



## **Westerton Primary Academy**

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24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

We have been blessed with the weather this week; we have certainly been making the most of the conditions with lots of outdoor and active learning throughout school. It was fantastic to welcome parents to our Nursery and Reception sporting events and thank you for encouraging the children in what will have been their first of many Westerton Sports Days. Thank you to Mr Whawell and our wonderful EYFS staff for making these events so enjoyable and we keep everything crossed for the dry weather to continue.

Continuing with "firsts", our Reception Welcome Meetings have brought together our new parents and EYFS staff this week to share key information for September. We hope you found these useful in preparing your children (and yourselves!) for the start of your child's Westerton journey.

### **Reminder – Sun Safety**

Please continue to send your children with sun-cream (already applied) and with hats and plenty to drink, especially with our children spending at least an hour a day outside.

### **Year 3 Murton Park Visit**

Our Year 3 classes have greatly enjoyed their visits to Murton Park this week with each class experiencing a different historical period: Vikings, Romans and Anglo Saxons. We are hoping for some very useful discussions about the contrasting daily lives of our Y3 villager / peasants / soldiers. Thankfully we have been blessed with the weather and, as always, the instructors have been very complimentary of our children's behaviour. Thank you to Mrs Downes for co-ordinating this opportunity for Year 3.

### **Year 5 & 6 girls' football**

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls' football teams who competed well at the Morley Family of Schools tournament at Bruntcliffe Academy on Wednesday. Both teams were a credit to our school by showing excellent team spirit and togetherness against some very tough opposition. Mr Conway and Mr Emmett were very proud of both teams. Overall, Westerton achieved fourth position and it was particularly pleasing to see a win in their final game. Well done girls!

We hope the upcoming Women's European Championship inspires more girls to start playing football.

### **Year 4 Road Safety**

Following our Road Safety assembly on Tuesday, our Y4 pupils enjoyed further road safety training which is particularly important given the increasing independence they may be afforded by parents. We were particularly pleased to hear from one of our neighbours, who sent us an email to say how impressed he and his wife were at the children's behaviour and attentiveness to the staff who were training them. "They are all a credit to your school."

## **Year 2 Skipping Competition**

Our Y2 children returned from Armley Leisure Centre earlier in the week decorated with gold, silver and bronze awards for their efforts in the inter-school competition. Well done to all the children who competed, particularly in such warm weather!

## **Summer Gala**

Our Summer Gala will be at 3.00 pm - 5.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

With our Gala fast approaching, we would love your help! We are asking for donations for the following stalls:

- **General Tombola** - we would be grateful for contributions of new prizes such as bubble bath, chocolates, small toys and games etc.
- **Teddy Tombola** - we would be grateful for contributions of soft toys!
- **Bottle Tombola** - we would be grateful for contributions of alcoholic bottles!
- **Cafe** - we would be grateful for donations of cakes, buns and baked items. Please note we are a nut free school.

Please could these items be brought into school by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like a stall at our Gala please contact Mrs Dufton on e.dufton@westerton.leodis.org.uk for more information.

We thank you in advance.

## **Swimming survey – Y2 parents**

We politely request that all parents of our Year 2 children complete the swimming survey as requested last week. This information is important in determining the groupings and staffing of our swimming lessons which begin the first week back in September. The deadline for completion will be extended to Monday.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LCQyQd6b5s>

## **School Visits – Voluntary Contributions**

We are very busy with our wonderful school visits and we are very grateful for the voluntary donations that we receive which enable these to go ahead. However, we are still very short on the contributions for our Y3 Murton Park and Y4 Filey visits. For all who are able to contribute, please make your voluntary contribution as soon as possible.

If anyone wishes to make any other donations, there is a 'donations payment item' on ParentPay where you can contribute. If you specifically want to contribute to a certain event, please email the office so that the funds can be transferred to the appropriate item.

Thank you for your continued support, these enrichment activities do have such a positive impact on all our children.

## **Parent/Carer Information Sessions**

The next parent/carers information session booked on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June- 10am-11.30am, also at the Bungalow-Woodkirk.**

This will be held by Ali Mitchell from 'SNAPS'. She will speak about SNAPS service, the support they can offer, what they have currently running and hopefully answer a few questions and give advice. SNAPS supports parents with children/young people with additional needs.

## Y5 Music Concert at Woodkirk

Our Y5 children will be visiting Woodkirk Academy on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June for a sneak preview of the Summer Concert. It is always fantastic to see so many of our ex-pupils continuing their talents beyond Westerton and hopefully inspire our current musicians. Should your child's footwear be unsuitable for a longer walk, please send your child with trainers separately as we will be walking to and from Woodkirk. Children will be back in school in the afternoon and lunch arrangements will not be affected.

## Sports Days

We continue to welcome parents, carers and relatives to next week's sports days and we are sure the children will greatly appreciate having an enthusiastic audience to watch them. Parents can enter the school field via the gate on Hesketh Lane shortly before the starting time below.

We are hoping for some sunny or at least dry weather so everything can all go ahead without postponements. Should postponement or cancellations be necessary, we will inform parents as soon as possible on the day for each event. The dates for each year group are as follows:

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00 am	Year 3 and 4
	1.00 pm	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00 am	Year 1
	1.00 pm	Year 2

## Health and Safety – Cycling/Scooters

Please do continue to be mindful of Health and Safety and the need to wear **protective helmets** if riding scooters or cycling to and from school. Whilst the school, of course, have no legal jurisdiction or capacity to enforce this, we do hope that our additional curricular provision involving 'Bikeability' is helping to keep our children safe by influencing good habits.

Parents of young children, please remember, **we cannot allow cycling or scooting on the playground** at drop off and collection times due to the congestion at these times, the slope of the playground and the **risk of collisions** with other children and parents. Thank you all for your understanding and close monitoring with this.



## 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

### The Big Uniform Swap

The Big Uniform Swap is taking place on Saturday 6th August from 9.30 am - 12.00 at Tingley Methodist Church, Westerton Road, Tingley. If you have any outgrown uniform at home, we are a drop-off point so please bring your unwanted items to the main office up until the end of term to help this worthy cause.

Summer 2022 Soccer School – Please find attached a leaflet about Leeds United summer soccer school running during the holidays.



Proceeds will be shared between St John's Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Research. To book your place or for further details, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dino-fest-tickets-370550655987>

#### Dates for your diaries

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Gala 3.00 – 5.30 pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Class change-over afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents
	Year 4 to Filey
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal (am) – Pupils and Staff Only
	6.00 pm Year 6 Performance
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 – 6.00 pm Open Evening for current parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.30 am Leaver's Assembly

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and that the sunscreen is needed throughout!

Yours faithfully

Tim Pool  
Vice Principal and the Westerton Team