

Westbrook Lane Newsletter

Horsforth's Latest Pop Up Restaurant Opens

Reception class have opened their own Mud Restaurant this week, this follows on from the successful Mud Kitchen. The children have enjoyed making menus, taking on roles such as chef and waiters, and exploring the fresh herbs. The Restaurant already has a 5 star rating from Trip advisor so I expect it will become Michelin star very soon!



The Westbrook Election Campaign

On 7th May 2015, led by Class 4, the 'Westbrook Election' took place. Everyone in class 4 was a member of a political party and their manifestos were as follows:

Development Party:

- Celebrities and rich people will have to pay more taxes.
- By 2018 – 75% of cars will be electric to help the environment.
- Every child around the world should have the right to go to school.

Tomorrow Party:

- More buses for people to use instead of cars.
- More energy efficient lights which will save money that can be spent on making hospitals better.
- Primary schools to have areas for certain subjects e.g. science labs and art rooms.

Transformation Party:

- A law that means you have to recycle, you cannot just choose to if you want to do it.
- More money will be spent on improving hospitals.
- 3% of the money you earn will be donated to a charity of your choice.

Vision Party:

- Protect animals across the world.
- Passwords on websites so that children don't see things they shouldn't.
- More money donated to countries where people are affected by natural disasters.

Each party campaigned for votes from children and adults. Voting took place at our polling station; the next day votes were counted and verified revealing the Tomorrow Party as Westbrook's most popular party. However, they did not receive enough votes to form a majority government so negotiations regarding a coalition took place. Eventually, the Tomorrow Party agreed to form a coalition government with the Development Party.



Outdoor Week - back by popular demand!

Following the positive feedback from children, parents and staff regarding our first Outdoor Week last year, we decided to make it an annual event. Thank you to the PTA for funding 'Alan's Mobile Farm' which was a huge success with children and adults alike. **Look out for more information and photos in the July edition of the Westbrook World.**



Vouchers.

Sainsbury's have stopped issuing the Active Kids vouchers so please could you send in any that you have left so we know how many we have to spend.

Ink Cartridges.

We are not going to collect ink cartridges for recycling any more as the amount of money raised is so low it is not cost effective.

Postage Stamps.

Similarly we will no longer collect used postage stamps as it takes so long to collect enough to send off it is not worth pursuing.

In future we are only going to concentrate on the supermarket voucher schemes. Thank you



Horsforth Healthy Living Week - school snacks



In June it is the Horsforth Healthy Living Week. This involves all the schools in Horsforth focusing on developing and promoting healthy lifestyles.

At Westbrook we will be thinking about food and developing healthy eating habits so this is an ideal opportunity to remind children about snacks in school. Fruit, vegetables and cheese are acceptable. However, we do not allow snacks with a high sugar content (e.g. fruit winders, yogurts) or nuts.

This will be discussed with the children as part of our healthy eating curriculum. However, we would appreciate your support in encouraging healthy snacks.

Keeping our children safe.

We regularly remind children about keeping safe at school. They understand which areas are out of bounds and the reasons why. Recently, it has been reported that before and after school, children are accessing areas that they know are out of bounds, for example the trim trail when it is unsupervised, the banking that leads down to the hedge bordering the street, the banking by the front entrance that leads onto the car park, and walking through the car park itself. We will be reminding the children again in school and would like your help in reiterating this at home. Could we please ask that you remind your children to stay in the safe areas before school opens and after school has ended. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sports day - save the date.

This year sports day will be on 7th July, weather permitting. Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 to 6), will have their events in the morning from 9.30am. Key Stage 1 (Reception to Class 2), will have theirs in the afternoon at 1.15pm. The format will be the same as last year. For those who are not familiar with it, the event involves twelve teams in Key Stage 2 and 10 teams in Key Stage 1, made up of children from each class in their key stage.

Our ethos is to help children develop the ability to support and encourage other people. Working in mixed age and mixed ability teams enables children to apply these qualities with confidence in a secure environment. We have been delighted year in and year out with the way children have helped those who may have been less confident than themselves and supported others in their team regardless of ability. We have had many comments from helpers at this event about how well the children co-operated and exhibited team spirit.

We always need a lot of help to ensure a safe and successful day for everyone. Historically the afternoon is very popular with helpers but the morning is less so, and last year we really struggled to staff all the events. Please could you put the date in your diaries now and any offers of help will be much appreciated. Please inform the school office if you are available morning, afternoon or all day. Thank you.



School Dinner Money

For anyone wishing to pay dinner money for the full half term after the Easter holiday the amount needed for children having a school meal every day is:

Y3 & Y4 35 days x £2.00 = £70.00, Y5 & Y6 35 days x £2.05 = £71.75

Please remember to inform the office if you wish to change your child's lunchtime arrangements for next term as the food is ordered two weeks in advance. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st June	School re-opens Cycling proficiency Y6
Tuesday 2nd June	Cycling proficiency Y6 Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 3rd June	Cycling proficiency Y6 Y4 visit Morrison's - details to follow Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Thursday 4th June	Cycling proficiency Y6 Reception 2015 Parent's meeting 7.00pm
Friday 5th June	Cycling proficiency Y6 Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 9th June	Reception/Y6 Library visit - details to follow Fire Service Visit Y5 Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 10th June	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm PTA Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 12th June	Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 16th June	Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 17th June	Girl's football tournament St Bart's Cup LSMA dress rehearsal 3pm; concert 6.4pm Leeds Town Hall - see separate letter Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Saturday 20th June	PTA Summer Fair 1.00 - 3.00pm details to follow
Tuesday 23rd June	Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 24th June	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Thursday 25th June	Governors' meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 27th June	Horsforth Gala
Monday 29th June	Reception 2015 stay and play session 9.15 - 10.15
Tuesday 30th June	Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 1st July	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Thursday 2nd July	Reception 2015 stay and play session 1.00 - 2.00pm
Friday 3rd July	Reception 2015 stay and play session 2.00 - 3.00pm Y6 Horsforth School all day
Monday 6th July	Reception 2015 stay and play session 9.15 - 10.15
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day - see item page 2 Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 8th July	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Thursday 9th July	Parents' Evening - details to follow
Friday 10th June	Reception 2015 stay and play session 1.00 - 2.00pm
Monday 13th July	Reception 2015 stay and play session 9.15 - 10.15
Tuesday 14th July	Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 visit Leeds Town Hall - details to follow Y6 Leavers' Concert 6.30pm Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
Thursday 16th July	Reception 2015 stay and play session 9.15 - 10.15
Friday 17th July	School closes for pupils