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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Year 5 Mini Police

Last week, some of our Y5 children enjoyed turning themselves into mini police officers! Alongside PCSO Nicola Westle and her colleagues and members of the Road Safety Team, they walked around the surrounding streets of Westerton Primary and gave out some parking tickets with the punishment of writing 10 lines. This was to bring awareness to our children on how to safely park especially around the school. They even spotted Mrs Makin's car and gave her a ticket too! Well done to all of the children taking part who were a credit to Westerton and showed maturity and professionalism.



Gala

Huge thanks to all staff, parents and pupils for supporting our Summer Gala last Friday. It was so lovely to see everyone and the response to our requests for raffle donations really was overwhelming. (We really could have started a bar with that Bottle Tombola!)

As promised, we can now publish the winning raffle ticket numbers too:

Colour	Ticket Number
Green	269
Green	635
Blue/White	571
Blue/White	146
Green	86
Green	757
Green	517
Green	416
Blue/White	349

Colour	Ticket Number
Green	299
Blue/White	386
Blue/White	503
Green	96
Green	291
Green	36
Green	432
Blue/White	279
Green	303

If your number has been printed above, please do bring your ticket to the office to select your prize. Thank you everyone.

School Uniform - Nail Varnish/Jewellery

Please may we remind parents that no nail varnish, gel or acrylics are allowed in school at any time. We also ask that you ensure your children uphold our uniform policy and do not wear jewellery other than stud earrings to school.

End-of-Term Uniform

With the summer break fast approaching, it is understandable that some parents will be reluctant to purchase new school shoes for children to then grow out of over the summer holidays. The same can also be said for replacing school jumpers that are becoming a little like straitjackets!

If children arrive in trainers, we will provide them with new or nearly new black pumps for wearing inside school with children able to change back into their trainers for outside breaktimes. Non-Westerton jumpers can be worn outside but children will remove these for inside lessons.

We will provide a breakdown of uniform expectations for September in next week's newsletter.

Class Change Carousel

During the afternoon of **Monday, the 11th July**, the children will be meeting their Class Teachers for the next academic year. This year it is necessary to re- shuffle several of our year groups into three different classes. As described in our brochure, being a large three form entry primary, we embrace every professional opportunity to ensure there is an inclusive balance of the following across all three classes especially when new children have joined us during the year:

- Gender
- Prior Attainment
- Particular strengths, skills, talents and interests
- Additional Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Safeguarding Child Protection priorities

Whilst transition can be eased by the preservation of some friendship groups, there can also sometimes be a need to consider negative preferences from parents. Occasionally the requests received can be mutually exclusive and, therefore, awkward to negotiate in our attempts to keep them confidential. Thankfully, irrespective of their learning peers, children will have access to their friends in social groups during breaks throughout the school day. Thank you in advance for your understanding of the professional decisions made at this time, the information about the Class Teacher for your child next year will be sent in a separate letter.

The following classes will remain the same and will move to their new year group as follows:

4JM (Mr Mitchell)	-	5RC (Miss Cromack)	5RW (Mrs Wright)	-	6JM (Mr Mitchell)
4JB (Mrs Bedford)	-	5SM (Mrs Mellor)	5BS (Miss Starkey)	-	6ME (Mr Emmett)
4AH (Miss Henderson)	-	5SG (Miss Geraldine)	5RC (Miss Cromack)	-	6KD (Miss Daniels)

Summer Activities

Breeze Summer Camp

It is that time of year again!

Your child may have brought a letter home inviting them to a **free** Summer Camp hosted by **Breeze**.

If you would like your child to attend, please fill out the form as soon as possible because these free places will fill up very fast. You may want to take a photo of the form before returning it as a reminder of the dates and the organiser details.

Please return to Mrs Sayers or Miss Severn. Many thanks to them both for arranging this for our children.

Go Wild

EYFS and KS1 pupils may have received invitations for *Go Wild*. *Go Wild* offer activity sessions with games, nature walks, den building and crafts for children. These sessions are held every Tuesday in August between 10-12pm and 1pm-3pm with a free lunch! The meeting point is Tesco Express, 215 Westerton Road WF3 1PZ. If you have received a letter and would like to book a place, please complete and return the booking form to Mrs Sayers or Miss Severn as soon as possible. Those two are unstoppable at the moment!

Westerton Summer Family Days.

During the Summer holidays the Mental Health & Wellbeing Team would like to offer three family days over at the Westerton house (Kids Club).

Wednesday 3rd and Wednesday 10th August 2022

These family days will take place at 10am until 12pm and will include lots of summer activities and a coffee morning for parents where you can come with or without your children. The team will also offer some cakes and treats but feel free to bring along your own snacks. There will also be information on SEN and self-regulation for parents and children.

Thursday 11th August 2022

The third family day will take place 11am-1pm and will include a summer picnic along with a scavenger hunt for the children and lots of summer activities. Snacks such as biscuits and buns will be offered but please bring your own lunch.

There will also be information on managing emotions, anxiety and bereavement available from the Mental Health & Wellbeing team. We are happy for you to pop along on the day, but if you know that you will be attending or would like any more information please email: wellbeing@westerton.leodis.org.

Music Tuition 2022-23

Just a reminder to parents that we still have some places left for any children wanting to learn a musical instrument next year in woodwind, strings, brass and drums. Please send in the reply slip back into school or if you need any further information, please contact Mrs Bedford. We may be able to help with funding if your child receives Free School Meals or is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding.

Leeds Lieder Group

On Monday 27th June, 4JB spent the afternoon with Leeds Lieder Group, learning about classical music. They were able to listen to performances and to learn some new classical vocabulary. They were then able to conduct the performers and then create their own part of a song, that will be shared as part of a whole group song across other schools in Leeds. The children really enjoyed their afternoon.

School Visits – Voluntary Contributions

We are still very busy with arrangements for all our wonderful school visits and we are very grateful for the voluntary donations that we receive, these enable the visits to go ahead. However, we are still very short on the contributions for our Y4 Filey and Y1 Abbey House Museum 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.

Sports Days

Well done to all our year groups who have managed to enjoy their sports days and thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who came along to support the children.

Swimming Galas

Unfortunately, due to the cost of the coaches, we have had to make the sad decision to not hold our annual swimming galas this year. We are sorry for any disappointment this causes but the financial implications, to run the event, were too high.

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.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 11 th July	Class change-over afternoon
Friday 15 th July	Reports to Parents
	Year 4 to Filey
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal (am) – Pupils and Staff Only
	6.00 pm Year 6 Performance
Tuesday 19 th July	1.30 pm Year 6 Performance
	4.00 – 6.00 pm Open Evening for current parents
Friday 22 nd July	9.30 am Leaver's Assembly

Yours faithfully

Stephanie Makin
Principal and the Westerton Team