

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014



## Fossil Workshops Year 5/6

Over the last couple of weeks, Mr Weilding has visited all of the Year 5 & 6 classes to talk to us about his job. He is a palaeontologist and speaks to school children about fossils, dinosaurs, how the earth was created and evolution.

He brought in lots of fossils for us to examine. We looked at ammonites and trilobites as well as dinosaur skulls and even a trace fossil.

He used powerpoints and timelines to help us to understand. He was very interesting and made it all fun.

By Lizzie Atkins, Phoebe Hall-Jones and Evie Malik

### **Parent-Teacher Consultations**

The parent teacher consultations for this term are to take place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. To book an appointment or to change your time if required, please log onto [www.western.schoolappointments.com](http://www.western.schoolappointments.com)  
Unfortunately, as all staff are in meetings, parents must be aware that they are responsible for their own child's safety.

### **Governors at parents' evening**

In an attempt to improve communication, a number of Governors will be available at each meeting to chat to.

### **Enjoy-a-ball sessions for KS1**



Over the past couple of weeks, Lesley Reid from Enjoy-a-ball has visited the Year 1 and Year 2 classes to do a taster session with the children. They had so much fun!

### **Year 1 Thank you**



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, James Prentice (Mai's Dad from Miss Boulderstone's class) came in to talk to us about Bettys because we have been learning about Harrogate and some of the buildings in the town. He told us all about the history of Bettys and brought in some really interesting photos. He also brought in different types of tea, that were all sorts of colours and the children got to smell them! He also brought in some tasty treats for the staff! Thank you to Mr Prentice.

## Year Two ~ Bulb Planting at the Valley Gardens



On Wednesday, the Year 2 children got their waterproof and wellies on and walked to the Valley Gardens to meet the volunteers from 'Friends of the Valley Gardens'. Our afternoon was spent planting bulbs around the Magnesium Well. We had a fantastic time and even met our local MP Andrew Jones and the Mayor and Mayoress. Look out for our picture in the Harrogate advertiser.

Miss Jones and Mrs Taylor would like to thank all the parents who came with us; we would not have been able to go without you!

### **Master-chef 2015**

It's Master-chef time again and Mrs McGovern is looking for 8 enthusiastic Junior Chefs from KS2 to train and join her in this exciting venture!

Children who would like to take part should have an interest in cooking and be able to commit to weekly after-school sessions.

They are invited to attend an 'interview' and information meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm in the KS1 pods.



### **ComputerXplorers Friday's Club Years 3&4 – Happy Hunting Challenges**



'Happy Hunting' was the challenge this week, the children chose their teams and team names. They were given a list of items, natural resources and places to find in the Brickyard. In a true scavenger hunt, the teams worked together to tick the items/places off the list ensuring each team member was successful in finding the items by helping with advice and tips using the Chat (T) facility. We were looking for those teams who helped one another the most, particularly if they had less experienced Minecraft users in their teams, as well as finding all the items successfully.

The winners, 2una Kitty team, consisted of Linnea, Lily and Oliver F who ticked all the boxes and were worthy winners!

### **ComputerXplorers Tuesday's Club Years 5&6 – Build a Village Challenge**



Penguins Like Pears won the 'Build a Village' team project.

Their dwelling had everything required to protect them from the elements and spend a comfortable evening sheltering from intruders and the rain, including a glass atrium to observe the stars and a tunnel to their neighbours' dwelling next door.

Seb, Safiya and Maia all had a bed each, purple carpets, torches, pictures, chests and signs as well as the basics for survival. They thought carefully about positioning their shelter at the top of a hill for defence purposes.

They were closely matched by some fantastic designs from other teams which included an Eco building which had ferns growing on the ceiling, and another team who had a clever design to store water in the roof by trapping a large pool between two glass floors!

### **Music Tuition in School**

Music tuition is available in school through the County Music Service. We currently have spaces in the piano and keyboard classes. Please collect a form from the office if your child is interested in learning to play.

### **Dressing up Clothes wanted**

Children have asked if they can have dressing up clothes to play with at lunchtimes. If you have any spare dressing clothes at home could you please bring them to the office. Thank you.

