of school milk and dinner money payments are also overdue. Ms Fuller in the office can provide you with balance and forecast information if you need it.

We also have a small amount of lost property – keys, accessories, baby items- which have been handed in from the playground or near school. Please call in if something might be yours!

WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners are:

1st: Jayne Chilton (£100)

2nd: Danny Tweedie (£25)

3rd: Lauren Fisher (£12.50)

We currently have 50 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.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

First of all as you think about maybe having an Autumnal wardrobe clear-out at half term, don't forget that Jo Newell is also organising another **RagBag collection for 03/11/15**: any old clothes, pairs of shoes (tied together with a rubber band), bags and belts can be brought in straight after half term on the Monday/ Tuesday morning. Secondly, there will be a **Uniform Sale** after



school on Thursday 05/11/15.

FOW will be running a stall at the **Victorian Fayre** on 06/12/15 and are looking for donations to sell from all you crafters out there! Homemade produce (cakes, preserves, mince pies), homemade



decorations, cards or other handicrafts are all welcome and can be brought into school from after half term via the school office.

Thank you in advance! As part of the stall we will be running a **CHOCOLATE**

TOMBOLA- donations of chocolate, large and small- are gratefully received for this! If you have any suggestions of other things for the stall, please let Vicky Mirfield know. Finally, last week's **Bake Sale** raised an impressive £227.30, which this term goes to ActionAid and BASIK.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Some reminders about dates next month:

03/11/15 FOW RagBag collection

03/11/15 Monster Curry

School Meal Day

05/11/15 FOW uniform sale after school

11/11/15 FOW meeting in The Fleece at 19:30

12/11/15 Y6 Robinwood / SATs meeting

19/11/15 Y2 Clay workshop

20/11/15 Takeover Day

20/11/15 FOW Beetle Drive

26/11/15 Walk the Walls at 15:30

06/12/15 Otley Victorian Fayre

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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