

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 24th October 2014

Half Term Holiday

We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school at **8.55am on Monday 4th November.**

Key Stage 1 Tea Party

Year 1



Year 2



Year 1

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 1 children hosted a 'Bettys' style tea party for their families. It really was an amazing event that so many family members turned up to. The children made all of the sandwiches themselves, baked fairy cakes and decorated biscuits. They also made decorations for the classrooms; including placemats, flowers and menus. The children took their roles as 'waiters/waitresses' and 'chefs' very seriously and did an incredible job; we were extremely proud of every single one of them. Thank you to everyone that attended our tea party and for the positive feedback you gave us.

Year 2 Western Tea Rooms

A huge thank you to our very loyal customers who visited our tea rooms on Wednesday afternoon. During our English lessons, the children in Year 2 have been learning to write different genres of writing, such as menus, posters, letters and shopping lists which helped them to organise a fantastic end of term event for their parents. All the children had a wonderful time taking on different responsibilities eg. meeting and greeting parents, grandparents and siblings, showing them to their tables, taking orders, making delicious sandwiches and cakes, delivering the food and turning the tables around. We were very impressed with the fantastic, professional attitude our children showed and the brilliant cooperation to ensure the tea rooms were a huge success. Well done Year 2!

Here's what our customers said:

"What a lovely idea. The children gained a great deal from the experience- it was so well organised."

"The children were very professional! They seemed to really enjoy what they were doing and had big smiles on their faces and all the food was yummy."

"The meet and greet was splendid, the service very quick and the waiter lovely. Super food and often asked if everything was ok. Truly a lovely experience."

"What a wonderful idea. It is so lovely to see such young children so confident and polite. I truly loved my afternoon tea. The staff (Year 2 children) made the experience very special!"

"Great attention to detail. I loved the menus and place settings."

"We had a lovely time at a most efficient, well run café with the politest staff I have ever met. Much better than Bettys!"

Individual School Photographs

You should have received your child's individual or family group photograph this week. If you would like to order a photograph, could you please return your order and payment in the envelope provided to the school office by **Thursday 6th November**. Thank you.

Poetry Competition Winners

We are pleased to announce that Tess (Year 3 category) and Ned Duffy (Year 1 category) won 1st and 3rd prizes respectively at the Children's Poetry Competition at Ilkley Literature Festival this month. Tess read out her poem 'My name is Tess, My room is in a mess...' to the audience before the performance poet Dommy B started his session. It was great fun and they were thrilled to have won. Well done!

KS1 Fire Safety visitors

On Tuesday, we sensibly walked down the steep stairs to the car park and discovered a huge, red fire engine and smaller fire truck. First we were shown the equipment, I liked the hoses and the pumps. They looked as though they were going to squirt freezing water at us at any second. After that, we carefully climbed up into the fire engine, it was very dark and small. I felt squished like a pea in a pod.



Later in the morning, we all met in the hall and the fire-fighters talked to us about fire safety. We learnt that fires can start very easily in our houses e.g by cooking, smoking, electrical items left plugged in and playing with matches or lighters. We were able to hold dummy fireworks and they explained that no children should ever hold real ones because they are very dangerous (they should only ever be touched by grown ups.) Later we listened to what a fire alarm sounded like and that we should test it every week to make sure it works! We need to make a fire escape plan in our house so if there is a sudden fire we know what to do. Remember... **GET OUT, GET THE FIRE BRIGADE OUT (CALL 999) AND STAY OUT!**

By Martha (Year 2)

SPECIAL MESSAGE- A little bit of home work from the Firefighters.

Can you find out why fire engines are red? Also, does your fire alarm work? If not give us a call at the fire station and we will come and fit one for FREE!





New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

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.

As well as the core free 15hpw sessions, we also offer additional lunchtime and before and after school sessions. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.



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 the next half term (until 19th December 2014) is **£73.50**. Could you please pay online at www.parentpay.com.



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?](#)

Improving Family Life - a 3 week programme designed to offer practical solutions to everyday parenting problems.

After half term, led by staff from Harrogate Children's Centre, we will be offering a 3 week programme entitled Improving Family Life.

