

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 3rd October 2014



Nursery Autumn Walk in Valley Gardens!

Nursery have been learning all about Percy the Park Keeper and woodland animals. On Tuesday we had a fantastic Autumn walk in Valley Gardens! We were able to see lots of seasonal changes and we collected lots of Autumnal objects to use for collage and within our woodland small-world area. A HUGE “Thank you” to all of our fantastic helpers. 😊

Tolly Richardson Swimming Gala

On Thursday 25th September, Western Primary School competed in a swimming gala at the Hydro. 24 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the gala and 17 schools took part. The gala was great fun and Western were the best school at dancing. Building a team and having fun was the point of the gala, but coming 10th was a bonus!

Year 3/4 Author visit



On Monday 29th September an author, Eamon Reilly, visited our school and talked to the Year 3/4 children about his work and gave them 'top tips' for writing stories of their own. The children enjoyed hearing him read extracts from his books.

"He was very funny and interesting. I liked hearing The Children's Lottery." Ruby Chapman.

"My favourite book was The Lookout. He made us laugh a lot." Amy Matthews.

Fire Engine Visit to Early Years



On Thursday 25th September, a fire engine came to visit the children in reception and nursery. The children enjoyed sitting inside the fire engine, looking at all the equipment and even spraying the hose. This was a really super way to end our learning about fire fighters! A big thank you to Harrogate Fire Station for the visit.

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.



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 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

Awards

House Point Winners:

Key Stage 1 Awards

Frankie Lister
Henry Straker
Ralph Ogden
Toby Houseman
Jasmine England-Shave
Vendel Sipos
Eddie Rainbow
Paige Keates
Cyrus Hebblethwaite
Issy Buxton-Iseley

Lupton House

Key Stage 2 Awards

Stanley Gambrill
Samuel Gibbs
Lucas Foreman
Tilly Holt
Daisy Smith
Matthew Sanderson
George Priestley
Lorna McDaniel



Dates for your Diary:

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**





Ashville College Open Day

Ashville College are holding an Open Day on Saturday 4th October between 1.30 and 4.30pm. Fliers are available from the office.

St Aidan's Church of England High School

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

Harrogate Grammar School Prospective Parents' Evening

Harrogate Grammar School are holding a parents' evening for parents and Year 6 children on Tuesday 7th October. Information has been given to Year 6 children and further copies are available from the office.

Rossett School Open Day

Rossett School are holding an Opening Evening on Thursday 9th October and an Open Day on Saturday 11th 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.

PTA News!

Western Family and Friends Annual General Meeting

Why not come along for a morning coffee (and biscuit!) on 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.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale after school on Wednesday 15th October. Any clean, washed donations will be gratefully received during the week of the sale.

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.

COMING UP!

Quiz Night & Christmas Fair.

Dates will be announced shortly.

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.

Bags 2 School Dates

20th October 2014

25th February 2015

10th June 2015

Bags To School

The next Bags to School collection takes place on Monday 20th October and your child will soon be bringing home a bag.

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) 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 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

Well Done Mrs Taylor's class, you raised a fantastic £74.43 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). Thanks.

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