

Westbrook Lane Newsletter

Congratulations and Best Wishes

We are pleased to announce that Miss Simpkins and her fiancé are getting married in the holidays. We wish them both well and hope that the sun shines on their special day. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Midwood back to school in September.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr Beldon who has been teaching in Y6 on Wednesdays for the last few years. We wish him well in his new school. We are also losing Miss Manson, one of our lunchtime ladies and wish her well in her new job.

We would also like to send our very best wishes to all our Year 6 children and those from other year groups, as they move onto their new schools. The best of luck to you all.

The end of another fantastic year

It has been a very busy and productive year with a full and exciting curriculum for the children. They have represented Westbrook successfully throughout the year at various events, school trips and when interacting with numerous visitors. We are very proud of the positive feedback we have received regarding their behaviour from external providers, volunteers, students and visitors to school.

Children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting opportunities: the year started with an art workshop in key stage 2; this was followed by a fantastic outdoor week which included a visit from a mobile farm and the children's farmers' market; there has also been a wide variety of trips e.g. Kirkgate Market and the wonderful Roman, Tudor and Victorian experiences, most of which will have received a mention along the way via the website, newsletters, the Westbrook World and the newly introduced Twitter. The School Council children have again been excellent representatives in school and in cluster working. Our reading buddies have provided fantastic peer support once again. The relationships between Reception children and their Year 6 buddies remains an outstanding feature of our school community and we continue to build on the opportunities for further developing this.

The end of Key Stage 2 results are excellent and amongst some of the best in the city; our Year 6 children - and staff - have excelled themselves once again and should be proud of their achievements. The table below contains information comparing the current year 6 results with national figures from the previous year, as current national data is not yet available. 97% achieved a Level 4 or above in reading (91% nationally 2014). A truly impressive 100% achieved a Level 4 or above in the Grammar, punctuation and spelling test (82% nationally 2014) and 100% achieved Level 4 or above in maths (87% nationally 2014). We are extremely proud of the children and they should be pleased with their achievements.

KEY STAGE 2 TEST RESULTS								
These tables show our Year 6 results for 2015 compared to national data for 2014		Percentage at each level						
		B	3	4	5	6	T	Absent
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	School	0	0	6	81	13	0	0
	National	3	18	24	49	4	3	0
Reading	School	0	3	16	81	0	0	0
	National	3	6	39	49	0	2	0
Mathematics	School	0	0	22	56	22	0	0
	National	3	10	44	33	9	1	0

- B represents pupils who were working below the level of the test.
- T represents pupils working at the level of the assessment but unable to access the test.
- W represents pupils who were working towards but have not yet achieved the standards needed for level 1.

My thanks ...

Thank you to all the staff and parents who have worked so hard to ensure that the children at Westbrook Lane achieve the best possible outcomes. There have been so many parents, carers, grandparents and friends who have helped us in school in so many ways e.g. reading partners who come in each morning to read with children, supporting homework, volunteer classroom support and helping on school trips and events, come rain or shine. Every little helps and is much appreciated by staff and children.

The PTA has yet again raised a huge amount of money which impacts enormously on the additional resources and opportunities we are able to offer. The support for the library alone has meant that we have been able to re-open so much sooner than would have otherwise been possible and every child will benefit from this investment. Thank you to Miss Simpkins for the many hours spent managing this project.

Continued support from parents has made a huge contribution to the successes this year; this highlights the strength of our school community and those important partnerships which enable us to provide the best for our children. Thank you to you all. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September. *Amanda Turner*

Staff for September 2015

Senior Leadership team:

Headteacher	Mrs Turner
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Bourke
F/S leader/SENCo	Mrs Gibbons
KS1 leader	Mrs Midwood

Class Teachers:

Reception Mrs Gibbons (Mrs Eastwood Thursday)

Year 1 Miss Reasbeck

Year 2 Mrs Midwood

Year 3 Mrs Riozzi

Year 4 Mr Hooson

Year 5 Mr Lewcock

Year 6 Mrs Bourke

PPA cover Mrs Murphy, Mrs Burns, Mrs Haslam

Support Staff:

Reception Mrs Eastwood, Mrs Bentley, Mrs Lockwood, Mrs Long

KS1 Mrs Hill, Mrs Burns

KS2 Mrs Duncan, Mrs Tooley, Mrs Moglia

Important Dates

Training Days: The following training days have been allocated for next academic year:

**Friday 23rd October 2015, Monday 22nd February 2016,
Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th July 2016.**

KS2 SATs 2016: The DFE has allocated week commencing 9th - 13th May 2016. please be aware that it is important that all children are in school that week, as if one paper of any test is missed, it cannot be taken at any other time and therefore no level will be awarded. We also have to include any absent children when calculating the percentages for reporting and this can have a significant effect on the results.

School Calendar

Please note that the school calendars for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are now available to download from the school website under "school policies and forms". Training days for those years will not be allocated until nearer the time.



Sporting Success

We are delighted and proud to announce that our gymnasts came first and third in the West Yorkshire School Games. A big well done to you all and many thanks to Mrs Bourke for all her hard work coaching the team.

Sponsored Skip

Many thanks to everyone who supported our sponsored skip. We have raised £170 in total with £34 for school and £136 to Heart Research.

School Library Update

Thanks to the hard work of the PTA, children and staff, we have raised a brilliant £6,400 for the library this year. Lots of new books, shelf dividers and even a wonderful new rug have been purchased. We are pleased to say that the library is now back in use within school. Author Flinty Maguire visited last Wednesday for our re-opening. She kindly donated some of her books, and children in key stage 2 enjoyed hearing extracts from them.

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. This has been a mammoth task with a projected total cost of £12,000. As you are aware, budgets get tighter every year and, after school had paid for the School Library Service to spend two days with us to audit and weed out the old books, there was very little left of this year's budget for re-stocking. However, we are fortunate to have such supportive parents who have got behind this project and enabled us to open the library so much sooner than we envisaged.

We have been creative by up-cycling some of the old books, using them in art projects and selling the outcomes such as the hedgehogs and trees, to raise further funds. Every year money is allocated from the school budget to allow for continual restocking and updating of books. However, we are always grateful for your ongoing support in boosting these funds.

If you are having a clear out over the summer and come across any unwanted books, we will gladly accept donations of quality fiction and non-fiction in good condition.

Once again, thank you—we could not have done it without your help and support. *Miss Simpkins*

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property at the moment. If you think your child has lost anything, please make time to come into school before the end of term. Any items left at the end of the term will be put in the next Bags to School collection.

School Dinner Money

The price of school lunches is to be increased from 1st September 2015.

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

Y3, Y4 and Y5 34 days x £2.15 = £73.10, Y6 31 days x £2.15 = £66.65

This includes a deduction for the training day in October and the Y6 residential. 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. Please remember that you must register and pay in advance online at www.coolmilk.com if you want your child to receive milk in school. Please note that milk is now available for all year groups and not just KS1. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

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 to Leeds Town Hall 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
Monday 20th July	School closed staff training day
Tuesday 21st July	School closed staff training day
Monday 7th September	School re-opens
Saturday 19th September	PTA Sausage Sizzle - details to follow