### **Post Box**

You may have spotted that we now have a post box attached to the inside of the front door. If you do not need to speak to a member of office staff, please can you use this to hand in any forms or make payments. This is to try and avoid the large queue that can form at the start and end of the school day. Thank you.



### **Late Arrivals**

Could we remind all parents that school starts at 8.55am. We have had a large number of children who have been arriving at school late over the last few weeks. It is extremely important that your child is at school by 8.55am. If your child does arrive at school after 8.55am, they must enter school through the front entrance and be signed in at the main office, this is extremely important should the school have to be evacuated in an emergency. Pupils arriving after 9.45am will receive an absence mark. This absence will only be authorised by the school if there is an exceptional reason for the late arrival. The school has a legal responsibility to monitor and investigate lateness. Persistent latecomers will be referred to our Parent Support Advisor and may be referred to the NYCC Education Welfare Team.

### **Morrisons 'Let's Grow' Vouchers**

We are once again collecting Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers. In the past, these vouchers have bought pots, seeds, compost and gardening tools for Gardening Club and also purchased cooking equipment for the whole school. If you are shopping at Morrisons, please bring any vouchers collected into school and place them in the box by the Year 1 lockers. The vouchers will be handed out when you shop at Morrisons until October 26<sup>th</sup> 2014. Thank you.



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## Swimming

### Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Miss Taylor’s class  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Miss Jones’ class  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Taylor’s class  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Jones’ class  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Taylor’s class  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Jones’ class  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Miss Taylor’s class  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Miss Jones’ class  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Miss Taylor’s class

### Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Mrs Coatesworth’s class  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Mr Fraser Smith’s class  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Mrs Collett’s and Ms Smith’s classes

# Awards

## House Point Winners:

### Key Stage 1 Awards

Bruce Anderson  
William Valentine  
Esther Garmston  
Joe Johnson  
Vendel Sipos  
Archie Morley  
Henry Overton  
Joe Thompson  
Tyler Johnson  
Ruby Tetley  
Freddie Ashworth

## Askew House

### Key Stage 2 Awards

Charlie Rayfield  
Lucy Thompson  
Oliver Woolaston  
Rhys Osburn  
Kia Senturk  
Edward Craig  
Jamie Ball  
Lily-Mae Edmunds  
Morva Keele  
Lucy Dresner  
Matt Ellerton

Well done everyone!



## Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent/teacher consultations FS2, KS1 & KS2

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – FS Harvest Assembly 9.15

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – KS1 Celebration Event 1.30 and 2.30pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Y3/4 Terrific Tudors Event 1.45 and 2.30pm - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**



## School Holidays

### Autumn Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm

Return to School: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.55am

### Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55am

### Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm

Return to School: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.55am

### Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55am

### Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.15pm

Return to School: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.55am

### Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at **2.30pm**





### **St Aidan's Church of England High School**

St Aidan's are holding an intake meeting for prospective parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and also an open day for parents and children on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Further information is available from the office.

### **Rossett School Open Day**

Rossett School are holding an opening evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October and an Open Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Information has been given to Year 6 pupils and further copies are available from the office.

### **English for Speakers of Other Languages**

North Yorkshire County Council are running various courses in the local area. If you are interested, please ask in the office for more information.

### **Western Cycling Group Friday Mornings from Prologue**



If you have a bike and are wanting fresh air, exercise, good company, hints and tips about getting the most out of your riding style and great coffee and cake, then come and join us, Friday mornings setting off from outside Prologue Cycling, located at the bottom of Cold Bath Road.

No lycra required, but we do set ourselves a challenge. We have previously cycled out to Fewston and back along Penny Pot and last week was a ride out to Boroughbridge - somewhere I would have only driven to in the past!

We meet outside Prologue for 09.15 setting off at 09.30, usually out for 2 hours. If you would like any more information, please get in touch with Kirsty Leedham on 07800 756818 or catch me in the playground, children are in years 4 and 6, or just turn up next week. Although we won't be going out if the weather is really bad!!

