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### EASTER FAIR!



Friends of Westgate's main event is coming up in a few weeks' time. It is a brilliant family afternoon, with lots to do and win. It is also the main fundraising event of the school year. We want as many people as possible to come and enjoy themselves, but for this to happen we do need volunteers to run the stalls. You can sign up for 30 minutes and help to contribute to the success of the day- just [click here](#), or scan the QR code on classroom doors in the playground. Teamwork makes the dream work!

You will be receiving some raffle ticket strips shortly too, for you to buy, or sell to friends, neighbours and colleagues if you wish. Simply return any unsold tickets along with the ticket stubs with the cash for any sales to the school office before the Easter Fair. There are, as ever, some brilliant prizes to be won! And it's not too late to offer a prize if your place of work would like to support us in this way- just let us know via the school office.

Finally, we are now accepting any donations for the tombola, and book & toy stall donations from Monday 13/03/23. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we have a non-uniform day in return for bringing a bottle (anything from shampoo to champagne!) for the bottle stall.

Thank you to everyone who helps in any way to make the Easter Fair a success, and especially to Karen Mellor and her crack team of Friends of Westgate supporters.



Helen Carpenter  
Head Teacher

**ANYTHING BOXED IN RED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY REQUIRE ACTION ON YOUR PART. THANK YOU ☺**

### ROAD SAFETY AT THE BEGINNING & END OF THE DAY

Just a reminder about what our 'School Streets' status means, so that we can keep each other safe. In recent weeks we have had two near misses, due both to pedestrian inattention and unauthorised driving on Scarborough Road.

- **Scarborough Road is closed to traffic, including parents, at the beginning and end of the school day.**
- The only exceptions to this are permit holders, who either live or work on Scarborough Road.
- This means that on occasion, vehicles may enter the School Street zone while children are arriving at or leaving school, so they should remain vigilant.
- Parents, however, should not drive down Scarborough Road around drop off and pick up times.
- As part of the School Streets scheme, we have an agreed Park & Stride scheme, meaning that you can park at Waitrose and walk to school from there.

Thank you for your understanding and support. ☺



### FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



It was brilliant to see so many children enjoying themselves at the school disco- as well as having a great time, we also raised c£500! If you use Amazon

Smile, that has raised £30 for FOW recently so please keep up the good work- similarly, Easy Fundraising has raised £59. We are just waiting for confirmation of the amount of money raised by RagBag- but the total weight was 210kg!

The Easter Fair is our main focus at present. Finally, our next meeting will be Thursday 20/04/23- come along and join us!

### SPORT AT WESTGATE



Westgate has lots of physical activity and sport events this term. Ms

Carpenter took a group of Year 5s and 6s to a Dodgeball competition at Benton Park, and the whole Year 3 class took part in a Gymnastics festival at PHGS. Coming up we will have a group of Year 3s and 4s going to a Tag Rugby event at Otley Rugby club, our Netball team will be taking part in a tournament at Guiseley School, and the Year 2 class will be going to a Handball festival at PHGS.

It's not just the children getting involved - at our recent training day, all teachers and TAs took part in professional development training to develop our expertise in delivering PE lessons.

Look out in the next few weeks for a parent survey where you can give your views on PE, Physical Activity and School Sport at Westgate - coming soon!

*-Mrs Hooper- PE & Sport leader*

### PARENT/ CARER CONSULTATION EVENING



Parents' evenings, simplified

Don't forget your online or face to face appointment next week.

Appointments are scheduled at 10 minute intervals- please ensure you are on time and, if face to face, stick to your 10 minutes so as not to make the evening overrun for other families and for staff. Thank you ☺

### WESTGATE WINDFALL

January's winners are:

1<sup>st</sup>: D Clough £130

2<sup>nd</sup>: A Webster & R Fearnley £32.50

3<sup>rd</sup>: EC & D Peattie £16.25

As of January we have 65 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. 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. Average monthly prizes last academic year were £132.50, £33.13 and £16.56! School Fund contributes to the cost of trips, visitors, special events and equipment, which would not be possible without the contribution that Westgate Windfall makes.



