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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor. We therefore invite any parent who would be interested in joining our governor team to express their interest.

Being a governor is very rewarding and is a chance to understand more of the work of our school and support us in being the best we can be. As a governor you will attend 5 meetings a year as well as one or two committee meetings each term, usually in the evening. You will be expected to respect the confidential nature of aspects of the role. There is also training available for all new governors.

If you think you could support the school in this way, please complete the form attached at the end of this newsletter and return to school no later than Friday 17th March 2017. Your personal statement might include biographical information, useful experience you may have had, your reasons for wanting to be a member of the Governing Body and the contribution you believe you can make to it. In the event of more than two people putting themselves forward, there will be an election and copies of the personal statements and a voting form will be sent to all parents. If only one person stands he or she will be elected unopposed.

If you would like more information, please either contact the Governor Support Service at Children Leeds (Telephone 0113 247 5560), or perhaps speak to one of the other Governors.

Following this newsletter will be information from last week's Governors Day in School, which will hopefully inspire you to consider this valuable role.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

MINDMATE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

On Monday this week, we were received an accreditation visit from Emma Ingham who is working with Children Leeds and the Clinical Commissioning Groups. As a result we have become the first school in Leeds to be awarded **Mindmate Friendly** Status. This recognises all the work we do and our commitment to supporting all children's social, emotional and mental health needs. Thank you to the parents, children, governors and staff who spoke to Emma as part of her visit.

SCHOOL FOOD

We have recently changed the school lunch menus, following consultation with children and taking into account feedback we have received from parents in the last few months. In addition, over the last few months, the catering staff has moved away from using frozen and pre-prepared food so that almost all of the school food is now cooked 'from scratch' using fresh ingredients. While school meals have always been popular at Westgate, we are really pleased with the further improvements in quality this has brought about. There are samples to try for parents during consultation evenings this week- just pop along to the school for mild veggie chilli or BBQ chicken pizza, cherry cake or fruit! All school meals must comply with the national nutritional standards as set out by the government.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some reminder dates for your diary or calendar:



02/03/17 Consultation evening 17:00
02-03/03/17 D:Side drugs and e-safety education (whole school)
06/03/17 Y4 Hindu Temple visit
07/03/17 Y6 Ch-ch-ch-changes
09/03/17 Y3/4 India Day
10/03/17 Y3 Hindu Temple visit
14/03/17 Y5 Whitby meeting 18:00
16/03/17 Y1/2 Skipton Castle Visit
16/03/17 Musical Extravaganza at Yeadon Town Hall
29/03/17 Easter Concert 14:00
31/03/17 Training day- school closed to pupils/ Break up
17/04/17 Bank Holiday
18/04/17 Back to School

E-SAFETY WORKING PARTY

We are in the process of updating our e-Safety policy and as part of this we have set up a working party to establish a robust policy, consisting of Rob Wilks, our chair of governors, Mrs Senior our Computing leader, myself as the e-safety leader and senior Child Protection Officer, and a parent representative. I will keep you updated with our progress in coming newsletters.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

February's winners are:

1st: Rebecca Gilray (£118)

2nd: Andrew Ross (£29.50)

3rd: Fiona & Godfrey Burke (£14.50)



We currently have 59 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see somebody 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.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that some payments are due: School milk (£7 per term); School meals in KS2 (£2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week/ £66.70 for the whole half term); Nursery

flexi lunches (£4 per week); music tuition (£35 per term); instrument hire (£15 per term/ £25 per term for cellos). Please also ensure that we are informed promptly of any changes of contact details (address/ phone number/ email address) so that we can update our records and ensure you receive communications correctly. Data collection sheets will be coming out to all classes this half term to prompt you to check that we hold accurate information. Please ensure you return the sheet promptly. Thank you ☺



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



We have rearranged our Stew & Oyster evening for Tuesday 28th March. Look out for tickets being sold next week! The children have received the letter

inviting carnival theme suggestions so encourage them to put pen to paper if they are feeling creative. This Friday sees the pre-Easter Fair Toy Stall after school- we are accepting donations now! And of course, the Easter Fair itself follows on Saturday 25th March. All donations and offers of help gratefully received!

SPORTS REPORT

On Wednesday 22nd February, 4 children from Year 4 (Toby Cochrane, Rowan Sneath, Ted Sneath and Lizzie Macdonald) participated in a Sports Partnership Mini-Tennis festival at PHGS, accompanied by Miss Ingle. They all played singles matches against children from 3 other local schools. All four children played brilliantly; not only with great skill but with a super attitude and enjoyment. We were very proud that they won several of their matches and came second overall. Well done Westgate!

