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We are delighted that ArtCamp UK are again offering a holiday club at Westgate this half term. Here is the timetable of activities they have planned:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	08:45 – 15:45	<b>Forest School</b> 	<b>Improv Drama</b> 
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	08:45 – 15:45	<b>Percussion</b> 	<b>Messy Art</b> 
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	08:45 – 15:45	<b>Bush Craft</b> 	<b>Theatre</b> 
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	08:45 – 15:45	<b>Improv Drama</b> 	<b>Music</b> 

Feedback from their camp this summer was that all the children who attended had an enormous amount of fun, and the camp caters well for children of all abilities. You can book online [here](#) and you can also use all the usual workplace childcare vouchers as payment if you wish.

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

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

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Thursday we will be visiting the Parish Church as a school (Reception to Y6) and parents will be welcome to join us in person, or follow the service on the church's livestream online: a link will be sent out the day before. We will be collecting food for the festival, which will be donated to [Otley Food Bank](#). Non-perishable items such as tins, jars, packet and dried goods are all welcome and should be brought to school at the **beginning of the school day on Thursday 06/10/2022**. The food bank has experienced lower donation rates in recent months so everything you can give will be very gratefully received.

Thank you ☺

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOTIFICATION PROJECT

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school. The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to [www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk](http://www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk)

## FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Much fun was had by all who attended our BBQ and activity afternoon, just over a week ago, and we raised a pleasing £465! Thank you to everyone who

volunteered on the day, and who attended and spent their money with us. You should have received a letter on Friday, outlining the ways in which we need your support this year. We really hope that new groups/ individuals will come forward to enable us to have another really successful year. You can volunteer to help out with a range of events [here](#). **Many hands make light work!**

## WESTGATE WINDFALL

September's winners are:

**1<sup>st</sup>: (£130) Mr & Mrs Richardson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: (£32.50) Dr Savin**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: (£16.25) Mr & Mrs Ridgeway**

As of September 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.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

We know that many families will be looking to the months ahead with concern. Please don't hesitate to speak to school if you are struggling financially. There are a number of ways we can help, including with uniform, subsidised or fully funded holiday activities, food bank referrals, and half term fruit & vegetable deliveries. You should also check you are receiving all the benefits to which you are entitled, and claim free school meals if you are entitled to do so.

### *These are the FSM eligibility criteria:*

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for
- Working Tax Credit

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if their earnings rise above the new threshold during that time.
- In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period.
- Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

**You can find out more here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



## 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!

**04/10/22 Y5 & Y6 Otley library visits**

05/10/22 Rec Curriculum evening 19:00

06/10/22 Harvest Festival

**10/10/22 Flu immunisations Rec- Y6**

**13/10/22 Y6 Sikh visitor**

**18/10/22 Y5/6 BMX trip (selected pupils)**

18/10/22 Consultation evening 17:00 (online)

**20/10/22 Jeanne Willis author visit & workshop Rec- Y6**

**20/10/22 Y2 & Y4 Otley library visits**

20/10/22 Consultation evening 15:45 (face to face)

**20/10/22 FOW uniform sale 15:30- 18:45**

**21/10/22 Rec & Y3 Otley library visits**

21/10/22 Break up for half term

31/10/22 Back to school

**01/11/22 Individual photos**

**02/11/22 Ragbag collection**

**03/11/22 Y5 Ancient Greece workshop**

**03/11/22 Y1 Otley library visit**

**04/11/22 Y3 history trip- Leeds museum**

07/11/22 Booking for SEN reviews opens

14-18/11/22 Anti-Bullying Week

14-18/11/22 Otley Science Week

14/11/22 UK Parliament Week

15/11/22 Y1 Science trip

15/11/22 Nursery Stay & Play am

15/11/22 Nursery Induction 15:45

16/11/22 Reception Stay & Play am

17/11/22 Y5 Science trip

17/11/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm

18/11/22 Children in Need day

**18/11/22 FOW family bingo & pizza night**

**28/11/22 EYFS cluster training day: school closed to Nursery & Reception only**

28/11/22 Choir Otley Xmas Lights pm

30/11/22 SEN reviews (SchoolCloud)

**04/12/22 Otley Victorian Fayre- choir singing at 13:45**

06-12/12/22 Hour of Code (Computer Science Education) Week

07/12/22 FS Xmas performance 14:15- 14:45

08/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 19:00

09/12/22 FS Xmas performance 11:00

09/12/22 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

09/12/22 Choir concert Otley Xmas Tree Festival

12/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

13/12/22 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

14/12/22 School Xmas Dinner

16/12/22 Xmas Parties

16/12/22 Break up for Christmas

02/01/23 Bank Holiday

03/01/23 Training Day- school closed to pupils

04/01/23 Back to School

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 - please ensure prompt payment via Pay360!
- Invoices have been sent out for the Autumn half term #1 **Nursery fees**. Payment can be made via Pay360, or childcare voucher.
- Please ensure all **WOOSH fees** are up to date from last academic year in order to continue using the service. The next WOOSH invoices will be sent via email at the end of this half term.

A polite reminder that if parents wish to use **HMRC Tax Free Childcare** payments, it is essential that school has the relevant code on file, and that school is notified whenever a payment is made using this method. This is the only way we are able to accurately credit your accounts.

Many thanks!