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WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break last week.

We are starting to get ready for the end of the summer term by preparing for the very busy weeks ahead. I know as well that people will be starting to think about the coming year. I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, **Mrs Marie Colannino**, who will join us from Fearnville Primary School in Bradford. Mrs Colannino was an outstanding candidate in a strong field of applicants and I know she will be an excellent addition to our school team. This means that we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Thurgood at the end of this year, who will be joining his new school in South Leeds in September.

Next year, Mrs Hopkins will teach full-time in Y5, and Mrs Cable will therefore teach Monday to Wednesday in Y4, with Mrs Hooper teaching Wednesday to Friday (and Mondays in Y6). Mrs Colannino will be teaching in Reception.

On Friday we are interviewing for the person who will take on Mrs Boyes' role after she retires: I will announce our appointment after interviews have taken place.

Next month children will get the chance to spend a morning in their new classroom with their new teacher in preparation for the new school year.



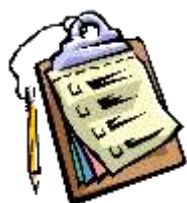
Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

A **huge** amount of unnamed items were removed from the floors of the KS2 cloakrooms last week, the vast majority of which had no name in them. From socks (and knickers!), trainers, jumpers, cardigans, PE shorts & shirts, to sweatshirts, jogging bottoms, expensive coats and whole kit bags, anything that was named was returned to the correct owner. PLEASE check your children's uniform and PE kit this week and ensure all items have a clearly legible name on a label. Children naturally mislay things and naming really helps. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of so please make sure we can return lost items to their rightful owner. Thank you for your help in this matter.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES



Don't forget to return your questionnaires this week. This annual survey helps us to identify areas for further improvement and the things we are doing well. Hand it back on to your child's teacher or to the school office, with one of the raffle tickets attached. Keep the other one so that you can claim your prize if yours is the number pulled out of the draw next week. **£40** of John Lewis/Waitrose vouchers could be yours!

CAKE SALE FOR NEPAL: WELL DONE ABIGAIL AND LIA!



At the end of last term, Abigail and Lia in Y5 came to ask me if they could organise a cake sale to raise money for disaster relief in Nepal. They did a fantastic job, organising their friends and relatives to help out, and their final total raise was a brilliant £115.00! We are so proud of the girls and their efforts, who have given the proceeds to Otley Lions to support their work with Nepal to help in these terrible times.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

The refreshments stalls at the Maypole Dancing in the last week of term raised £52.08!

We have also taken delivery of the stage lighting that Friends of Westgate kindly purchased for us and we hope that this will see its first outing for the Y6 leavers play in July. Cameron Mackintosh eat your heart out!

Preparation for our Carnival entry of **101 Dalmatians** are carrying on behind the scenes. Huge thanks to Jim Ibbetson for lending his considerable expertise to creating the centrepiece.



Our next meeting will be our last of the year and will take place on 06/07/15 at 19:30 in the Fleece

WESTGATE WINDFALL

May's winners were:

1st: Mr & Mrs Cockerham (£94)

2nd: Mrs Farnaby (£23.50)

3rd: Mr & Mrs Parapia (£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.



DIARY DATES



Please make a note of the following dates for this half term which are also on the Learning Platform:

04/06/15 Y6 boys football tournament

05/06/15 School Wake Up Shake Up

competition

08/06/15 Y1 Ilkley Tennis Club coaching session

11-12/06/15 Y5 Whitby Residential

15-17/06/15 Y6 Robinwood Residential

15/06/15 Y4 to Ilkley Tennis Championship

23/06/15 Y3/4 Story workshop

23/06/15 Y2 Class Assembly

24/06/15 Y6 mini-Olympics afternoon

25/06/15 Nursery Induction meeting

25/06/15 Y1/2 trip to Kettlewell

29/06/15 Y3/4 Buddhaland visit

29/06/15 Y6 Wharfemeadows bowling

29/06/15 Junior Band Day

29/06/15 Area Wake Up Shake Up competition

30/06/15 YR trip to Meanwood Urban Farm

30/06/15 Reception Induction meeting

30/06/15 FOW Uniform Sale

30/06/15 Governing Body Meeting

03/07/15 Y5 Whitby Assembly

06-07/07/15 Y6/ 7 Induction days at PHGS

06/07/15 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

07/07/15 Y4 Basketball Festival

08/07/15 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

09/07/15 Y6 Robinwood Assembly

10/07/15 Y6 Rotary Club Dictionary

presentation

15/07/15 Nursery Sports Day

16/07/15 School Sports Day (KS1 am; KS2 pm)

16/07/15 Y6 Leavers' Play and Party

20/07/15 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

20/07/15 Westgate Talent Show

21/07/15 School finishes for the summer:

CLOSED to Nursery on this day. No WOOSH after school.

KS2 FRUIT STALL

Dear KS2 parents/carers, School council are trialling a parent suggestion from our recent questionnaire which allows KS2 children to pre-pay their fruit



money. **From next week**, children or parents may bring in money on any **Monday** in multiples of £1 up to a maximum of £5. Each £1 will buy 5 credits which children can redeem at the fruit stall at break time- 1 credit will buy 1 piece of fruit.

The children running the stall will have a record of children's credit and will tell them if their credits are running low. Fruit stall is also now being held outside at break time. We hope these changes will cut waiting times for the children.

Yours sincerely
School Council