

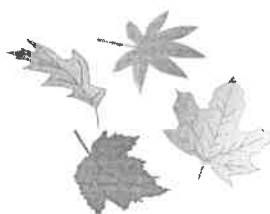


Westerton Primary Academy

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Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Welcome back everyone, The Autumn Term has started much cooler and breezier than usual, let's hope we get a bit more sunshine! Hopefully those 'first day back' nerves have been settled now (for children and staff!) and we can all get on enjoying the usual busy hubbub of school life. We warmly welcome all new children, parents and colleagues and again wish our leavers from last term all the best for the future.

Summer Works

As usual, there has been a lot of work being carried out over the summer break to improve our buildings and grounds. This year, the Nursery provision has had a full refurbishment to provide a more appealing environment for our younger children (and staff).

Thank you to all the staff who worked extremely hard ensuring that Nursery was ready for our children to start in September.

Parent Presentations

Our annual Parent Presentations for year groups will be taking place shortly. The year group staff will inform parents and pupils of the expected curriculum for the year together with the different activities that take place. These are beneficial to you for the year, so please do attend if you are able to. The dates are:

Tuesday 17th September: 4.00 pm for Year 3 and 5.00 pm for Year 4
Wednesday 18th September: 4.00 pm for Year 5 and 5.00 pm for Year 6
Thursday 19th September: 4.00 pm for Year 1 and 5.00 pm for Year 2

New Colleagues

We would like to warmly welcome Miss Neale to the Year 1 teaching team.

Aldi's Kits for Schools

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000. Place your stickers in the marked boxes around school.

Uniform

Our children have returned taller and stronger in the Westerton colours. Many thanks to parents for your support in upholding our Academy identity. Please do ensure that skirts and shorts are knee-length and black school shoes are worn. As the holidays become a memory so do the holiday haircuts and manicures, please do refer to the brochure at <http://www.westerton.leeds.sch.uk/our-school/school-brochure> regarding our uniform policy.

Parent Well-Being Workshops

As part of our package of support for Children and Families at Westerton, the Well-Being Team are offering **FREE** access to a series of informative and supportive workshops in the 2019-20 academic year. Each workshop will run twice at 9.00 am - 10.30 am and 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm, offering a chance to access a morning or evening session. Please [email](mailto:office@westerton.org.uk) Sam Eustace, our Emotional, Health and Well-Being Leader, via office@westerton.org.uk or ring the school office to book a place.

Wednesday 9th October - Workshop 1: Promoting Emotional Literacy

Tuesday 10th December - Workshop 2: Supporting Anxiety

Tuesday 11th February - Workshop 3: The Impact of Video Games in the Classroom

Tuesday 12th May - Workshop 4: Supporting Anger

Tuesday 7th July - Workshop 5: Sleep

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Parent Gym is a great opportunity for adults with school age children to come together in a fun, interactive way and get ideas and tips on how to be an even better parent. Suitable for any significant adult in a child's life who is interested in sharing their and others' experience, practical tools and ideas within a friendly group environment. You won't be expected to perform gymnastics, but you will pick up useful strategies, build your confidence and improve your relationship with your child.

Christine Bragg and Tracey Jones are running a 45 minute taster session on Thursday 3 October at 9:15am in the School House (Westerton Kids Club). The 6 week programme will commence on Thursday 10 October at 9:15am - 11:30am. We would particularly like to encourage parents/carers of Reception children to attend the Autumn programme, and will be repeating the programme in the Summer Term for parents of children across the school.

Well Done!

In the summer holidays, Kayden in Year 5, travelled to Gdansk in Poland for six days to play in the Denya Cup for Manchester City. The team won the European Championships Tournament taking 35 points out of a possible 42 winning teams like AC Milan, Borussia Dortmund, Valencia, Fernabache and many more.

Summer, in Year 5, decided to hold a bun sale to raise money for St Martin's Hospice which provides family led care for children with life shortening illnesses. She raised £240 for this worthy cause. Well done Summer—we're very proud of you.

Data Sheets

The data sheets will be sent home with your child shortly. It is important that we have updated information in case we need to contact you in an emergency. It is also advisable that we have **at least two contacts** on the sheet in case we are unable to make initial contact. Please complete the form and return to your class teacher or learning support assistant as soon as possible but **no later than Friday 27th September**.

Autumn Termly Planner

The new planners for this term will be distributed this week. If you have opted to receive 'Third Party Information' the planners will be inserted into a Westerton folder which can also be used to keep any school letters in during the year.

Scholastic Books

Our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/westerton-primary> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by October 16th, 2019**.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 13th September	Year 5 to Ingleborough
Friday 20th September	European Day 9.15 am Year 5 and 6 Assembly
W/C 23rd September	Recycle Week
Thursday 26th September	5.00 pm Reception Reading Workshop for Parents Woodkirk Open Evening for Year 6 Parents and Pupils
Friday 27th September	9.15 am Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 1st October	5.00 pm Year 6 London Meeting
Friday 4th October	9.15 am Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 9th October	5.00 pm Nursery Parent Workshop
Friday 11th October	9.15 am Year 2 Assembly
Thursday 17th October	Year 6 to London 9.30 am Reception and Year 1 Harvest
Friday 18th October	9.30 am Year 4, 5 and 6 Harvest 10.30 am Year 2 and 3 Harvest 6.00 - 8.00 pm Monster Disco - booking via ParentPay from Friday 4th October
Friday 25th October	Non-Uniform Day 9.15 am Year 5 and 6 Assembly End of Half Term

Yours faithfully



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