

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September



## Year 5/6 Trip to the Workhouse

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 5/6 classes visited 3 museums in Ripon. There was a workhouse, a prison and police station, and a courthouse. In the workhouse we did three activities, they were rag-rugging, doing laundry and having a lesson in a Victorian classroom. At the prison we had to decide what punishment criminals should be given. Everyone had a turn in the stocks and were locked in a real Victorian cell. In the courthouse we acted out the case of the stolen horse and cart, children dressed up and Isaac and Anya wore super wigs as magistrates! Everyone had to dress up as Victorians (even the staff). We all had a great trip.

By Inez Reynolds and Lili England-Shave.

## **School Photographs**

Individual school photographs will be taken next week, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. If you do not want your child to be photographed, please inform the school office. Reception to Year 6 children will be photographed with their siblings on these days.

## ***Nursery Photographs***

Children who attend nursery on a Monday and Tuesday will be photographed during school hours. If you have a child who attends nursery on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and you wish them to be photographed, can you please bring them into school at 8.30 a.m. on either Monday or Tuesday. If your nursery child has siblings, either in school or younger, and you wish them to be photographed together, please bring them at 8.30 a.m. on either Monday or Tuesday.

## **Miss Thompson's trip to Bulgaria**



Over the summer holidays, Miss Thompson travelled to Bulgaria and worked as a volunteer with disadvantaged children. She visited a children's home, a disabled children's centre and shanty towns. She also helped on a clean up project for children's whose homes had been damaged by severe flooding. She went horse riding with the children (aged 4-16), played sports, used chalk to teach maths on walls and made loom band bracelets. Their favourite activity was face painting. Miss Thompson is now a pro at Spiderman faces! The children were adorable although had very little and found sharing very difficult.

Miss Thompson would like to say a huge thank you to all children, parents and staff at Western who donated items for her to take. The play doh, plastcine, chalk, card games, loom bands and face paints really did make a difference to the lives of the children. Your generosity is much appreciated!

## **New Curriculum**

The weblink below explains the changes to the new curriculum that has been introduced this year. It highlights the main changes within each subject.

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-national-curriculum-2014>

## **Jeans for Genes Day, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans and donate to charity on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September (suggested donation £1).

## **School Dinners**

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for this half term (until 24<sup>th</sup> October) is **£81.90**. Could you please pay online at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

Please remember that if your child wishes to change to or from School Dinners, then this can only be done at the end of the half term, unless arrangements are made through the school office.




## **Free school meals and Assistance with Residential Visits**

Free school meals and assistance with residential visits (such as Bewerley Park and East Barnby) are available to children whose parents receive certain benefits.

These include one or more of the following:

- income support;
- income-based Jobseekers' allowance;
- income-related employment and support allowance;
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit;
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four-week "run-on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work fewer than 16 hours a week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

If you meet the above criteria, apply by using the  [application form \[56kb\]](#). Or collect a copy from the school office. Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. We will also be notified. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. We may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed.

If you have moved to North Yorkshire from another authority area, your entitlement to free school meals does not automatically transfer. You will need to re-apply using the above application form.

## **Free school meals - frequently asked questions ([click for the answers](#))**

- [If my child is at nursery or sixth form, are they still entitled to free school meals?](#)
- [What will my child receive as a recipient of free school meals?](#)
- [What do I need to do if my circumstances change?](#)

### **Nuts In School /Peanut Butter**

Please could you ensure that your child does not bring nut products, including peanut butter and cereal bars, into school as there are several children who attend Western who are severely allergic to nuts.



### **We are Finalists!**

We are pleased to announce we are Finalists in the 2014 Mumbler Awards for the categories of Favourite Pre-School for the nursery and Favourite Children's Class or Activity for the Parents and Toddlers group. We would appreciate if all parents old and new to the school could vote for us as [www.mumblerawards.com](http://www.mumblerawards.com) Thank you!

