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LOOKING AHEAD...

It's that time of year when we are super busy with lots of different things going on at school, while at the same time beginning to think about the year ahead.

I would therefore like to share the staffing plan for next year with you, as it includes some movement of teachers and TAs as follows:

	Teacher(s)	HLTAs/ TAs
YN	Miss Robinson (Fri- Wed) Mrs Norton (Thur)	Mrs Brogden; Mrs Norton; Mrs Pearson
YR	Mrs Colannino (Mon- Wed) Mrs Jagger (Wed- Fri)	Ms Ellison; Ms Osborne; Mrs Wardman
Y1	Mrs Senior (Mon- Thur) Ms Wilson (Fri)	Mrs Gulley; Mrs Kelly; Mrs Kerry
Y2	Mrs Hooper	Mrs Divers; Ms Ellison
Y3	Mrs Hattersley	Mrs Chilton; Mrs Cardwell; Ms Wilson
Y4	Mrs Hopkins (Tue- Fri) Ms Wilson (Mon)	Mrs Silkstone
Y5	Mr Hackney	Mrs Chilton; Mrs Simpson; Mrs Silkstone
Y6	Ms Romaine	Miss Gnap; Mrs Pollhammer; Mrs Rich

This information has been shared with children today and we will begin transition activities after half term.

In addition, I am very sad to say that Mrs Winterburn will be retiring at the end of this term. She was a pupil at Westgate herself up to the age of 7, and has worked here for the last 30 years, so it will feel very strange in September when she isn't here! However, she has definitely earned a rest... and we will no doubt see her back at Westgate with her grandchildren in the very near future!

I hope you all have a great half term when it comes, before returning to school at the start of next month for a fun-packed final half term!

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

Anything in a red box in this newsletter may require action on your part. Thank you ☺

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



We are really proud to have been able to help school this term by buying 2 mini ovens and trolleys for use in food technology lessons, and a new playhouse for the EYFS outdoor area. We could not do this without your support for our fundraising, so thank you to everyone who comes along to FOW events.

Cake Sale: Thank you in advance for your delicious baking! Any unsold items from Wednesday's cake sale will be available to buy at the maypole dancing on Thursday, or at break time for children.

Otley Carnival: preparations are well under way for our school entry. Thank you to everyone helping with making things at home, and for those of you volunteering to help children make costumes or props in school. A final letter will confirm all the logistics of the day itself for those children & families taking part.

Grow a £: Well done to everyone for their efforts with this project again this year. Don't forget to return your original £1 if your child chose not to take part. We will soon be announcing our final total, as well as the prize winners.

Summer Disco: We are looking forward to a final boogie to see out the school year. Look out for further information soon!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of dates for the rest of the year. All dates can also be found on the school website's calendar.

24/05/23 FOW Cake Sale

25/05/23 Maypole 09:15

26/05/23 Orchestra masterclass with Otley Chamber Orchestra

26/05/23 Break up for half term

05/06/23 Back to school

06/06/23 RagBag collection

06/06/23 Class Photos (rearranged)

