

# Westbrook Lane Newsletter

## Congratulations

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Anne Bourke has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher with effect from 1st November. Mrs Bourke has been acting deputy for the past two years during Mrs Tattersall's secondment and we are delighted that she has been successful in securing the permanent post.



## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Just a reminder that the deadline for returning the shoe boxes is Friday 7th November. There are many children in the world less fortunate than our own who have never had the joy of opening a present at all. Please therefore help us spread a little happiness to a child in Africa or Eastern Europe this Christmas. The shoeboxes not only brighten their lives with gifts but also let them know that they are not forgotten - someone does care about them. It is always nice if you put a Christmas Card in with a message to the child receiving your box. You never know you just might get a reply. Leaflets explaining what can go in the boxes are available from your child's class teacher. Thank you.

## Reminder

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for year 6 children is midnight on Friday 31st October 2014. Applications should be made online at: [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk). If anyone has any difficulties with the application process please contact [Choice.advice@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Choice.advice@leeds.gov.uk) 0113 3951183.



## Class news!

**Reception** - We have had a great first half term at school and we especially like our new outdoor equipment. The partnership with the Year 6 buddies has supported the transition into school and the children have developed very positive relationships.

**Class 1** - We have been looking at what houses were like in the past. We used our art skills to create a collage of a Tudor house and in literacy we wrote some instructions explaining how to make one yourself. It has been a great way to finish our Houses and Homes topic.



**Class 2** - We had a fun day at Skipton Castle. The children learnt a lot about life in the past and enjoyed exploring the castle. The tour guides were impressed by how carefully we listened and the questions we asked.

**Class 3** - We did a piece of descriptive writing called 'Through Sam's Window'. When we had finished, we helped each other to check and improve our work. This is peer assessment. It was really useful to help me improve my work. We have also been making shabtis out of clay. A shabti is a model servant that went in the coffin with the ancient Egyptian mummies to go to the Afterlife. I enjoyed shaping and painting the clay. By Seren T



## Tubs4Tablets

This autumn Flora and Stork, in partnership with Tesco, are running a scheme called 'Tubs4Tablets' which aims to help schools bring more touch screen technology into the classroom. The scheme gives primary schools the chance to collect tokens from special tubs of Flora and Stork on sale in Tesco stores and exchange them for free touch screen tablets. The tokens can be found on promotional 500g tubs of Flora Original, Light and Buttery and Stork which are available in Tesco stores. Please hand your tokens into the school office. Just 50 tokens will get our school one brand new Samsung Galaxy tablet so please help us to claim as many as we can. Many thanks for your support.



## School Dinner Money

For anyone wishing to pay dinner money for the full half term after the holidays the amount needed is:  
**Y3 to Y4 35 days x £2.00= £70.00, Y5 and Y6 35 days x £2.05 = £71.75.**

This half term is 7 weeks long for anyone whose children have dinners on specific days of the week.

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to the lunchtime arrangements for after the holidays before we break up as one weeks notice is required to amend the food order in the kitchen.

## Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal last week. All the items have been collected and sent to the Horsforth Food Bank. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## Grow It Vouchers

This is the last week that Morrisons will hand out the Grow IT Vouchers. Please could you send all vouchers into school as soon as possible so that we can count them and send them off. Thank you

# Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd October	Non uniform day £1.00 donation Cluster Council meeting Horsforth School
Friday 24th October	School closed staff training day
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	School closed half term
Friday 31st October	Y6 high school preference form deadline
Monday 3rd November	School reopens No guitar lessons Y1 and Y2 Lego Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 4th November	PTA AGM 7.00pm Y1 and Y2 Sports Club 3.15 - 4.30pm Y5 and Y6 Coding Club 3.20 - 4.25pm
Wednesday 5th November	Taekwondo all year groups 3.30 - 4.30pm
Sunday 9th November	Nature area work day 9.15am - 12.30pm
Monday 10th November	Y1 and Y2 Lego Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 11th November	KS2 poppy project Y1 and Y2 Sports Club 3.15 - 4.30pm Y5 and Y6 Coding Club 3.20 - 4.25pm
Wednesday 12th November	Taekwondo all year groups 3.30 - 4.30pm
Monday 17th November	Y1 and Y2 Lego Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 18th November	Y1 and Y2 Sports Club 3.15 - 4.30pm Y5 and Y6 Coding Club 3.20 - 4.25pm
Wednesday 19th November	Taekwondo all year groups 3.30 - 4.30pm