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15th July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Hot weather warning and actions

Current forecasts show a significant spike in temperatures on Monday and Tuesday next week, with a high of 36 degrees predicted. (Seriously... some of us are way too old for those temperatures in England!) However, to ensure that children are as comfortable and safe as possible in school, we be taking the following measures:

Clothing:

- Our uniform policy will be temporarily *relaxed*. Children should wear either lighter-fitting PE kits, summer dresses or similar on Monday and Tuesday.
- All children will be asked to bring a brimmed hat / cap to school to wear outside.

Water:

- Children can bring in additional water bottles and will be able to access and refill these throughout the day.

Sun Cream:

- We will require children to apply sun cream before any break times in addition to cream applied before school (minimum SPF 15). Alternatively, all-day oil-based products could be applied before school. Please send sun creams labelled with your child's name. Younger children will be supervised applying their own sun cream.
- For a small number of children who are unable to apply their own sun cream, a parental permission slip will be sent home in order for staff to assist.
- If children do not bring in hats / sun cream, they will not be allowed to play on the main playground.

Activities:

- Outdoor PE / games involving vigorous movement will not take place in heat above 30 degrees.
- Where possible, extra air-flow devices will be used within school.

Year 6 Performance

Our extremely talented Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their performance of '**Aladdin Trouble**' and they are looking forward to showing you their performing arts skills next week.

The performances are taking place on Monday 18th July at 6.00 pm and again on Tuesday 19th July at 1.30 pm. To try and minimise the heat, we are able to welcome **a maximum of two people** for each performance to come along and enjoy the show.

The Mayor of Morley, Councillor Oliver Newton, will be joining us for the evening performance. Our thanks go to Councillor Newton for visiting Westerton in our Whole School Assembly this week when he shared with the children his inspirational personal journey from being a School Councillor at Westerton for Scatcherd, through his secondary education at Woodkirk, undertaking a law apprenticeship with a law firm in Leeds to becoming a Councillor for Morley and now, at 27 years of age, the youngest Mayor on record. Incredible! The children thoroughly enjoyed questioning the Councillor about his priorities, his plans and tips for their own success.

Leavers' Assembly 2022

Our final assembly for our Year 6 leavers will take place on **Friday 22nd July at 9.30 am**. Parents of Y6 children are welcome to come and join in the celebrations and will be able to take photographs at the end of the assembly. Bring your tissues!

In memory of Jessica Weaver, who would also have been leaving Westerton this year, there will be a collection at the end of the assembly to raise funds towards Team Jess.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jill-Weaver4?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=e5910434-4680-4474-856f-f4546369b5b9&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1632735191445

Vice Principal – Mrs Downes

Congratulations to Mrs Downes, our Phase Leader for Y2, Y3 and Y4 who will be joining Mr Pool as our second Vice Principal for Westerton for the next academic year. Well done Mrs Downes!

School Uniform for September

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the required uniform for next year. Please refer to the information on our website before purchasing new items, particularly footwear and any plain items for games lessons as shown below

<https://www.westerton.leeds.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

From September, the children will be taking part in more 'House' based PE activities during their lessons, in the style of our traditional sports days. Your child will therefore wear a PE top to reflect the 'House' they are in as follows:

Asquith = Blue

Dartmouth = Yellow

Hardy = Red

Scatcherd = Green

These can be purchased from The Uniform Centre in Morley and online from <https://myclothing.com/collections/westerton-primary-academy-6296>. 'MyClothing' are offering a 10% discount, using the code **WESPRI7825** until the 31st July 2022.

A separate slip will be sent home with your child with a reminder of their house and colour.

Ingleborough News

We have a small number of places left for November's Y5 Ingleborough trip in November 2022 and remind parents that the **deadline** for the first deposit is **Friday 22nd July**. Please contact Mr Pool or Mr Mitchell if you would like more details about this excellent visit.

School Visits

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the parents who have paid additional contributions to our school visits recently. It really is a very kind gesture and we appreciate the generosity which allows for all our children to enjoy these additional activities.

Open Evening

We would like to welcome parents and children to our annual Open Evening which is being held on **Tuesday 19th July between 4.00 – 6.00 pm**. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to say goodbye to their child's current teacher and for your child to show you their new class and meet their teacher for September.

Mr Emmett's Open Evening will be held between 3.00 – 5.00 pm. *(It will be his 30th birthday you know but... tell no one!)*

Parent Survey - Is Westerton an 'Active School'?

We have been asked to participate in a study by an education consultant to evaluate how active we are as a school. One part of this is asking parents to complete a short survey to gather their views. Please take a few moments to complete it. Your views along with the feedback from the consultant will be very valuable in helping us to make improvements in this area. Thank you, Mr Whawell.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=34JljCewA02ahvVIWo6qJekQe1AHailGkJhnWWqjlihUM0s3UENDOEJLQUdBT0QxUUMzOUhFUURFTC4u>

The Wonders of Whawell!

Although Mr Whawell is very shy and did not want me to mention this, his wonderful work as our Leader of Physical Education, with great emphasis on wellbeing at Westerton, now features as an **exemplary case study** in a new book:

'How to Move & Learn: An Evidence-Based Guide to Embedding Physically Active Learning in Your School'
by Bryn Llewellyn, Ian Holmes and Richard Allman – Pg. 125 – 128.

Awesome work Mr Whawell and the rest of our colleagues teaching through Physical Activity, we are very proud of your innovative involvement in the research. Well done!

Women's Euros France vs Belgium

Fourteen of our Year 6 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to attend the France vs Belgium Women's Euro football match last night at the ground of Rotherham United. They had a wonderful evening and Mr Whawell and Mr Conway also had a great time too!

