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A BELATED WELCOME BACK!

The Easter holiday seems a distant memory and the half term break will be here before we know it! We have welcomed more children to our Nursery this term and parents also heard about their children's Reception place offers for this September. It would seem that this year a large proportion of the children due to start school in Otley in September lived closest to Westgate, meaning that we will be full for September.

I am very sad to tell you that, after 27 years with us, Mrs Boyes has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. I know that families all through school (and beyond!) will know what a key part of our staff team she is, helping what must now be over 1000 children on the very first steps of their school journey. I will let families know through the newsletter a bit nearer the time what we are doing to say farewell as I am sure many of you will want to be part of this. I know that Cathy is looking forward to having a bit more time for herself, and she has certainly earned it! Wherever she is though, she will be a 'Westgate Always Always Person'. More to follow...

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please make a note of these dates for this term and next academic year, all of which are on the calendar on the website/ VLE, including class assemblies:

W/B 11/05/15 Y6 SATs
 14/05/15 Governing Body meeting
 16/05/15 Otley Show
 18/05/15 FOW Uniform Sale after school
 19/05/15 Y1 Class assembly
 20/05/15 Nursery am/ flexi 1 Maypole dancing 11:15
 21/05/15 Maypole dancing Nursery to Y6 14:00
 22/05/15 Break up for half term
 01/06/15 Back to school
 05/06/15 Wake Up Shake Up competition
 11/06/15 Y3 Class assembly
 11-12/06/15 Y5 Whitby residential
 15-17/06/15 Y6 Robinwood residential
 15/06/15 Y4 to Ilkley Tennis Championship
 18/06/15 Reception Class assembly
 20/06/15 Otley Carnival
 23/06/15 Y3/4 Story Workshop
 24/06/15 Y6 mini-Olympics afternoon
 25/06/15 Y5 PHGS taster morning
 25/06/15 Nursery Induction meetings

26/06/15 Y2 Class assembly
 29/06/15 Y6 Junior Band Day PHGS/
 Bowling at Wharfemeadows
 30/06/15 Reception Induction meeting
 14:00
 30/06/15 Governing Body meeting
 03/07/15 Y5 Whitby Assembly
 06/07/15 Induction morning in school
 06/07/15 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6
 06/07/15 Friends of Westgate meeting
 19:30
 06-07/07/15 Y6 PHGS Induction days
 08/07/15 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5
 09/07/15 Y6 Robinwood Assembly
 15/07/15 Nursery Sports day 12:30
 16/07/15 School Sports Day: KS1 10:00, KS2
 13:45
 16/07/15 Y6 Leavers Play & Party 18:30
 20/07/15 09:00 Leavers Assembly
 20/07/15 Talent Show
 21/07/15 Break up at 15:15. No WOOSH
 after school. No Nursery on this day.
Next academic year:
 Training days (4 in total): 03/09/15;
 04/09/15; 04/01/16; 22/02/16

**SPORTS CHEVIN FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY-
SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 12-4pm
WHARFEMEADOWS PARK**



Put this fun family event in your diary and get down there next month to enjoy the

activities on offer:

- Sports to try including cycling, athletics, hockey, football, boxing... plus more to be announced!
- Cycle event organised by Otley Cycle Club
- Fun events- assault course/ tug o' war and more!
- Food and drink stall
- 5Km run organised by Otley Athletics Club

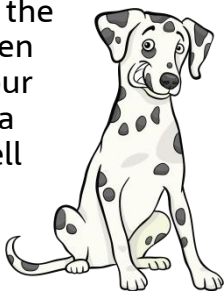
All ages are welcome. For more information, see

www.facebook.com/sportchevin

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

At the end of last term, the ever-popular Easter Fair raised a grand total of £2019.99! A huge well done and thank you to Liz Bownes, Gail Brogden, Claire Marsh and Debbie Parapia as the masterminds behind the event, and thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and came along on the day and spent a bit of money. We are purchasing stage lighting with the money that the Friends have raised this year- **THANK YOU!**

The big news this term is that the theme **101 Dalmatians** has been chosen by School Council as our Carnival entry this year, from a very high quality shortlist. Well done to Livia Mirfield in Y3, who suggested this theme! Every year, Westgate has by far the biggest turnout of any school- we hope this year will be no exception so make sure you get signed up if you wish to take part. Volunteers to help with costumes and accessories will be welcomed by the Carnival committee- Steph Wood and her band of supporters! Our next meeting is on 06/07/15 at the Fleece, 19:30 and this will include our AGM.



WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were:

1st: C&J Macdonald (£94)

2nd: S&C Cockerham (£23.50)

3rd: Mrs D Lee (£11.75)



We currently have 47 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.

GOLDEN OWL FILM AWARDS



We were so proud to be nominated for the third year in a row in this competition, which is part of the Leeds Young Film-Makers Festival. Mrs Senior took Josh, Dylan, Jack, Demi and Livia to Leeds Town Hall with their parents, where we got to watch the children's film on an enormous screen! Though we were not the final winners in our category, Mrs Senior and I were enormously proud of the children and their hard work in producing such an excellent film.

SCHOOL MEALS

The next two themed meals following on from our recent **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** are: **The World of David Walliams** meal on



Thursday 21st May and then our **American Independence Day meal on Friday 3rd July**. You will have

received information about this in a letter- don't forget to return your slip if your child usually has a packed lunch and wants to take part.

A polite reminder for parents: we usually require a week's notice if your child wishes to move from school meals to a packed lunch. Please notify the school office of any changes, rather than the class teacher.

Thank you ☺

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder to return data collection sheets to us if you haven't yet done so. Thank you!