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### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER...

I must begin by apologising that this newsletter is a full 2 weeks late. The truth is, it's just been so busy!

Of course the most recent, and I have to say time-consuming event, was our OFSTED inspection last week. I am sure everyone is desperate to hear the outcome! Unfortunately, we are bound to confidentiality until the report is published. This usually takes about 20 school days - meaning of course that we will have to wait until partway through September before we can share the outcome! You can imagine how this feels, but I can for now say that the inspection was thorough and fair and the process was a positive one. I am confident you will recognise our school as described in the final report, when it does arrive. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the Parent View survey as part of the process.

In the meantime, we have received more good news. Firstly, Mrs Hooper, as our PE & Sport Leader, successfully applied for school to receive **School Games Mark Gold**. This is no mean feat for a one-form entry school, which has gone from Bronze, to Silver and now Gold in just 3 years.



Secondly, Mrs Hattersley has successfully applied for us to be recognised as a **Mindmate Champion** school - making us the first mainstream school in the city to receive this award. It recognises our commitment to and provision for children's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. Similarly, we have also achieved **Health Champion** for SEMH.

I must also take this opportunity to celebrate the assessment outcomes for children taking part in national assessments in Y1, Y2 and Y6, where at every level children have achieved pleasing results in comparison to national averages. Well done to the children for their hard work and positive attitudes to learning. We have also improved our end of Foundation Stage outcomes this year. You can imagine how proud I am, of the children and the staff across school who have worked so hard to enable the children to do well.

All of this brings us closer to the summer holidays and a well-earned rest. Many of you may be taking your child(ren) to local holiday activities; some may be planning a break away somewhere; and others may be chilling out at home. Whatever your children and your family end up doing, have fun, stay safe, and we will look forward to seeing everyone in September... unless your child is moving on to a new school, in which case, we all wish you good luck for a happy start in September. Of course, we are saying goodbye to Year 6 pupils, and to Nursery children who are moving on to Reception at All Saints, Ashfield and St Joseph's this year; also to Owen in Y2 who is moving to Cumbria and to Mrs Williams in Nursery who is moving to a school on Burley-in-Wharfedale. We are welcoming Ms Ellison, in her place, to Reception in September as a teaching assistant. And finally, we congratulate and say farewell to Mr Pollhammer, who has now qualified as a teacher! We wish him every success for the coming academic year.

Have a lovely summer, everyone!

Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

### HEALTH & WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

I think it's fair to say that this event was an unqualified success! Children had an incredible range of opportunities over the two weeks, to try out a wide range of activities and sports, take part in competitive and fun activities too, learn more about healthy eating and generally expand their comfort zone. Huge thanks to Mrs Hooper for masterminding the whole thing and the children for their fantastic, have a go attitude and sportsmanship through the whole fortnight.

### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



We were so proud to receive Second Prize in our class on the day of Otley Carnival for **Wild Westgate**, and we have since heard that we have been awarded the Keith Wilkinson Trophy, aka The People's Choice Award! Jim Ibbetson has also kindly been into school to install the wagon in the Foundation Stage playground, where it has proved a huge hit with Nursery and Reception. Our **new playground equipment**, jointly funding by FOW and school, has also been very popular with the children - and is a great improvement on the old equipment. Our final meeting of the year was **Tuesday, 17/07/18 at 19:30 in The Fleece**, including our AGM.



### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who has settled end of year bills, including music fees, Nursery fees and dinner money. If you know you still have a balance to clear, please do so as soon as possible in order for the banking to be completed by next Tuesday. Thank you!

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

June's winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Louise Archer (£128)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: D&A Ridgeway (£32)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Alison Heppenstall-Ross (£16)**

We have **64** members at present and the more members we have, the more each prize is worth! 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.

### SPONSORED GO NOODLE



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the sponsored event, and who helped their child(ren) to collect sponsorship. We are delighted that the final amount raised for Mencap was **£1138.45**, with (we think) just over **£200** on top of that in GiftAid! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done children!

### MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

Can anyone who has taken home a Westgate P.E. top please return it to school by Friday 20th July. Thank you.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of the term dates for next year!

03/09/18 Training Day  
04/09/18 Training Day  
05/09/18 School opens to pupils  
26/10/18 Break up for Half Term  
05/11/18 Back to School  
21/12/18 Break up for Christmas  
07/01/19 Training Day  
08/01/19 School opens to pupils  
14/02/19 Break up for Half Term  
15/02/19 Training Day  
25/02/19 Back to School  
29/03/19 Break Up for Holiday  
15/04/19 Back to School  
19/04/19 Bank Holiday  
22/04/19 Bank Holiday  
02/05/19 Training Day/Polling Day  
06/05/19 Bank Holiday  
24/05/19 Break Up for Half Term  
03/06/19 Back to School  
24/07/19 Break up for Summer Holiday

**We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September!**