# PTA News!



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## Upcoming Events

14 <sup>th</sup> October (Tues)	AGM
15 <sup>th</sup> October (Wed)	Second-hand uniform sale
20 <sup>th</sup> October (Mon)	Bags 2 School
5 <sup>th</sup> November (Wed)	Hot dog & glow stick sale
6 <sup>th</sup> December (Sat)	Christmas tree sale
10 <sup>th</sup> December (Wed)	Christmas Fair

## Western Family and Friends Annual General Meeting

Why not come along for a morning coffee (and biscuit!) next Tuesday, 14th October at 9am in the canteen to hear about PTA achievements last year and discover what future plans we have, at our AGM. Non-committee members always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### \*\*\*PTA VACANCY - Treasurer\*\*\*

Our current treasurer is looking to step down from the role due to increased work commitments. Therefore we are looking for someone to become our new PTA Treasurer! The main responsibilities are: maintaining a record of all income and expenditure, producing a report on this for the AGMs, maintaining the bank account, organising floats for events and banking event monies including the weekly cake bake takings.

A financial background is not essential, as accounts are kept in a fairly simple, easy-to-learn, excel spreadsheet.

If you may be interested in this role, please contact us on [westernprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:westernprimarypta@gmail.com) and we will put you in touch with Karen Robinson, our current treasurer. Karen is happy to give more information to anyone who may be interested, and to be on hand for advice and queries to the person taking on the role.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale after school next Wednesday, 15th October. Any clean, washed donations will be gratefully received. Please leave under the pergola on Monday or Tuesday morning next week. Thank you.

## **School Calendars and Tea Towels**

This year we are not only producing school calendars including a self-portrait of every child in the main school (reception to Y6), but we are also offering school tea towels. Two tea towels, also featuring self-portraits of your children, are available: 1) Foundation Stage (including nursery) & KS1 and 2) KS2.

These are available to order now, and will be distributed in time for Christmas. Order forms have been sent home with your children and can also be found attached to this email.

## **Bags To School**

The next Bags to School collection takes place on Monday 20th October and your child should have received a bag. If you have not received a bag, then please fill a bin bag and return to school on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Please fill with old clothes, bags, shoes etc - the heavier the better!

The PTA receive money based on the weight of the bags collected, so if you are having a sort out, please put clothes aside. Last year we raised around £1000 in this way.

## **Advertise in the next School Calendar**

If you have a business or service – and want to help Western – then why not advertise in the next school calendar by sponsoring a month's page? For just £30 your company details will be seen by all the school's parents, every day for a whole month ... which is a lot of people!

If you want to sponsor a month, then please contact me by e-mail ([zoehebblethwaite@gmail.com](mailto:zoehebblethwaite@gmail.com)) or leave your details at the office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. But be quick – advertising is very popular!

## **Cake Bake Dates:**

**When it is your children's class cake bake, please leave cakes under the pergola on Friday morning, ready for the cake bake after school. Thank You!**



**Friday 10th October**

**Year 5/6 - Mrs Frost / Miss Thompson**

**Friday 17th October**

**Reception - Mrs Magill**

**Friday 24th October**

**Nursery - Mrs Thomas**

**Well Done to Mrs Collett's class who raised £64.10 last week.**

## **Class Reps 2014/15**

We are still looking for a class rep for Miss Riddle's class. Letters have been sent home with children this week. If you are interested, please contact Linnea Stokes ([linnea.stokes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linnea.stokes@yahoo.co.uk)). Thanks.

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class rep</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Gemma Thomas	Helen Taylor
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Claire Magill	Linnéa Stokes
	Miss Laura Hindle	Kirsten Stewart
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Helen Sinclair	Sally Haslewood
	Miss Laura Boulderstone	Jenny O'Neil
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Sarah Jones	Lara Sansing
	Mrs Holly Taylor	Katie Wright
<b>Year 3/4</b>	Mrs Collett	Caroline Marlow
	Ms Lorraine Smith	Katie Garmston
	Mrs Angelique Coatesworth	Sam Haslam
	Mr Fraser-Smith	Jennifer Pietrowski
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Mr Tim Broad/Mrs Katherine Wood	Helen McCartney
	Miss Dawn Thompson/Mr Peter Frost	Kirsty Leedham
	Mrs Suzanne Brooke	Sue Owen
	Miss Sara Riddle	