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SCHOOL FOOD AMBASSADORS



As part of our 'Healthy Schools Award' we are introducing School Food Ambassadors. Earlier this term, Mrs Hattersley took George Lunn and Lucy Chambers to a training event for School Food Ambassadors. Since then, they have led a school assembly to explain to all the children what the role will entail and children have been able to apply to become a SFA. Ambassadors are a group of children who have been chosen to help us lead on school food. They have an important responsibility to help make school food better

for everyone. The children will have the opportunity to monitor school food quality through listening to their peers and giving feedback at our meetings, sampling school lunches, monitoring school lunch wastage and helping to relaunch our packed lunch guidance by working with parents and children. They will be working with the kitchen staff to ensure our school meals are of a high quality and appeal to children and finding ways to encourage all children (eating school dinners *or* packed lunches) to make healthy food choices, try new things and to finish their meals. The emphasis is on encouragement, fun and positivity, to help children to take ownership of healthy eating for themselves. After receiving all your applications, Mrs Hattersley, George and Lucy had the difficult task of selecting our Food Ambassadors. The following children have been successful: Oscar Lunn Y3, Lucy Chambers Y4, Hollie Cockerham Y4, Abbie Whitehead, Y5, Dylan Bibby Y5, George Lunn Y6, Lilia Farnaby Y6 & Daniel Parapia Y6. Thank you to everyone who completed an application for this new role: they were all really great!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB



We are sending out application forms this week but it's not too late to request one if you haven't already done so. We are delighted that Karen Mellor has volunteered to run the Savings Club on behalf of the Friends of Westgate and school. She will receive full training from Leeds City Credit Union to enable her to fulfil this role, and we intend to begin the scheme in January- so children can use some of their Christmas money, if they receive any cash gifts, for their first deposit! Children are encouraged to save regularly, even small amounts, rather than infrequent larger deposits, to help establish good financial management habits as early as possible. They will receive an annual dividend based on the deposits they have made.

TOY LIBRARY

Huge thanks to Sarah Drake and Helen Jackson, who have taken on this great facility for families with young children from Gail Brogden. Held in the KS1 shared area (between the Y1 and Y2 classrooms) after school on Thursdays, you can pop along and for £1 for a year's membership you and your child can choose from a great selection of age appropriate games. You can swap each week and try out lots of different games, or return to a few favourites over time!





This Friday, school will be 'taken over' by our pupils! Children have applied for a wide

range of jobs, including site superintendent, teacher, teaching assistant, school administrator and head teacher! Mrs Senior has organised the whole thing in conjunction with School Council and the selection process was rigorous. Children are learning about the world of work through direct experience. A special edition newsletter will follow about the children's experiences!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Christmas Dinner Day reply slips from children who usually have a packed lunch but want a Christmas Dinner on 16/12/15 must be returned to the School Office by Friday 27th November. We are unable to accommodate any requests after this date. Thank you.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

November's winners are:

1st: James Simpson (£102)

2nd: Ros Tucker (£25.50)

3rd: Cathy Liddicott (£12.75)

We currently have 51 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

Our recent RagBag collection raised £72.80 for school-thanks to Jo Newell for organising and to everyone who donated!

In addition, the Scholastic Book Fair raised £497.84 in commission to be spent with the company on books for school. Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair and made a purchase for helping us to raise such a great amount of money! Thanks too, to Alison Heppenstall-Ross and her band of helpers for running the stall all week.



Attached to this newsletter are flyers about two upcoming events: firstly, the **Victorian Fayre Stall and the Chocolate Tombola** and secondly a new venture for us, a trip to see a **Panto** in January in Leeds! We hope lots of families will take up this value for money offer. Finally, don't forget **Beetle Drive** this week on **Friday**! It starts at 6pm and lasts an hour. For just £1 entry you can have really good old-fashioned family fun, a snack and a drink for children, plus there will be a child-focused mini-raffle. No need to get a ticket- just come along!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

While we have yet to confirm training day dates, school term dates for next academic year (2016-17) are now available on the calendar on the website/ learning platform for those of you looking at booking holidays.

19/11/15 Y3 Class Assembly

24/11/15 Y4 Class Assembly

26/11/15 Y1-6 Walk the Walls

30/11/15 Y3/4 visit to Synagogue

17/12/15 last day of school for Nursery children this term

18/12/15 School closes for Christmas. No WOOSH after school on this day.

04/01/16 Training Day: school closed to children

05/01/16 School Opens

Please note that a letter about tickets for Christmas performances will be coming out separately. Dates and times have already been published and are available online.





**Friends of Westgate
Otley Victorian Fayre
Sunday 6th December
12 to 6pm
Please can you help?**

FOW will be running a stall at the Otley Victorian Fayre on Sunday 6th December 2015 from 12:00. Previous years have been very enjoyable fund raising events and a great start for the festive season.

Our stall will serve Mulled Wine, home-made items including mince pies and a chocolate tombola which will be a seasonal twist on the traditional bottle tombola.

As in previous years this, as with all FOW efforts, would not be so successful without your help and support.

This year we need help with the following:

- **Volunteers to help run the stall**
- **Contributions of homemade items (especially home-made mince pies or biscuits)**
- **Any chocolate goods or items with a chocolate theme!**

Please bring donations into the office. Fresh items on Friday 4th December or to the stall on the day before 12:00. Thank you! 😊



“The Snow Queen” Pantomime – Leeds 16/01/16

Friends of Westgate are able to offer the opportunity to see this great production at The Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds, including coach transport there and back from Westgate, for just £12 a head, on January 16th 2016. This value for money offer is subject to a minimum of 50 tickets being sold. If fewer than 50 tickets are sold, the offer will be £12 for adults and £8 for children, without transport included.

We will be attending the Matinee performance so departure will be approx. 10:45 for the 12:00 show.

The trip is being organised by Friends of Westgate so will not be escorted. Children will need to be supervised by parents or appropriate others and children attending will not be restricted to those attending Westgate school. Anyone interested in what looks like being a thoroughly enjoyable event and what may be the first opportunity to introduce your child(ren) to the unique experience of live theatre should return the slip below to the school office by 7th December 2015.

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FAO Kevin Jacobs c/o the School Office

I would like __ (number) tickets @ £12 each for The Snow Queen on 16/01/16. I understand that children must be supervised by an adult. I enclose £_____ (any cheques should be payable to Friends of Westgate)

Signed: _____ (parent/ carer) Date: _____

Name: _____ contact number: _____

