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WELLBEING AT WESTGATE

At the end of last term, Westgate had a Healthy Schools reaccreditation visit. The assessor was extremely impressed with everything that Westgate does to support children's physical, mental and emotional health: as well as confirming our reaccreditation as a Healthy School, including MindMate Friendly and PSHE friendly status, we were also awarded **Health & Wellbeing Beacon School** status. This is a real achievement and reflects our commitment to children's health in its widest sense. A big thank you goes to Mrs Hattersley, along with Mrs Colannino, Mrs Eley, Mrs Hooper and Mrs Chilton who all have strategic roles to play in the work that led to these awards. You can read more about the visit [on our website](#).



Health & Wellbeing
Beacon School



Part of our work in this area this year is the launch of [Pupil MindMate Ambassadors](#). On **Monday 06/02/23** they are promoting **Feel Fabulous Day** as part of Children's Mental Health Week, when children are able to wear bright, colourful clothing, or indeed anything that makes them 'feel fabulous'!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor on our governing body. This vacancy is filled without an election, based on whether or not a candidate is a good fit for the school's needs. It is not necessary to have an education background- indeed, our governing body is strengthened by voices from outside education. If you have experience and knowledge of any of the following, you could be just what we are looking for:

- Health & safety
- Finance
- HR/ employment
- Communications & technology
- Buildings



Co-opted governors do not have to be directly connected to our school. If you, or someone you know, thinks they could contribute to the success of our school by joining our governing body, please get in touch via the school office or by emailing head@westgateprimary.co.uk to have a chat and find out more. Being a governor is both a valuable and rewarding role, so please do consider this opportunity.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

We are looking forward to our first **School Disco** since 2019 at the end of this half term!

Gift Amnesty: If you have any unwanted Xmas gifts, we are accepting donations all this term in the run up to the Easter Fair- simply send them in to the School Office. Similarly, we will also happily accept any **Christmas jumpers** that no longer fit ready for next year's jumper exchange. For any other clothes you are clearing out, we have our next **Ragbag collection** on 21/02/23- bags will be coming home for any donations before the half term holiday.

Finally, we are still in need of a chairperson. It is really urgent that we welcome new faces to Friends of Westgate so that we can continue to run all of the events that make our school community so special. We can offer a good support network and help with admin from school. Please get in touch via the school office if you think you could help, either individually or as a co-chair.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

January's winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

As of December we have 65 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. Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56! School Fund contributes to the cost of trips, visitors, special events and equipment, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.



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!

25/01/23 SEN reviews

31/01/23 Y6 Billy Elliott trip (PHGS)

01/02/23 NEU strike action

06/02/23 Booking opens for consultation evenings

07/02/23 Safer Internet Day

09/02/23 Y3 Gymnastics Festival at PHGS (am)

09/02/23 Nur/ Rec/ Y1 school disco 17:45- 18:45

09/02/23 Y2- Y6 school disco 19:00- 20:00

09/02/23 Break up for half term

10/02/23 Training Day

13-15/02/23 Art Camp at Westgate

20/02/23 Back to school

20/02- 05/03/23 Fair Trade Fortnight

21/02/23 Rag Bag Collection

21/02/23 Nursery Induction 15:45

22/02/23 Nursery Stay & Play pm

23/03/23 Nursery Stay & Play am

27/02/23 Reception Stay & Play am

28/02/23 NEU strike action

02/03/23 Governors Day in School

02/03/23 World Book Day

06-10/03/23 Scoot to School Week

07/03/23 Consultation evening 15:45

09/03/23 Consultation evening 17:00

14/03/23 Y2 Handball Festival at PHGS (am)

15/03/23 NEU strike action

16/03/23 NEU strike action

17/03/23 Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

20/03-31/03/23 Big Walk & Wheel

21/03/22 FOS Poetry Slam event

25/03/23 FOW Easter Fair

27-31/03/23 D:Side drugs education week

03-06/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate

11-14/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate

29/03/23 Easter Concert 14:00

31/03/23 Break up for Easter

17/04/23 Back to School

24/04/23 Y4 trip to Jorvik

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Music fees are now due for the Spring term – please ensure payment is made via Pay360 as soon as possible.

Invoices for Nursery fees have also been issued. If you plan to use HMRC tax free childcare codes, please inform the office whenever a payment is made, providing the amount, the code and the date of payment. Many thanks.

Dogs: Please be reminded that only assistance dogs are allowed on the school premises. If you bring a dog to drop off / pick up, please ensure they are secured outside the grounds before you enter (carrying dogs is not permitted). Thank you for your support.