

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 17th October 2014



Foundation Stage Harvest Celebrations

On Wednesday, parents were invited to watch the children from Nursery and Reception perform “The Little Red Hen” in the harvest festival. The children dressed as the characters in the story and sang harvest songs to accompany the play.



As part of the harvest celebrations, nursery have been learning how to grow wheat, turn it into flour and make bread. We especially enjoyed tasting our baking with a little butter and jam!



We have enjoyed looking at Autumn changes and investigating Autumn vegetables, describing what they look like, how they feel and what’s inside.



Lunch Time Rewards

The new lunchtime reward points system will start next week. Children will earn points for their houses, Croft, Lupton, Askew and Wallbank.

You may have noticed the new plastic tubes on the lunchtime display. Every Midday Supervisor will be given some red (Askew), green (Wallbank), blue (Lupton) and yellow (Croft) counters. They can award a counter for any kind of positive behaviour (good manners, helping a friend, doing a job, etc.)

Each week, the counters will counted and the name of the house who has been given the most counters will be displayed on the board. The house who receives the most number of counters over the term will receive a special lunchtime treat.

Francis Robinson's retirement

We are sad to announce that our caretaker, Francis Robinson, will be retiring at half term. Mr Robinson has worked at Western for 10 years and will be greatly missed. He is looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren and being able to pursue his love of gardening. We wish him well in his retirement.

New Starters for Nursery – January

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space. Many thanks.

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.

Head Lice - Reminder To Parents

We continue to receive reports that there are a small number of children infected with head lice within school. If you suspect your child is infected with head lice please can we remind parents that there are a number of effective treatments available from the pharmacy. It is recommended that the whole family should be treated when a child in the family has head lice and the treatment may need to be repeated for several days to catch all the nits and lice. Children with long hair should have their hair tied back/up for school.



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 26th 2014. Thank you.



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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 23rd October – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 6th November – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 13th November – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 20th November – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 27th November – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 4th December – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 11th December – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 18th December – Miss Taylor's class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16th September – Tuesday 9th December – Mrs Coatesworth's class
Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser Smith's class
Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett's and Ms Smith's classes

Awards

House Point Winners:

Key Stage 1 Awards

Otis Baker
James Fox
Sebastian Fierka
Edith Jewitt
Genevieve Lodato
Eloise Allen
Esther Garmston
Alfie Howard

Well done everyone!

Croft House

Key Stage 2 Awards

KS2 awards will be given
next week.



Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 22nd October – KS1 Tea Party 1.30 and 2.30pm
Tuesday 11th November – Y3/4 Terrific Tudors Event 1.45 and 2.30pm

School Holidays

Autumn Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 24th October at 3.15pm
Return to School: Monday 3rd November at 8.55am

Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19th December at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm
Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm
Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**



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

20 th October (Mon)	Bags 2 School
5 th November (Wed)	Hot dog & glow stick sale
27 th November (Thur)	Family & Friends (PTA) meeting
28 th November (Fri)	Quiz night
6 th December (Sat)	Christmas tree sale
10 th December (Wed)	Christmas Fair

Western Family and Friends Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM on Tuesday. It was great to have a mix of old and new blood there to celebrate last year's successes, and contribute to decisions regarding fundraising and social events in the future. We would love to welcome more parents, family and friends to our next meeting in November.

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 Family & Friends (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 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.

School Calendars and Tea Towels – DON'T MISS OUT!

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.

The calendars and tea towels will be distributed in time for Christmas. The deadline for ordering these items is **next Monday, 20th October**; so don't forget to return your order forms! Order forms have been sent home with your children and can also be found attached to this email.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The second hand uniform sale held after school on Wednesday raised £50.02! Thank you to everyone who supported by donating or buying uniform.

Quiz Night – date for your diary

Our school Quiz Night will be held on Friday 28th November in the school hall. The evening will consist of a fun quiz plus a fish & chip supper. Tickets will be on sale soon, at a cost of £7.50 each. Please contact Sally, on sallyhaslewood@gmail.com, to find out more.

Bags To School

The next Bags to School collection is this Monday 20th October. Please leave your bags in the staff car park before 9.00 am. If your child did not receive a bag from school, you can put your donation in any large plastic bag, eg. a black bin liner. Please include clothes, paired shoes and handbags, but no bedding, curtains or towels. Thank you. The more that is collected, the more money we raise for the school, so take the opportunity for a sort out.

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) or leave your details at the office by Friday 17th 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 17th October	Reception - Mrs Magill
Friday 24th October	Nursery - Mrs Thomas
Friday 7 th November	Y3/4 – Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 14 th November	Whole School Cake Bake for Children in Need
Friday 21 st November	Y5/6 – Mr Broad/Mrs Wood
Friday 28 th November	Y2 – Miss Jones

Well Done to Mr Frost/Miss Thompson's class who raised £58.45 last week.