Mrs Magill and the FS Team

### **Equipment wanted!**

Foundation Stage would like donations of dressing up clothes, dolls and dolls clothes. If you can help, please pass on any toys to the early years team in reception or nursery. Thanks!

The Toddler Group would like donations of small toys such as HappyLand or Little People. Thank you!



## Swimming

### Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – NO SWIMMING  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Miss Taylor's class  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Miss Jones' class  
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

## Key Stage 1 Awards

Sam Bloomfield  
Freddy Ashworth  
Ryan Whitehead  
Rachel Morris  
Will Jackson  
Jay Slaterpartridge  
Mai Prentice  
Alan Turkowski  
Adam Sorrell  
Lottie Harrison  
Charlie Dunsmore  
William Straker  
Otis Baker  
Emily Mulkeen  
Will Woolard  
Zoe Short  
Eleanor Moor

## Key Stage 2 Awards

Noah McCormack  
Archie Woods  
Olivia Thomson  
Aimee Wilkinson  
Gabriel Roche  
Frank Jennings



## Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Individual Photographs

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – FS2 Welcome Meeting for parents  
5pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Y3/4 Welcome Meeting for parents  
5pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – FS1 Autumn Walk in Valley Gardens  
9.45-11am

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Y5/6 Welcome Meeting for parents  
5pm

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**





### **Discovery Club for KS2**

Mr Pietrowski is hiring a room at school to run a new 'Discovery Club' for KS2 children. The club will run on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm beginning on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Children will discover what the Bible teaches through lessons, games and other fun activities. Please collect further information and a booking form from the school office.

## **PTA News!**

### **Whole School Cake Bake - 19th September 2014**

Inspired by the Great British Bake Off?! .....then please make lots of cakes, tray bakes and biscuits this week to sell at the Autumn Fair taking place at school on Friday 19th September! All of your delicious donations will be very welcome and will help us raise lots of money! Please leave your contributions under the pergola before or after school. Thank you!

### **Autumn Fair – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September!**

In order to welcome new starters to the school, and to give our returning pupils something to look forward to after the summer break, we will be holding an Autumn Fair on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 5:00–7:30pm.

We are planning many stalls and attractions, including a BBQ, bar, live music, sweet treats, bouncy castle, face painting and tombola, to name a few.

This event could not take place without the support of the parents in the school.

- *Tombola prizes* – please bring any donations to the school office. All gratefully received.
- *Cakes* – whole school cake bake. If you can bake some buns for the Fair cake sale, please leave them under the pergola on the morning of the Fair.
- *Set-up & pack-away* – Please contact Kate & Christine (email below) if you available to help set up for the event in the playground straight after school or tidy away at the end.

Please contact Kate Barton and Christine Ashworth on [westernprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:westernprimarypta@gmail.com) if you are able to help in any way or would like any further information. Thank you.



### **Information on Matched Funding**

Many employers offer to make a monetary donation when their employee is involved in fundraising for a charity. This may be matching the amount of money raised by their employee at an event, or by pledging a specified amount. If you are able to help at one of our PTA events, please ask your employer if they offer matched funding as it could significantly increase the amount of money that we are able to raise for the school.

### **Western Family & Friends Annual General Meeting**

The AGM for the PTA will be at 9am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the canteen. Please put the date in your diary. All welcome.

### **Thank you to our volunteer class reps - spaces still available!**

Thank you to all the class reps, both new volunteers and existing ones, for taking on the valuable role for another year. There are still opportunities in the following classes for those of you who are interested but haven't yet put your name forward - please email [linnea.stokes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linnea.stokes@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or to fill one of the vacancies. Thank you.

- \* FS1 - Mrs Thomas
- \* Yr 3/4 - Mr Fraser-Smith
- \* Yr 3/4 - Ms Smith
- \* Yr 5/6 - Mr Broad / Mrs Wood
- \* Yr 5/6 - Miss Riddle

### **Bags 2 School Dates**

20<sup>th</sup> October 2014

25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

10<sup>th</sup> June 2015