

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 19th September



Nursery – Look how much we are learning!

We have settled into our Nursery so well and love exploring all of the toys and making lots of new friends!

Nursery spaces available!

Care available within our Foundation Stage Unit 8:00a.m. – 5:30p.m.

15 hours of free funding for all 3 year olds!

If you know of anybody who is approaching Nursery age please ask them to give us a call ☺.

Western Parent and Toddler Group:

We are a thriving group that runs twice weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays in term time (9.30 to 10.45am).

Although we are small, our emphasis is on providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for all parents, carers and their pre-school children and babies. We offer a warm welcome where children are offered a wide variety of activities and resources and grown-ups can have a cup of tea or coffee. There is a weekly craft activity, a snack is provided and we always end with a good sing song.

We receive such positive feedback from those who attend regularly and we are really pleased to be able to offer this facility as part of the school and the wider community.

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 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!

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 24th October) is **£81.90**. Could you please pay online at 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.

Autumn Term Menu

The School Lunch Menu for the Autumn term is attached. The School Lunch Menu for each term is now available on the website.

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.

KS2 Music Clubs

Mrs Gwilliam is running two choirs this year. Both choirs take place from 3.15 – 4.15pm in the hall. Choir for Year 3/4 is on Wednesdays and Year 5/6 on Thursdays.

Mrs Gwilliam is also running a recorder club for Year 3/4 on Wednesday lunchtimes and a folk style guitar club for Year 5/6 on Thursday lunchtimes.

Letters have been sent home with KS2 children and additional copies are available from the office. Please return permission slips if your children are interested.



School Fund

The Governors of Western School made the decision to ask all parents to contribute to the school fund from September 2001. This decision puts Western School in line with the majority of schools in this area.

The main purpose for raising money is to help fund experiences and high cost items, the provision of which will help to ensure that Western remains a very special school.

The School Fund contribution will, of course, be entirely voluntary. We hope however, that parents will feel able to contribute between £5 and £10 per year.

Please give your donations online through Parentpay or hand them into the school office in a sealed envelope, marked with your child's name and class, the amount enclosed and labelled 'School Fund'. If you have not filled in a 'Gift Aid' declaration please collect one from the school office, print from the form attached to this Newsletter or a copy can be downloaded from the website.

For your information, please see below how School Fund was spent in the year 2013-2014:

Crucial Crew (annual event for Y6)	£265.50
Countryside Day (annual event for Y3/4)	£315.00
First News Subscription (whole school)	£240.00
2 Days Painting Project (whole school)	£458.88
West End Theatre Co (performance for whole school)	£985.00
Year 6 Leaving gift (Year Books)	£439.00
Chess Club Trophies	£20.99
East Barnby Expenses (Y6)	£120.00

£2844.37

Donations from parents

£1240.36

If you have any queries regarding The School Fund contribution please ask either a member of staff or myself in the playground.
Many thanks for your help.

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.



Brilliant Board Games Club



Do you want to challenge your friends whilst learning new skills?

Why not come along to our new club where you will have the opportunity to play traditional strategic board games (Draughts/Scrabble/Monopoly) and try your hand at chess. We will also be using iPad apps to stretch all you chess champions.

You never know, you might even beat your grandparents this Christmas!

The club runs on a Tuesday from 3.15 to 4.15 in Mr Broad's Classroom.

Claire Edwards and Mrs Wilkinson



Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 25th September – NO SWIMMING
Thursday 2nd October – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 9th October – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 16th October – Miss Taylor's class
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

Dates for your Diary:

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

Tuesday 30th September – FS1 Autumn Walk in Valley Gardens 9.45-11am

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

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

Wednesday 15th October – FS Harvest Assembly 9.15

Wednesday 22nd October – KS1 Celebration Event 1.30 and 2.30pm

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

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**





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Three mums from Western are holding a MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning at The Green Hut on Harlow Hill! Come along if you can and support the cause that affects us all. See the attached poster for details.

Jackie Swainston, Helen Riley and Sharon Hart.

Harrogate Ladies College Events

HLC have informed us of two events they have planned for the 2015 intake. 'Open Doors' on Tuesday September 23rd and a 'Taster Day' on Saturday October 18th. Further information can be collected from the office.

Harrogate High School Events

Harrogate High School have planned an Information Evening on Wednesday 24th September and an Open Day on Saturday 27th September. Please ask in the office for more information.

PTA News!

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 14th October in the canteen. Please put the date in your diary. All welcome.

Bags 2 School Dates

20th October 2014
25th February 2015
10th June 2015

Selling like hot cakes!

A huge thank you and well done to Year 1 for the delicious cakes they baked and sold on Friday 13th September, raising a fantastic £69.47. What a great start to the cake bake year!

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 19th September	Whole School Cake Bake
Friday 26th September	Year 2 - Mrs Taylor
Friday 3rd October	Year 3/4 - Mrs Collett
Friday 10th October	Year 5/6 - Mrs Frost / Miss Thompson
Friday 17th October	Reception - Mrs Magill
Friday 24th October	Nursery - Mrs Thomas