

# A Typical Year in the Life of the Friends of Westgate:

## Autumn Term

September: Westbourne Spice Curry evening for parents and carers

October: Cake Sale

Scholastic Book Fair

November: Beetle Drive for children and families

December: Victorian Fayre Stall

Children's Christmas Card sales

## Spring Term

January: Children's Disco

February: Carnival Entry Children's Competition

March: Easter Fayre for families

April: Movie Night

## Summer Term

May: Cake Sale

June: Otley Carnival

July: Yearbooks for Y6 leavers



Easter Fayre



Victorian Fayre Stall

## Want to find out more?

Email **the school office** or use the **Friends of Westgate Facebook group**.

Or look out for details of upcoming meetings and events in the school newsletter or on the noticeboard in the playground and just come along!

## Friends of Westgate



## The Parents and Staff Association of Westgate Primary School



FOW Otley Carnival Entry



## Who are the Friends?

We are a group of volunteers made up of parents and staff at Westgate. We raise money to help pay for extra things at school that may not otherwise be affordable.

We are a registered charity with a separate constitution and financial accounts to the school.

The Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and other committee members are parents/grandparents to children at the school.

## What do we do?

We hold events throughout the school year to help raise funds for FOW or other charities that are important to the school, such as Martin House or a school in Nepal that we support. As well as raising money, these events aim to be fun and sociable so that everyone can feel part of the school community.

## How can I be involved?

Everyone is welcome to join in the FOW events. These are held throughout the year—watch out for newsletters and follow the Friends of Westgate group on Facebook.



FOW meeting at The Fleece

We are always pleased to have new volunteers if you would like to help with an event. Come along to meetings at The Fleece (all welcome) or you can simply help out occasionally as it suits you. If you have a particular skill that could help, please let us know.

We all have lots of different commitments so whatever you can manage is appreciated!

## How is the money spent?

Most of the funds raised go directly back to helping your children. Recently, we have paid for:

- Lighting for stage productions
- Costumes for productions
- Quiet outdoor games for playtime

Some of the money we raise goes towards other charities that the school supports.

We discuss amongst ourselves and with school staff the best way to spend the money. In the future we hope to help the school purchase new iPads to enhance children's learning.



Quiet games for playtime

## Events

Typical events are listed on the back page but we are always open to new ideas. There are regular small events such as after school cake sales.



Cake Sale

There are also bigger annual events such as Otley Carnival and the Easter Fayre (our biggest fundraiser).



Toy Library

Some activities don't raise money but the children benefit from them, such as the Toy Library where younger children can borrow games each week.