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WELCOME BACK

A slightly belated Happy New Year 2022 to everyone, and a big Westgate welcome to our new children and families joining us in Nursery, as well as Daphne in Reception and Jacob in Year 1!

Because of the Omicron variant, we have made some temporary changes to arrangements in school which we will review at the end of this month in light of case rates etc. The main changes we have made are: to suspend face to face assemblies; to limit the number of children in the hall at lunch time to a maximum of 2 classes, seating classes separately; and to suspend large mixed-age music clubs. We are also continuing with mask-wearing for adults in a wide range of contexts, and social distancing wherever possible.

As of today, fully-vaccinated adults and children may end their self-isolation after 5 days, if they have 2 consecutive negative LFD tests at the start of day 4 and 5, 24 hours apart. Also, a reminder that you must seek a PCR test for anyone displaying any of the main 3 COVID-19 symptoms. According to government regulations, an LFD test is not sufficient for anyone who is symptomatic. However, anyone who is asymptomatic and tests positive on routine LFD test does not need to seek a PCR and should instead begin in self-isolate in line with government regulations. We do understand that it is difficult to keep up with the latest rules/ advice as things can change quickly, and will endeavour to give you the most up-to-date information at all times. If your child has to self-isolate, remote learning tasks will be provided for them to complete- provided they are well enough.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

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



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

Tomorrow evening is our first meeting of 2022- 19:30 at the Black Horse, all welcome. Our biggest event of the year is the Easter fair, which we are planning for at the end of March.

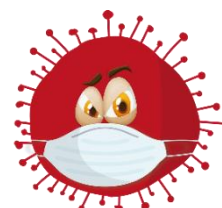
Our recent fundraising activities have raised the following funds:

- Christmas Eve bags: £167.46
- Chocolate tombola at the Bay Horse fair: £311.10
- Amazon Smile donations for the last quarter: £27.11.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events, and special thanks to our team of volunteers who made them happen. Don't forget that you can also raise funds through [Easy Fundraising](#) when shopping online with hundreds of retailers and through [Amazon Smile](#), too. Thank you! 😊

COVID-19

Up to date information about COVID-19 and school, including letters sent home, can be found on the school website under the tab '[COVID-19 INFORMATION](#)'. Thank you to everyone for their understanding when we ask you to seek a PCR test, and for your vigilance with regard to symptoms. Your support is much appreciated.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for this term and next. They are also to be found on the calendar of the school

website. Please check in case there are any changes from provisional dates given out at the end of the last academic year... and make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

17/01/22 Y5 Whitby mtg 18:30 (via Zoom)
18/01/22 FOW meeting at The Black Horse
07/02/22 Booking opens for consultation evening
16/02/22 Learning Passport mtgs (SEND pupils only)
18/02/22 Break Up
28/02/22 Back to school
22/02- 07/03/22 Fair Trade Fortnight
01/03/22 Governors Day in School
03/03/22 Nursery Induction 15:45
08/03/22 Consultation evening 15:45
10/03/22 Consultation evening 17:00
03/03/22 World Book Day
15/03/22 Nursery Stay & Play am
16/03/22 Reception Stay & Play am
17/03/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm
22/03-01/04/22 Big Walk & Wheel
24/03/22 Y4 Trip to Jorvik/ DIG
26/03/22 FOW Easter Fair
30/03/22 Easter Concert 14:00
01/04/22 Break up for Easter
18/04/22 Bank Holiday
19/04/22 Back to School
19/04/22 booking for Learning Passports (SEND pupils only) opens
28/04/22 Class photos
02/05/22 Bank Holiday
09/05/22 w/b Y6 test week
13/05/22 Training Day First Aid at Work all staff
18/05/22 Learning Passport mtgs (SEND pupils only)
19/05/22 Whole school road safety training
21/05/22 Otley Show
26/05/22 Maypole 09:15
27/05/22 Break up
06/06/22 Back to school
09-10/06/22 Y5 Whitby residential
13/06/22 Rec- Y3 scooter training
14/06/22 Y4-6 scooter training
15/06/22 Reception Induction 19:00
16/06/22 Clean Air Day
15-17/06/22 Y6 Herd Farm residential
21/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play am
22/06/22 Reception Stay & Play am
23/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm
18/06/22 Otley Carnival
20-26/06/22 Refugee Week
21/06/22 Nursery Induction 15:45
27/06/22 Y6 transition road safety training
27/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
28/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
18/07/22 Talent show 13:45
22/07/22 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
22/07/22 Break up

25/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)

26/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)

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.

Green events are new or amended since these dates were last published.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

December's winners were as follows:

1st: (£136) Mr & Mrs Drake

2nd: (£34) Mr & Mrs Scurfield

3rd: (£17) Mr & Mrs Shearer

As of December we have **68** 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 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. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Music fees for instrumental lessons are now due and are payable via [Pay360](#).

A polite reminder that all PCR results as well as positive LFD results should be reported to the school office as soon as you receive them- even if your child is already self-isolating. This can be done via email or telephone. This is important as school is responsible for reporting all positive results to the local authority as soon as possible, for monitoring and planning purposes.

Thank you

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Just a reminder of the wealth of information that is freely available on our [school website](#), including:

- Policies
- Curriculum information
- Admissions
- Inclusion and equalities information
- End of Y6 results & our OFSTED report
- Newsletters & school news items
- Governance matters, including meeting minutes
- General diary dates

And much more!