Summer Reading

Over the summer break, it would be lovely for children to continue the enjoyment of reading a book, or several. The link below has 50 suggestions aimed mainly at KS2 to 'kickstart' their summer reading:

https://ads.dennisnet.co.uk/subs/2022/TWJ/SDT-3623/TWJ_SOR-22_book-list.pdf

Another excellent scheme, suitable for all children, is the summer reading challenge linked with local libraries and the Science Museum Group. Children will be able to take part in the science themed challenge over the summer with different activities, rewards and cool experiments.

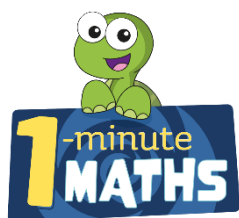
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

White Rose Maths – 1-Minute Maths App

Want to sharpen up your maths skills over the summer? The 1-Minute Maths app is a fantastic way for children to improve their mental arithmetic skills in preparation for the next academic year.

The 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

Scan the QR code to download your **free version** of the app right away – **no log in required**. You can also download a free wallchart to track progress at home.



Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's **FREE!**

Children's books

We will be sending exercise books home at the end of the term, either on the Thursday or Friday of the last week. If children could bring a sturdy carrier bag or similar on Thursday 21st July, this would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Academic Year 2022/23

Holiday	The Academy closes			The Academy opens		
Summer break				Monday	5 September	2022
Autumn mid-term	Friday	21 October	2022	Monday	31 October	2022
Christmas break	Friday	16 December	2022	Tuesday	3 January	2023
Spring mid-term	Friday	10 February	2023	Monday	20 February	2023
Easter break	Friday	31 March	2023	Monday	17 April	2023
May Bank holiday	Friday	28 April	2023	Tuesday	2 May	2023
Summer mid-term	Friday	26 May	2023	Monday	5 June	2023
Summer break	Tuesday	25 July *	2023			

INSET Training Days – additional closure to pupils.

- 1 – Monday 5 September 2022
- 2 – Tuesday 6 September 2022
- 3 – Friday 11th November 2022
- 4 – Monday 24 July 2023 *
- 5 – Tuesday 25 July 2023 *

Year 6 Transition Club

Is your child going into Year 6 in September? If so, there is a new YR6 club organised by Leeds Youth Service running in Tingley. Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter, for further information.

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.

Community News

Strawberry Tea Fundraiser

A Strawberry Tea is being held at St Michael's Church Hall, East Ardsley on Saturday 6th August between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust and Sue Ryder. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. If you wish to make a donation, please follow the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jos-strawb-tea?utm_term=znaQm539e

Other Community News

Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter regarding other activities taking place.

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

Friday 22 nd July	End of Term
7 th September	Term Starts for pupils

With one week left to go before the end of term, I would like to say a huge **thank you** for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts which have been sent in, already. It is such an emotional time for all those of us leaving Westerton at the end of this year, both pupils and colleagues. Between us, Mrs Lazarus, Mrs McRoyall and I have nearly a century of teaching experience (*I know back to the heat again ... and zimmer frames.*) Suffice it to say that none of us will be wearing mascara next week!

All being well we look forward to seeing some of you at Open Evening, the Y6 Performances and, of course, the Leavers' Assembly. However, there is one rather marvellous group of people I would like to arrange a separate meeting with before the end of term. This is a shout out to all our **CHILDMINDERS** who have done such a great job for us all again this year. Colleagues, please, if possible, join us for a meeting on **Wednesday, 20th July in the**

academy's WKC house after drop off from 9.00 a.m. I know it might feel too early for tea and cake but it will be lovely to see you and have a chat.

That is it for now, not sure if we will get round to a newsletter next week but we will try. Have a lovely weekend everyone and watch out for that sun.

Yours faithfully

S. R. Makin

Stephanie Makin

Principal and the Westerton Team



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Strawberry Tea is BACK!

Saturday 6th August

St Michael's Church Hall

Cherry Tree Walk

East Ardsley - WF3 2 LJ

10.30am – 2.30pm

Please join us

for a spot of breakfast, lunch or

simply catch up with your friends

for a cuppa and home made cakes!

Bring the kids

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tombola, fabulous raffles

& fun, fun, fun

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Dates & Venues

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12pm to 2.30pm & 3pm to 5.30pm (open session)

THU 28 JULY	East Ardsley East Ardsley Recreation Ground Main Street WF3 2AP	FRI 5 AUG	Beeston Cross Flatts Park, Beeston, LS11 7BQ
WED 10 AUG	Kirkstall Kirkstall Abbey, Abbey Road, LS5 3EH	THU 18 AUG	Bramhope West Park Rugby Club, The Sycamores, LS16 9JR




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Gingley
Wakefield
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07545 603952

Horsforth

Horsforth School LS18 5RE
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North Leeds

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Wetherby

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SUMMER FAIR!

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

11AM UNTIL 4PM
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TOMBOLA,
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CASTLES, GAMES,
STALLS & MORE!!

SSE – Outer South

Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward



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Tingley YR6

Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.30pm – Year 6

September 2022 to August 2023



ARTS & CRAFTS

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Tingley Youth & Community Centre, Smithy Lane, Tingley,
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For further information contact James Sutcliffe – james.sutcliffe@leeds.gov.uk or telephone 07566 759915



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YR6 is an after-school club for young people in year 6 only.

YR6 will be run by professional trained youth workers to deliver after school activities with some healthy snacks. This club will help your young person transition into secondary school with fun activities and projects.

Each session will have a sub's of £1 to pay.

For further information contact James Sutcliffe – james.sutcliffe@leeds.gov.uk or telephone 07566 759915