

Westbrook Lane Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome! We would like to welcome all new parents and children to Westbrook Lane who have joined us this September. We hope you are settling in well and making lots of new friends. Also welcome back to all our existing children, we hope you had a good summer and are ready for the new school year.

A big welcome to Miss Reasbeck our new Year 1 teacher. Miss Reasbeck did visit us in the summer term so she is a familiar face for the children. We know that you will all make her feel very welcome and that she will soon feel part of the Westbrook family .

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Turner as our permanent headteacher after the departure of Mrs Tattersall at the end of the summer. It is reassuring to know that school is in such capable hands and all the staff are delighted at the appointment.

Important Dates

Training Days: The following training days have been allocated for the remainder of this academic year;

Friday 24th October 2014, Monday 23rd February 2015, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July 2015.

KS2 SATs 2015: The DFE has allocated week commencing **11th - 15th May 2015**. 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.



Harvest Assembly



We are having our Harvest Assembly in school on Tuesday 14th October. The children will be thinking about the theme of "people less fortunate than ourselves". This is just a normal whole school assembly as we will be celebrating the harvest theme throughout the week.

Once again this year we will be supporting the Horsforth food bank which is organised by Horsforth Churches Together. There are now many families as well as older people in our area who struggle to pay their bills and put food on the table, with parents often doing without food themselves in order to be able to feed their children. We are therefore asking children to bring in non perishable tins or packets of food which we will then pass on to the organisers of the scheme.

The food will be distributed to needy Horsforth families and elderly people and will be based at Woodside Methodist Church, so please look in cupboards and send in what you can to support this worthwhile cause on the 14th October.

Please bring in anything you wish to donate either on the 13th or 14th October as we do not have anywhere to store lots of items before then.

Many thanks.

School Dinner Money

Just a reminder that the price of school lunches increased from 1st September 2014. The charges are now:
Year 3 and Year 4 £2.00 per day = £10.00 per week. Years 5 & 6 £2.05 per day = £10.25 per week.

We have been informed by Cool Milk that the charge increased to 19p per day from September. 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, (under 5's are free)



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Just a reminder that we will be doing the Christmas shoe boxes again this year so please remember to keep any shoeboxes that you have received over the Summer. A letter giving more details about this year's scheme will be coming home before half term, but if anyone wants to start collecting items to send in the boxes before then leaflets are available from the school office.

Thank you

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th September	La Jolie Ronde Spanish lessons re-start Guitar lessons re-start
Thursday 11th September	La Jolie Ronde French lessons re-start
Tues 16th September	Y3 Parents' Workshop 6pm - 7pm - see separate letter
Saturday 20th September	PTA Sausage Sizzle details to follow
Monday 22nd September	No guitar lessons
Tuesday 30th September	Y6 visit Eden Camp - details to follow
Thursday 2nd October	Y2 visit Skipton Castle - see separate letter Horsforth School open evening for Y6 6 pm - 8.30pm
Friday 3rd October	Y5 visit Yorkshire Water - see separate letter
Saturday 4th October	PTA Ice Skating - details to follow
Thursday 9th October	Individual and Family Photographs - details to follow Y6 Parents' meeting re Robinwood 7pm - details to follow
Tuesday 14th October	Harvest Assembly Open Evening 3.30 - 5.00/5.30 - 7.00pm - details to follow
Monday 20th to Weds 22nd October	Y6 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 24th October	School closed staff training day
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	School closed half term
Saturday 1st November	Y6 high school preference form deadline
Monday 3rd November	School reopens No Guitar Lessons