13/06/23 Y5 Leeds Lieder concert

14-16/06/23 Y6 Herd Farm residential trip

14/06/23 Reception Induction 19:00

15/06/23 Clean Air Day

17/06/23 Otley Carnival

19-25/06/23 Refugee Week

19-23/06/23 Disability Awareness Week

19/06/23 Y3 Herd Farm Stone Age trip

19/06/23 Y2 Back Chat Brass workshop

19/06/23 Nursery Stay & Play am

20/06/23 Reception Stay & Play am

20/06/23 Y2 Skipton Castle trip

21/06/23 Leeds Arena concert

22/06/23 Y6 transition pedestrian training

22/06/23 Y4&6 Ilkley Tennis Tournament

22-23/06/23 Y5 Whitby residential trip

22/06/23 Nursery Stay & Play pm

25/06/23 Otley Family Cycle Day, Garnetts Field

26/06/23 Health & Wellbeing Fortnight

26/06/23 Y5 High School Experience Day

20/06/23 Nursery Induction 15:45

26/06/23 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

27/06/23 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

28/06/23 Y6 Junior Band day at PHGS

29/06/23 Sports Day: KS2 10:00; Nursery

12:30; KS1 & Rec 13:45

04/07/23 Y6 Rounders/ Cricket festival at PHGS

05/07/23 Rec Harlow Carr trip

06/07/23 Summer Disco 17:45 Nur- Y1; 19:00 Y2-Y6

12-14/07/23 Y6 induction days at PHGS

13/07/23 Whole school induction/ transition day

13/07/23 Reception induction morning

14/07/23 Y4 Leeds 2023 Children's Day

17/07/23 Talent show 13:45

18/07/23 Leavers' Play 19:00

19/07/23 Leavers' Party 19:00

21/07/23 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

21/07/23 Break up

24/07/23 Training Day (disaggregated)

25/07/23 Training Day (disaggregated)

*If your child does not normally attend Nursery when a blue event is taking place, you are welcome to bring them along. Further details will be available from Miss Robinson.

* **Green events are new or amended since the last newsletter.**

ANNUAL SURVEY

You still have time to respond to our general annual survey, and enter the prize draw. The survey is open until this Friday. Simply click on [this link](#) to complete it, and enter the unique number that was allocated to you in the original email if you wish to enter the draw. This annual survey is important as it helps us to evaluate the effectiveness of Westgate's work, and informs our development plans for the coming year. The survey is anonymous.





FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We are busy with trips this coming half term – please ensure that you read all the information sent out to you and register your consents / make payment via Pay360.

We will shortly send out an email for parents / carers to register their children's interest in peri-music lessons from Sept 2023 (Y2 upwards). If your child is already having peri-music lessons, please ensure there are no monies outstanding in order to continue with lessons next year.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

April's winners were:

1st: J Holmes (£130)

2nd: A Heppenstall & A Ross (£32.50)

3rd: J&M Richardson (£16.25)

As of April we have 65 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please contact [Mrs Bleasdale](#) in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. **We would really like to increase our membership this term, and the more members we have the larger the prize fund to be won!** All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund. Current projects we are seeking funding for include: upgrading pupil laptops; climate-proofing the outdoor spaces through planting; improvements to the kitchen facilities for EYFS/ pupils. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**



PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY WINNER



Thank you to everyone who responded to our annual travel survey. You can read a summary of the responses if you click [here](#).

The winner of the prize draw is **Nici Wharton**. Congratulations! You win a £20 Sainsbury's voucher.

We will use the information gathered in this survey to support our work to promote safe, sustainable school travel in the coming year.

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

Our equality working group and equality ambassadors (Erin & Albert in Y5) have been busy creating a timetable of activities to raise awareness of disabilities for the week commencing the 19th June.

We will be celebrating Disability Awareness Week by inviting a variety of visitors into school:

- A Makaton teacher who will be working with the children to learn some Makaton signs and songs
- Disability Sport Yorkshire will be delivering Goalball sessions
- Fran Jones from PHGS will also be coming into school with a group of PHGS Sports Leaders to lead some disability sport taster sessions
- Visitors from the hearing and guide dog associations

In addition, a representative from Mencap will also be leading a whole school assembly on 20/06/23 to talk about how their charity helps to support and improve lives of those living with a disability.

As part of this celebration, our Sports Leaders will be leading a whole school (Nursery-Y6) 'Go Noodle' dance on 20/06/23 and Y2 will do their dance on 22/06/23. On these days we would like the children to bring their own caps ('Wear a cap for Mencap'!) and to take part in raising money for this charity, for a minimum donation of £1. Thank you!

Mrs Hattersley

HEALTH & WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

We're looking forward to another fantastic Health and Wellbeing Fortnight, with plenty of visitors lined up. The main event is a week-long project with Northern Ballet, who are coming in to work with every child from Nursery to Year 6 on a variety of their most well-known ballets. We'll also have taster sessions with some local clubs such as Zetsurin Karate, Grove Hill Tennis and Footloose Dance - look out for information about how to contact or join these clubs afterwards. We won't just be staying in school either; some of our children will be watching international tennis players at the Ilkley Trophy, and

Year 6 will be heading to Prince Henry's for a day's Rounders festival against other local schools. It should be a super 2 weeks, and we hope the children enjoy it!