

Westbrook Lane Newsletter

The Start of a New Year

Welcome back to all our families old and new. We hope that you are settling in and making lots of new friends. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Midwood after her wedding in August; it was a lovely day and the sun shone.

On a sadder note thank you for all the lovely messages of support we received after Mrs Janet Rhodes lost her battle with cancer. She was a valued member of staff and we miss her greatly. We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September in her memory and your support would be greatly appreciated. Janet was an avid gardener and before her illness regularly helped at the outdoor workshop days at the pond. We will be looking at putting a permanent memorial in the school grounds and will provide details of this at a later date.

Class News



Well done Reception Class!

Reception class have had an enjoyable few weeks settling in. Very quickly they got involved in the wide range of learning opportunities planned for them.

There was some exciting water play with their Year 6 buddies and great fun (and learning) was had in the mud kitchen. The year 6 buddies also supported Reception class during their first experience of lunchtime. We are so pleased with how smooth the transition to school has been and congratulate all the children for their positive start to their time at Westbrook.



Class 3's Outdoor Learning Time

Last week Class 3 children went to the pond area to investigate changes brought about by the onset of Autumn. They made lists of the different kinds of wildlife they saw; and they looked closely at different habitats and what was growing or living there.

"There was a snail under a trap door. Because it was sunny the metal trap door was warm." (Matthew)

"I saw a spider but it was tiny so I looked closely." (Edward)

"I found some strange elderberries with Sam and then a dragonfly flew in our faces!" (Tom)



Sausage Sizzle Raised £691!

Thank you to everyone who came to the sausage sizzle. We were blessed with good weather and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Even though this was more of a social event than a fund raiser, we still managed to raise a fantastic £691. A big thank you as always to the PTA and everyone who helped to make this such a success. With budgets being so tight, school relies heavily on funds raised by the PTA to provide extra resources that we would otherwise be unable to afford. They also subsidise school trips to make them accessible and more affordable for all families. Without the PTA school would struggle to provide many of the experiences that enhance the provision for our children.

All parents are automatically members of the PTA and are eligible to attend the meetings. New faces are always welcome so don't be shy. Please come along to the AGM on 6th October at 7.00pm at Westbrook.

School Dinner Money

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, Y5 & Y6 35 days x £2.15 = £75.25**

Just a reminder that children who have chosen to have a school lunch, whether or not it is free to parents, cannot decide to bring a packed lunch on an adhoc basis because they do not like the menu on a particular day. Once a child is marked as present on the computer a meal is automatically ordered in the kitchen and a charge generated on the school budget. If parents send in a packed lunch when their child should be having a school dinner, the office have to spend an inordinate amount of time to sort out the discrepancy, including contacting Leeds City Council to amend the figures.

Children have the option to bring a packed lunch on certain days each week, but these have to be the same days every week otherwise the system is too complicated to keep track of.

We realise that sometimes children struggle to choose something off the menu which is why we have introduced the third choice of a sandwich or jacket potato. However, if your child still does not like any of the choices on a particular day then please let the office know and arrange for them to have a packed lunch that day each week. Your help and understanding is much appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9.15am - 10.15am in the After School Club Y5 Book Club 3.15 - 4.00pm
Monday 28th September	Y6 Supper Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 29th September	Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Dance Club Y2 to Y6 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 30th September	Taekwondo 3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday 1st October	Y6 visit Eden Camp - see separate letter
Friday 2nd October	Y5 Book Club 3.15 - 4.00pm
Monday 5th October	Harvest Assembly - details to follow Y6 Supper Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 6th October	Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Dance Club Y2 to Y6 3.30 - 4.30pm PTA AGM 7.00pm - details to follow
Wednesday 7th October	9.30am Reception 16 Parents looking around Taekwondo 3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday 8th October	Y6 Residential Parent's Meeting 7.00pm - see separate letter
Friday 9th October	Y2 Visit Skipton Castle - see separate letter Y5 Book Club 3.15 - 4.00pm
Monday 12th October	Y6 Supper Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 13th October	Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Dance Club Y2 to Y6 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 14th October	9.30am Reception 16 Parents looking around Taekwondo 3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday 15th October	Individual and Family Photographs - details to follow Flu Immunisation Y1 and Y2 - details to follow
Friday 16th October	Y5 Book Club 3.15 - 4.00pm
Monday 19th October	Y6 Residential Robinwood Y6 Supper Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 20th October	Y6 Residential Robinwood Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Dance Club Y2 to Y6 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 21st October	Y6 Residential Robinwood 9.30am Reception 16 Parents looking around Taekwondo 3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd October	Non Uniform Day School Closes for half term
Friday 23rd October	School Closed Training Day
Monday 1st November	School re-opens No Guitar Lessons