Lasting an hour and a half, each week's session will cover core areas of parenting and family life and will offer practical support and strategies to tackle them. Topics covered will include setting boundaries, routines, behaviour management and being a positive role model. Each session is designed to offer support for families with children of all ages.

The first session will start in Room 13, above the canteen at 9.15am on Tuesday the 18th November, followed by a session on the 25th November and the final session on the 2nd of December. We aim to finish each week by 10.45am and refreshments will be available. The programme is free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Please register your interest by emailing Clare Woolaston on woolastonc@western.n-yorks.sch.uk. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive further information or any of the session material, please let us know. All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Harrogate Poppy Appeal

As in previous years, we have been asked by the Royal British Legion to support the Poppy Appeal. The poppy is a symbol of hope for all those who need the Legion's care and support now and in the future. We will be selling poppies and other small items in school from Monday 3rd November. Please send your child with a small donation if they would like to have a poppy. Prices range from 50p to £1.



Minecraft Years 5&6 ComputerXplorers Club – “Tool Shed and Farming Challenge”

The Pink Leprechauns claimed the Minecraft Teamwork Trophy on Tuesday evening after two weeks of smelting iron ores and crafting tools to make their farm come to life with crops and livestock pens. Stephen Holmes ingeniously tempted a wild pig into the team's farmyard with a bunch of carrots, leading it across a swiftly built ramp over a nearby lake. A special mention to the Cookie Crafts team for their amazing 'terrace' farming project and wonderful hillside home... hot favourites for the 'beautiful village' Trophy.



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.

Revised Club Information

Please find attached an amended list of clubs that are being organised in school. Changes are highlighted in yellow.



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

Alfred Little
Eva Hughes
Selena Su
Ethan Galvin
Bianca Popielarska
Sam Morley
Annabelle Gording

Lunchtime Awards

Well done everyone!

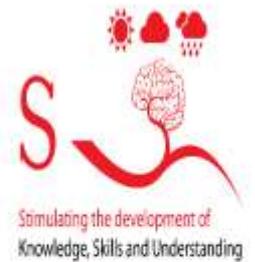
Lupton House

Key Stage 2 Awards

Gus Short
Allie Sansing
Ed Thompson
Sarah Craig
Isobel Leadham
Isla Marlow
Malachi Pietrowski
Mackenzie Conroy
Jake Trowbridge
Kate McCartney
Emelia Bland
Ruby Chan
Aggie Waller
Ruby Houseman
Jack Chapman
Emmeline Graham
Freya Munsch
Naomi Lonsdale
Becky Owen
Lauren Craven
Robyn Astwood

Wallbank 115 points

Askew 112 points
Lupton 102 points
Croft 85 points



Dates for your Diary:

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

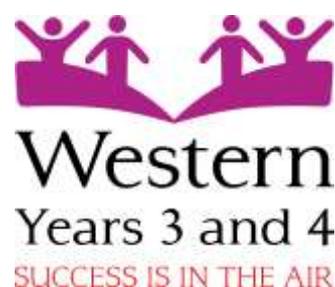
Summer Half-Term Holiday:

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

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

Christmas Card Project 2014

Welcome to the Christmas Card Project 2014 which we are once again undertaking in partnership with Art Projects for Schools Ltd.

This week your child will bring home a letter with details about the project, the artwork guidelines highlighting the do's and don'ts for their piece of Christmas artwork (I have included some examples on the guideline sheet to kick start ideas and to demonstrate that it doesn't have to be a masterpiece, in fact simple is sometimes better!!) and an order form.

Any additional order forms can be requested at the school office for siblings not in school that would like to take part. Artwork and orders are due back to school by Friday 7th November.

This is a lovely way to capture and share your child's creative efforts...Have fun.

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.

Hot Dog & Glow Stick Stall – Wed 5th November

There will be a pop-up stall selling yummy hot dogs and fun glow-sticks after school on Bonfire Night, Wednesday 5th November!

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 or see attached poster.

Bags2School

Thank you for all the Bags2School donations on Monday. We will report the amount raised in due course.

Calendar sponsors

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a page in the 2015-16 Western Calendar.

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 24 th 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 Mrs Magill's class who raised £72.02 last week.