



## Westerton Primary Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

### Goodbye

Next Friday, we will be saying goodbye to two of our wonderful staff.

Miss Bianca Starkey began her teaching journey as a very promising trainee, at Westerton, and has been with us since June 2020 as a qualified teacher. Bianca has decided to move closer to family in Bedfordshire and we all wish her the very best luck for the move and the rest of her teaching career. A very lucky school in Brighton will soon be blessed with a former Westertonian. Please stay in touch Bianca and let us know how you are doing and how much you miss us all, it will not be the same without you!

Mrs Michelle Cassar, our School Business Manager and the Procurement Lead for Leodis, is leaving us to work in a new sector supporting her husband and business partner with the running of their company. Michelle has been with Westerton since March 2008 and, over the years, her role has changed significantly. In addition to being a financial wizard, she has always been a tremendous supporter of all staff well-being, especially during the difficult times of Covid, I can say on a personal level on behalf of everyone, she is going to be greatly missed. (Sulking!) However, we happen to know that your new place of work is not too far away, Michelle, so please do keep in touch and drop in for lunch when you can... or we might just come and pester you!

We wish both colleagues the very best for their new chapters in their new roles.

### Maternity Leave

We will also be losing Miss Aileen Henderson from Year Four, but only for a while as she is commencing her Maternity Leave after the Easter break. We wish you all the best, Aileen, and don't forget to bring our new arrival in to see us for our customary 'new baby cuddle and pass-around' as soon as possible. Our Westerton baby list is growing nicely!

### Easter Hamper Raffle

Please do remember everyone, our Easter Hamper Raffle will be drawn on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am**. Good luck to everyone who has purchased a 'virtual' ticket.

## World Autism Acceptance Week (28<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April)



This year, World Autism Acceptance Week is marked from the 28<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. **World Autism Acceptance Week** aims to shine a light on Autism, to increase awareness and to celebrate the achievements of children, young people and adults with Autism.

In school, we will be taking part in Autism Acceptance Week through the sharing of some wonderful books and stories, all to celebrate **inclusion and diversity**. These texts will be shared within classes and also added to our beautiful new school library.

If you would like to find out more about World Autism Acceptance Week and get involved, further information can be found online at; [www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2022](http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2022).

### School Photographs

Our school photographer, Lighthouse Photography, will be with us during the week of 25<sup>th</sup> April for 4 days taking those all-important school photographs. (It must be time to update the staff mug shots now too for the main entrance, time to get the lipstick out, the roots done and ladle on the face cream. Have you got that Mr Pool? Mrs Lazarus... one more school photo with a plaster cast on your leg? No? Spoilsport!)

### School Council - Y5/Y6 Disco

This sparkling event took place yesterday evening. A huge thank you to the School Council and Miss Haley who arranged this, the children had a wonderful time and behaved extremely well. The visiting DJ was very impressed by the friendly courtesy he was shown, particularly given the large numbers of children who were present. The outfits and the dancing would have done 'Strictly' proud and the atmosphere was terrific, as you can see from the photograph! Well done everyone and thank you so much, to all colleagues who gave their time to support the event.



## **Your School Lottery**

This month, you have the chance to win a £500 bike voucher if you join Your School Lottery. Tickets are £1 each and there is a cash prize every week. Please see the attached leaflet or the website for further information. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



## **Could a Career in Teaching be for you? We would certainly recommend it!**

Westerton Partnership provides high quality Initial Teacher Training. You can apply for your opportunity to train to be a teacher NOW! Apply today on the DfE web page on the GOV.UK website by using this link: <https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate>:

328W – Primary 3-7 Programme

328X – Primary 5-11 Programme

Please visit our school webpage for more information.

## **Community News**

Leeds SENDIASS Workshops – please find attached a flyer for some SEND virtual workshops that are available to parents/carers.

Go Wild This Easter – please find attached a flyer about some activities happening in the area over the Easter break.

## **Dates for your diaries**

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Ilam Hall and East Barnby Payment Deadline
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Intensive Swimming Week
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Term
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term
	Intensive Swimming Week (4 days)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Ilam Hall Meeting at 4.00 pm

As always, have a wonderful relaxing weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts. To all who have been absent with Covid or other ill health issues, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

Yours faithfully

Stephanie Makin  
Principal and the Westerton Team