



Volume 16, Edition 4, 19th November 2018

www.westgateprimary.co.uk
admin@westgateprimary.co.uk

WINTER IS COMING...

Unbelievably, we are already looking ahead to Christmas! Christmas cards have been designed, nativities have been chosen, costumes are being sewn, scripts are being edited... Choir have already spent several weeks learning Christmas carols and festive songs and Friends of Westgate are gearing up for the Otley Victorian Fayre! Of course, normal school life goes on apace while all of this is taking place in the background. Foundation Stage have a series of visitors coming in to help the children find out about people who help us. This week sees Year 3 deliver their class assembly, to fit in with the theme of Anti-Bullying Fortnight. In some parts of the media, you may have read about the cold snap that is being forecast. At the moment, it doesn't look like we will have any snow though, so hopefully it will just be a case of making sure your child is wrapped up warm!

WE RAISED £ 297.02 FOR CHILDREN IN NEED ON FRIDAY! THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATIONS ☺

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

There is a disturbing amount of lost property around school at the moment, particularly in cloakrooms. Please can all families ensure that all items of children's clothing (jumpers, cardigans, skirts, pinafores, trousers, ties, shorts, PE kits, pumps, PE bags, coats) are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be reunited with their owners? Lost property will be available on the bench near the gazebo all this week for you to check through. Any items still unclaimed on Friday will be passed on to the next Ragbag collection. Thank you ☺



SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIONS



Leeds City Council is currently carrying out a consultation about changes to admissions arrangements. Part of these proposals includes creating catchment areas for over 100 primary schools- including all the primary schools in Otley (except St Joseph's, which manages its own admissions). The proposals affect addresses adjacent to Westgate on the way into the town centre and also addresses in the centre of Otley, among others. I would strongly encourage everyone to

look at the proposals and make a response. Please note however, that this will not affect families of younger children who will have an older siblings at their preferred school. The consultation can be found by [clicking here](#). The consultation runs until 7th December 2018. Prince Henry's Grammar School is running a separate consultation about proposals to change their admissions arrangements. The details can be found [here](#) and this consultation closes on Friday 23rd November (this week) so you are strongly encouraged to respond as soon as possible if you want to have your say.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who has tried out our new **online payments** system! It seems so far to be working well for parents so we would encourage as many parents as possible to switch over to using this method payment, being much more secure and convenient for everyone.

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for **Easy Fundraising**. We are already raising money through this scheme so please remember us as you start any Christmas shopping online- or book your summer holiday for 2019! We've already raised over £140!

This year, we are again raising funds to match school budget, this time to replace climbing/ equipment in the Foundation Stage playground. Our target is **£5000**. **The Book Fair** before half term raised **£187.24** in commission to spend on books. Thanks to Astrid Copeland for organising this with the Book People.

On **04/11/18** (in half term), an intrepid group of parents ran the **Abbey Dash** in aid of FOW- a huge THANK YOU to Deb Bassett, Becky Berry, Laura Coleman, Paul Copeland, Hannah Croft, Dominic Hignett, Zoe Hollis, Kath Ibbetson, Amanda Sells and Emma Thomson for their hard work!

On the subject of sponsorship, on **23/11/18** (this Friday!) Rob Wilks is again running sponsored **Roller Racing**. This is a fun and inclusive event. Once it's taken place, please send any sponsor money in to school **in an envelope, with the sponsor form included**. Thank you. We have started the countdown to Christmas, kicking off with our **Victorian Fayre** stall on **02/12/18**- volunteers needed!- and then **Christmas Film Night** on **05/12/18**.

The children are already getting creative for Christmas- they've been busy designing Christmas cards for you to purchase next half term, and Zoe Hollis' pottery workshops are taking place over the next fortnight after school, on 27th & 28th November, and 4th & 5th December.

ECO COUNCIL

We have just begun our school Eco Council. We are very keen to find ways in which we can all do our bit to look after our environment so you will be receiving more information in due course as the children draw up their action plan outlining what they want to work on. We have already made positive changes at Westgate in recent times, with our solar panels, LED lighting and food recycling... but we are sure we can do even more!



WESTGATE WINDFALL

October's winners were:

1st: Sue Taylor (£138)

2nd: Katherine Pettinger (£34.50)

3rd: Nancy Green & Darren Atkinson (£17.25)

We currently have **69** 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 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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

you log on to the VLE.

22/11/18 Y3 class assembly 09:05

22/11/18 Nursery Induction 15:45

23/11/18 FOW sponsored Roller Racing

02/12/18 Otley Victorian Fayre (FOW stall)

05/12/18 FOW Film Night

13/12/18 FS Xmas performance 11:00/ 14:00

13/12/18 KS2 Xmas performance 18:00

14/12/18 KS2 Xmas performance 13:45

14/12/18 Xmas Tree choir concert 19:00

17/12/18 KS1 Xmas performance 14:00

18/12/18 KS1 Xmas performance 10:00

19/12/18 School Xmas Dinner

21/12/18 Xmas Parties

21/12/18 Break Up

07/01/19 Training Day- School closed to pupils