### WORLD BOOK DAY



Thursday is World Book Day. To ensure that our focus is on books & reading- rather than fancy dress- children have been invited to enter two competitions- to (re)design a book cover and to read aloud. It has been a pleasure to hear children's enjoyment of reading, and to see the passages they have chosen to share with their friends.

### CURRICULUM INFORMATION

In last year's parent survey, you indicated that you'd like more information about your child's curriculum. In the next week, I will be sending out a link for you to see summaries of the learning in different subjects for your child's class. We expect these to be added to over time, but hope you find them useful and interesting. As with any curriculum planning, the taught content may vary slightly depending on the needs of the class, but you should have a good general overview from the information we provide.



### Y5/6 MOBILE PHONES

Thank you to all the parents who have already responded to our request for pupil mobile phone numbers, so that we can contact children in an emergency on the way to/from school if we can't reach their adult. Any child in Y5/6 who brings a phone to school must hand it in at the start of the school day so that it can be put away for safekeeping. Children in Y5 and below are not allowed to bring a phone to school.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for the rest of this academic year. They are also to be found on the school

website's calendar. Please make sure you transfer all relevant events into your diary or calendar as soon as possible!

28/02/23 NEU strike action  
02/03/23 Governors Day in School  
02/03/23 World Book Day  
06-10/03/23 Scoot to School Week  
07/03/23 Consultation evening 15:45  
09/03/23 Consultation evening 17:00  
14/03/23 Y2 Handball Festival at PHGS (am)  
15/03/23 NEU strike action  
16/03/23 NEU strike action  
17/03/23 Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)  
20/03-31/03/23 Big Walk & Wheel  
21/03/23 FOS Poetry Slam event  
**21/03/23 Y2 Leeds Youth Music Prom trip**  
**23/03/23 Bike Register Day**  
**24/03/23 Y6 Saltaire trip**  
**24/03/23 Non-Uniform Day- bring a bottle**  
25/03/23 FOW Easter Fair  
27-31/03/23 D:Side drugs education week  
03-06/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate  
11-14/04/23 Art Camp at Westgate  
29/03/23 Easter Concert 14:00  
31/03/23 Break up for Easter  
17/04/23 Back to School  
**20/04/23 FOW meeting**  
24/04/23 Y4 trip to Jorvik  
01/05/23 Bank Holiday  
**04/05/23 Class photos**  
**08/05/23 Bank Holiday**  
08/05/23 w/b Y6 test week  
**17/05/23 Y1 Football festival at PHGS**  
18/05/23 SEN reviews  
20-24/05/23 Walk to School Week  
20/05/23 Otley Show  
**25/05/23 Maypole 09:15**  
26/05/23 Break up for half term

05/06/23 Back to school

**06/06/23 RagBag collection**

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

14/06/23 Reception Induction 19:00

15/06/23 Clean Air Day

19/06/23 Nursery Stay & Play am

20/06/23 Reception Stay & Play am

20/06/23 Y2 Skipton Castle trip

22-23/06/23 Y5 Whitby residential trip

22/06/23 Nursery Stay & Play pm

17/06/23 Otley Carnival

19-25/06/23 Refugee Week

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**

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

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

17/07/23 Talent show 13:45

19/07/23 Leavers' Play 19:00

20/07/23 Leavers' Party 19:00

21/07/23 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

21/07/23 Break up

24/07/23 Training Day (disaggregated)

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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.

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



As we approach the end of the financial year, a reminder that we issue 'interim' WOOSH bills around the middle of March. This is in addition to the usual end of term invoices and allows us to maximise the payments made per financial year. We thank you in advance for your support and prompt payments.

After Easter we will be looking at our peri-music lessons for 2023-2024. Peri-music lessons are available to Y3 upwards and provide a great learning opportunity for pupils. Fees are payable for the full year so please give careful consideration before signing up. Similarly, if your child wishes to stop their music lessons from next year, please let us know by Easter as this will affect our peri-music offer. Many thanks.