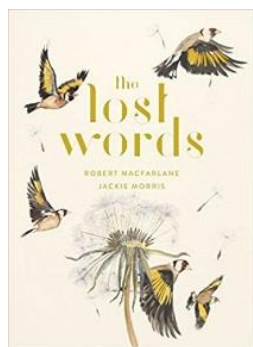


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EASTER-NOT-EASTER!



The culmination of our whole school Art & Poetry project based on 'The Lost Words' by Jackie Morris and Robert MacFarlane is tomorrow. We will be holding an exhibition after school, to which all families are invited in order to view and celebrate the children's hard work, skill and talent. On Friday we will be breaking up, along with schools across Leeds, for a fortnight's holiday. This year we are in the unusual situation in which Easter proper (and its bank holidays) falls outside of this school holiday, meaning that, coupled with May Day bank holiday and polling day, we have 4 four-day weeks in the coming half term.

As a result of this mis-match, we have heard on the grapevine that our much-anticipated annual visit from the naughty, mess-making Easter bunny will happen in the first week back at school after the big holiday. Mr Wardman is bracing himself for another clear up of the bunny's pesky footprints. Maybe this year will be the year we catch him red-pawed! In any event, I hope you all have a lovely end of term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school later in April.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

DECORATE AN EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The artistically inclined amongst us will be pleased to know that this annual event will also take place after our fortnight's holiday, giving you extra time to really hone your ideas. Entries should be brought to school on **Thursday 18th April** at the start of the school day. There will be a winner's certificate for each class, as well as an overall winner for Nursery-Y2 and an overall winner for Y3- Y6. There is no theme, so children are encouraged to be as creative and traditional or topical as they wish! Please note that any entries not collected at the end of the day will be unfortunately disposed of, as we do not have room for storage.



ARTSMARK NEWS

In addition to the work we are doing on our Art & Design curriculum as part of our work towards Artsmark, we are determined not to rest on our laurels in other areas of the Arts. In Music, we are just beginning to establish a partnership with Otley Chamber Orchestra. Tomorrow, we are delighted to welcome a small group of musicians from the ensemble to our assembly, giving all our pupils the opportunity to hear advanced musicians perform live. Earlier this term, Y3 went to Leeds Youth Music Prom Concert at Leeds Town Hall, where they enjoyed performances from a wide range of different ensembles, from full orchestra through to a jazz band and a folk group. This trip was paid for in part by contributions to School Fund made as a result of Westgate Choir's public performances at Christmas. Next term, we have a number of musicians taking part in an Orchestral Day at Harrogate Ladies College, as well as the LSMA Summer Concert, which is again at Leeds Town Hall.



**We're working
towards Artsmark**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for **Easy Fundraising**. We are already raising money through this scheme so please remember us as you shop online- or book a

holiday! We're coming up to the **£250** mark! At the moment we have **33** Easy Fundraising supporters- imagine how much we could raise- at no cost to you- if more of our families joined us! Follow the link in the article below for more information.

The **Easter Fair and Toy Sale** have been a great success, with profits so far in excess of **£1700**. Thank you to every person who donated items, baked or volunteered on the day- and extra special thanks to the Easter Fair mastermind, Karen Mellor, and her crack team of core helpers, who ensured the day went so smoothly. Much fun was had by all!

Next half term, **FOW Bingo and Pizza** night sees a return after its inaugural success last year. This will take place on **Friday 17/05/19**- look out for a letter coming out after the holiday.



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<http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>

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WESTGATE WINDFALL

February's winners were:

1st: Amy Gregory (£136)

2nd: Debbie Shaftoe (£34)

3rd: Rachel Preston (£17)



We currently 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. This term, Westgate School Fund has paid for or subsidised: Lost Words resources; Silly Science workshops for Y1 to Y6; D:Side drugs and e-Safety workshops for the whole school; Andy Seed Author Visit; Eco Team litter resources; EYFS resources



SUSTRANS THE BIG PEDAL

This week we are taking part in a national competition, aimed at increasing sustainable school travel. You should have received a letter

about this last week. Every day, teachers will be asking their pupils how they travelled to school and we will be uploading the figures to the national website, daily. We are in competition with all our local primary schools so we are hoping that we do really well!

Walking and scooting count too- it's not just cycling. In entering, school has the chance to be entered into a school draw to win prizes- and you can too! Simply post a photo of you and your child **cycling, walking or scooting to school** on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning as a family, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Twitter twitter.com/sustrans Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans). Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

PRIZE UNCLAIMED

The raffle ticket **Yellow 320** is still unclaimed. This is the winning ticket for the **Travel Survey** draw. Please check your wallets, purses, pockets and claim this week if you are the winner!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

About half of our families are now signed up to our electronic payment system- thank you! Please note that, if you are signed up, you will no longer receive texts about school meal balances, as you can log on and check your exact balance now through Agora. This week is the last week of the financial year, so it is very important that any outstanding Nursery or WOOSH fees owing are settled this week. Please speak to Mrs Bleasdale in confidence about this if you need to.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for next term. They are also to be found on the calendar when you log on to the VLE. Dates in **green/ bold** are new or changed since dates were first circulated.

26/03/19 Lost Words Art & Poetry exhibition

27/03/19 Easter Concert 14:00

29/03/19 Break up for Easter 15:15 WOOSH is available after school on this day.

15/04/19 Back to School

18/04/19 Decorate an Easter Egg Competition

19/04/19 Bank Holiday

22/04/19 Bank Holiday

02/05/19 Training / Polling day- School Closed to pupils

06/05/19 Bank Holiday

09/05/19 Class photos*

13/05/19 w/b Y6 test week

17/05/19 FOW Bingo & Pizza Night

21/05/19 Whole School Maypole Dancing 09:15*

24/05/19 Break up

03/06/19 Back to school

06-07/06/19 Y5 Whitby Residential

15/06/19 Otley Carnival

18/06/19 Reception Induction meeting

25/06/19 Nursery Induction 15:45

27/06/19 Sports Day*: Rec/ KS1 10:00; Nursery 12:30; KS2 13:45

01/07/19 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

02/07/18 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

18/07/19 Leavers' Play/ Party 18:30

22/07/19 Talent show 14:00

23/07/19 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

24/07/19 Break up 15:15 WOOSH is available after school on this day.

Next year:

02/09/19 Training day- school closed to pupils

03/09/19 Training day- school closed to pupils

04/09/19 School Opens

25/10/19 Break up for half term

04/11/19 Back to School

20/12/19 Break up for Christmas 15:15

WOOSH is available after school on this day.

06/01/20 Training day- school closed to pupils

07/01/20 School Opens

13/02/20 Break up for half term

14/02/20 Training day- school closed to pupils

24/02/20 Back to School

03/04/20 Break up for Easter 15:15 WOOSH is available after school on this day.

20/04/20 Back to School

04/05/20 Bank Holiday- school closed

22/05/20 Break up for half term

01/06/20 Back to School

17/07/20 Break up for the summer 15:15

WOOSH is available after school on this day.

20/07/20 Training day- school closed to pupils

07/09/20 Earliest date that school *may* open to pupils for the Autumn Term

* NURSERY CHILDREN

If your child would not normally attend Nursery at this time and you would like him/ her to be part of this event, please speak to the class teacher to confirm their attendance. Thank you ☺