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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Personnel Update

With the departure of Mrs Cassar at the end of last term, we are very grateful to welcome the support of colleagues from our Leodis central team in the short term at various times in the week. They are joining the multi-talented Mrs Goddard who leads our terrific office team. Mrs Shires is providing additional financial support (and rather marvellous cupcakes!) and Mrs Cubitt is providing us with HR assistance in this period of personnel transition. Welcome ladies and thank you both for all your help, it is very much appreciated and indicative of the community spirit we value so highly across the Trust.

Mrs Spruce is our new Reading Mentor and Intervention Support colleague, who has joined us to work particularly with our KS2 children. Reading has never been more important than it is now, with the impact of Covid, the additional support both at home and at school is very valuable. Welcome Mrs Spruce and thank you.

You will recall that our Deputy Principal, Mrs Lazarus is retiring this Summer and you will be pleased to know her broken ankle is healing well. However, having already made a return to work with us, we are being very careful not to push her off her crutches! Just before Easter, we managed to run the recruitment process for the successor to Mrs Lazarus, for next year, this was a daunting task, given that Mrs Lazarus is also a qualified Headteacher! We are delighted to announce that Kate D'Aubney was appointed as our new Deputy Principal for September. Kate is currently a Headteacher at a small school in Kirklees and will be bringing considerable experience to Westerton Primary Academy and Leodis. The team look forward to welcoming Kate soon.

You may also see our new Principal, Mr David Livie, at the Academy over the next few weeks as we commence the handover process in preparation for September and the new academic year. I very much look forward to introducing him to our welcoming wider community.

Kindness Alert!

We just want to mention two very special people in 4JB who have been incredibly kind and supportive of others this week as Year Four have had their intensive swimming week. Both **Harry and Aariz** have shown wonderful personal attributes in helping other children to overcome difficulties in order to access curriculum opportunities. Thank you boys, we are **very** proud of you, you are great role models for everyone!

Westerton Easter Activity Club

Thank you to all of the families and carers who attended the Easter Activity Club. Lots of fun was had by all and we were very pleased with the turnout. As it has proven so popular, we are hoping to do something similar in the summer holidays and we will keep you updated with the details. Also, an additional thanks to some of our childminders who attended with children that do not attend Westerton. We really like the community links that we are building at Westerton.

A huge thanks to our Mental Health and Well-Being Team, Mrs Sayers, Miss Severn and Mrs Maskery who organised and attended the two days.



Photographs

Our photographer will be in next week from Monday afternoon to Thursday taking individual, sibling and class photographs. There will be two opportunities for any younger or older siblings who **do not** attend Westerton to have a photograph together on Tuesday between 8.15 am – 8.40 am and then on Thursday between 8.00 am – 8.40 am. If you would like to attend, please come to the **main entrance** so that you can be directed to the **Conference Room**. Unfortunately, if your child is absent from school on **all** those days, we will not be able to arrange another sitting.

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/>



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<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 Youth Opera – please find attached a flyer regarding music and drama sessions.

SEN The Giraffe Buddies – please see the attached flyer about an after school support group for SEN families. Open Day on 4th May.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 25 th – Thursday 28 th April	Photograph Week
Tuesday 3 rd May	Year 4 to Ilam Hall/Eyam
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13 th May	Year 6 to Dalby Forest
Thursday 19 th May	4.30 pm East Barnby Meeting

Please do have a lovely restful weekend, we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours faithfully



Stephanie Makin
Principal and the Westerton Team