

# Westbrook Lane Newsletter

## Staff changes

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs Fannon, our lunchtime assistant for Class 1, who is retiring in July. Mrs Fannon has worked at Westbrook since January 2015. I know she will be missed by the children and staff who have worked with her. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the children, and give her our best wishes.



From September, we will be welcoming Mr De'Ath onto our staff team. Many of you will already know Mr De'Ath from his time working at Westbrook as a sports coach for Inspiration Tree, a company we have worked closely with for many years. Next year, Mr De'Ath will work for Westbrook as a teaching assistant in the mornings, and as a sports coach for Inspiration Tree in the afternoons.

Mrs Mason has been covering Class 3 during Miss Sedman's absence, who, I'm pleased to report, is making a good recovery following an ankle operation. Mrs Mason and Mrs Hopkins will continue to work in Class 3 when we start back in September as they have completed the transition sessions with the class. This will ensure a smooth transition with minimal disruption in the lead up to Miss Woollven's return after the October half-term. Miss Sedman will also continue to work at Westbrook until Miss Woollven's maternity leave finishes.

## Buildings and maintenance update



Hopefully, you will all be aware of the fire stopping work that is taking place over the holidays. As explained in the letter sent out last week, Leeds City Council are investing in the fabric of the building. The purpose of this work is to protect the building in the case of fire by dividing the building into compartments. Much of the work done will not be visible as it involves improvements to the current structure and no changes to the layout. However, the entrance area outside the hall will be made into two separate spaces with a dividing wall with a door and window.

In preparation for this work, we have to clear out stock cupboards, take down displays, remove IT equipment and clear shared areas. This has to be completed by Tuesday 23rd July as contractors will be in on Wednesday 24th July—from which date staff will no longer be allowed in school. Unfortunately, this means school will look less than attractive for the end of year events such as Open Evening and the Leavers' Concert and we apologise for the disruption.

There will be contractors on site for the whole of the summer break—and also the possibility of some evening or overnight work being done, so please take care if using Bizzykids over the break. Please make sure you and your children access the outside classroom via the playgrounds at all times. The contractors will be taking over the staff car park for their vehicles and equipment, therefore it will be strictly out of bounds on health and safety grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in this and thank you in anticipation of your support.



We are also making some improvements to the outside classroom, The Hub, which some of you will notice when you attend Bizzykids. There will be various repairs but the most obvious change will be the new front door, which will be fitted at the end of August ready for school opening in September.

The trim trail and climbing frame are both inspected regularly and any issues are reported back to us. We have actioned repairs for the climbing frame in the Reception/KS1 playground and the trim trail in the KS2 playground; we are waiting for a date for this to take place. The Pavilion is also due to be repaired; the funding is available thanks to the PTA and we are now awaiting dates from contractors.



## Classes for September 2019

YR Mrs Gibbons	Y1 Mrs Murphy/Mrs Hopkins	Y2 Mr Campleman	Y3 Mrs Mason /Mrs Hopkins then Miss Woollven (from November)
Y4 Mr Hooson	Y5 Miss Hall	Y6 Mrs Bourke	



## A whistle stop tour through the year

We have had many amazing curriculum enhancing and enrichment experiences again this year. We have had many visits and visitors, and numerous sporting events. We are pleased that so many children throughout school have engaged in such a wide range of events and visits, some of which are listed below.

- Reception Class have thoroughly enjoyed the regular visits from Tiny Tales and Tunes, music workshops delivered by ArtForms and yoga sessions. Reception have also visited the library several times for various topic-related activities. The trip to Nell Bank, where the children went on a bear hunt, was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended—including adults!
- Year 1 loved the Great Fire of London workshop and the den building was very popular—if extremely cold! The children explored how houses and homes have changed throughout time as part of their trip to Abbey House museum. They visited Ilkley Toy Museum to find out how toys and games had changed.



- Year 2 had an out-of-this-world experience on their virtual reality space workshop, and their African drumming workshop was a great day. On their visit to Harlow Carr, they learnt about plants and took part in a workshop, as well as visiting the grounds.

- Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Herd Farm where they experienced life during the Stone and Iron Ages; they also took part in a fantastic ancient Greece workshop.
- Year 4 spent time as Romans as part of a history-based workshop day; they also attended the Rewind to Christmas workshops along with children from other Horsforth schools. The Lego workshop at Horsforth library was another the class enjoyed.
- Year 5 enjoyed the virtual tour of space and the recent den building workshop. At Leeds City Museum, they learnt about the Anglo-Saxons as part of their history topic. They joined other schools for the Rewind to Easter workshops and, later in the year, visited the Grand Mosque for an introduction to the beliefs of Muslims and the role of the mosque in their community. The class are due to take part in first aid training at the end of the summer term.
- Year 6 had a fantastic residential at Robinwood in the autumn term and did themselves proud, facing all the challenges with enthusiasm. Their topic on WWI and WWII was enhanced by a trip to the very popular Eden Camp. More recently, they have enjoyed the Samba drumming workshop and the cycling training. Year 6 also completed transition visits to their allocated high schools during the summer term and, at the end of this term, they will also take part in pedestrian training where they will learn about being safe and planning routes.



This is just a snap shot of the curriculum enhancing events that take place throughout a typical year. Whilst these activities make the topics more accessible and put learning into a real life context, they also enrich children's experiences in terms of visiting places they wouldn't normally access, working with children and adults they wouldn't normally work with, and joining in activities that take them out of their comfort zones.

Whole school events such as Health week, STEM week and sports day have also provided opportunities for our children to work together in collaboration with their peers and children of other ages - see the summer 2019 Westbrook World for more details. These complement the many competitive activities, such as the traditional football, cricket, basketball matches etc. and the sport festivals and competitions, that happen throughout the year - see the Sport at Westbrook newsletter telling you more about what's been happening throughout 2018-19

Visit our website <http://www.westbrooklaneprimaryschool.co.uk/> where you will find past newsletters and Westbrook Worlds as well as details and photos of events throughout the year, and don't forget to follow us on twitter [@Westbrooklane](https://twitter.com/Westbrooklane) for regular updates.

*Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year; we hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back, well-rested, on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.*