## Summer Term

## A message from; Mrs Aldous, Miss Read & Mrs Barnes







Dear Families,

The first half of the Summer term has been very busy and filled with lots of opportunities to celebrate everything that makes Westwood so wonderful.

Thank you to all families who joined us for our Westwood Street Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the food the children had prepared, taking part in the sporting activities on the field and spending quality time together at the craft tables. The cake and plant sales were a huge success and, along with the donations made for wearing non-uniform, we raised over £200 to spend on activities for our children – thank you to all of you for your generosity.

This half term, we have welcomed Ross Hepburn and his team of coaches to Westwood to help us offer our children a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. We now have a full timetable with at least one activity available every morning, lunchtime and after school. A copy of the timetable for next half term is attached to this newsletter so if you would like your child to join one of the before or after school clubs, please pop in to the front office and sign them up. There is no need to sign up to lunchtime clubs.

We want to take this chance to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 pupils - they showed great determination and resilience during SATs week, taking each of the test papers in their stride. These tests measure only a small part of our children's knowledge and understanding and everyone who has worked with this group of children knows they have a vast number of skills and qualities that couldn't possibly be tested. We are confident they all will have reached their full potential and look forward to receiving their results in July.

We are sad to say that Mrs Meen has decided to leave Westwood at the end of this half term. Mrs Meen has worked with at our school for 3 years and has supported in every class from Nursery to Year 6 during that time. She will be missed by us all and we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more successes with you next half term.

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#### Nursery

A big thank you to the parents that joined us for our Jack and the Beanstalk family cafe, the children really enjoyed having you here and sharing the activities. This term the children have been learning about planting and growth—developing the outside area. Come and visit our garden to see what we have been up to. We have nearly filled our fourth reading tube, thank you to all, who support us by reading with your child at home. We are looking forward to our next treat! Remember our toy library is open every Wednesday to all morning nursery children, we have puzzles and games for you to share at home.



#### Year 1

Year I have been busy this half term enquiring about Celebrations. We have planned and conducted a mock wedding ceremony. The children emailed the church and discussed dates, prayer and song choices as well as meeting Sarah the Vicar regularly to talk through the ceremony. It was a wonderful celebration of the

children's learning.



#### Reception

The Reception children have been very busy this half term. We have moved our Talk 4 Writing theme on to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and we have introduced our caterpillars to the class we are looking forward to seeing them grow and change. In Maths we have been looking at repeating patterns and problem solving involving doubling and sharing. We have had a number of amazing real experiences this term, from washing the cars in the staff carpark to having a lollipop man and librarian visit us in class. We filled another reading tube this term and enjoyed a trip to Pizza Hut, where we made and ate yummy pizzas! The royal themed family café was a huge success with an amazing turn out from families to support their child's learning.

#### Year 2

This half term the children have been immersing themselves in some very exciting learning! The term began with an "Indian Day" where the children took part in Bollywood dancing and experienced tasting Indian food. The day was a real success and set the children up for their Enquiry into Hinduism. The children have also really enjoyed working on their Year 2 Allotment, where they have planted a variety of vegetables and plants. We are all really excited to watch them grow.





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### Year 3 & Year 4

Years 3 and 4 kicked off our new enquiry 'Life and Growth' by creating an allotment space in our woodland area where we can grow a variety of different fruit and vegetables. The children used spades and forks to turn over the soil and plant their fruit and vegetables.



We have also been exploring flowering plants by dissecting flowers and researching the function of each part. We will be enquiring about how food travels

from the farm to our dinner plates and the processes involved.



### <u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the Summer Term. We have been learning all about fractions, decimals and percentages in maths, along with taking part in a maths challenge with Year 3 and Mr Wilkes. Everyone has worked really well together and their maths learning has been fantastic! During literacy lessons, we have been using rich vocabulary to help describe settings, ready for writing our own stories. Year 5 have been incredibly lucky to have Mr Keeble in this half term too. He has been teaching us skills to improve our cricket and we want to say a big 'thank you' to him for all of his help. Our Enquiry Based Learning lessons have been finding out about the human body and how we can live healthy lifestyles and look after ourselves. We look forward to being able to share our learning with you (and maybe getting some of you exercising with

us!) next half

term.

#### Year 6

In Year 6 the children have been writing reports after being inspired by the family of foxes in our woodland. The children conducted research from a variety of sources then compiled incredible non-fiction reports! In maths, the children are currently making their own farms using their knowledge of area and perimeter; the children are thoroughly enjoying using their reasoning skills in a practical way. In our woodland sessions the children have hung their bird boxes which they created in their family sessions and are enjoying seeing these used by a large selection of birds. Rehearsals start after half term for our theatre production. The children will be performing a full stage production of a specially written Roald Dahl themed play - more details to follow.

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## Sports News

Since returning after Easter, we have taken part in several tournaments; Short Tennis, Kwik Cricket, Cricket, Rounders and Football. At every tournament, all of our children behaved impeccably and showed great sporting behaviour. In fact, a member of staff from another school commented on how well-behaved our children are! One tournament in particular needs a special mention – the Year 3 Kwik Cricket tournament was very special for Westwood because... we won! We now have our first trophy in the cabinet and our children were amazing. Well done to everyone who has taken part in a tournament. We are all so proud of all of you.



## Junior Road Safety

This half term, one of our JRSOs in particular, Rose, has been very busy creating a Road Safety poster. In her poster she has highlighted the importance of holding hands, avoid looking at mobile phones and to stop, look and listen. Rose made her poster very child friendly. Rose and Miss Tyler visited the shops on Westwood Avenue to ask 5 shops to put her poster up in their window and all 5 agreed! We have also put the posters up around the school gates for parents/carers and children to read. Well done Rose for all of your hard work!



## Woodland School

We've been busy at woodland school this half term, exploring what lives in a woodland habitat. We've been bug hunting, making frog homes and creating wildflower meadows. We've also been working out and demonstrating food chains and prey and predator relationships. The allotment area is also thriving, lots of classes have now sown seeds and planted vegetables. The strawberry plants are now flowering and the children are looking forward to picking them when they are ready.

## Important Information

The new General Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation comes into effect on the 25th May 2018. We are working towards being GDPR compliant.

Please refer to our website for further details.

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# ParentMail Have you registered?

It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

## You can:

- Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- Keep up to date with your school calendar
- Authorise trips or permissions online







Registering is really easy...

Ask your school office to send you a registration message

#### Pupil and Parent Support Advisor.

Mrs Dawn Williams is our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor and is available to speak to parents, carers and families on a daily basis. She is very experienced and can provide advice on a range of different parent and family matters. If you need any help, advice or just a listening ear, please contact her through the school office.



#### CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details.
This includes current address and telephone numbers.
We often contact parents by text.

#### WOODLAND SCHOOL

Please remember your child will need an old coat and a pair of wellies to wear each week for woodland school. Both items will need to be named to prevent them from getting lost.

#### **WEBSITE**

Please keep an eye on the school website.

The address is: www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us:

**Twitter**: @Westwood

School

Facebook: Westwood Primary School



#### PE Kit

Please ensure your child has, in school every day, the following **PE kit:** 

- Black shorts
- White T Shirt
- Trainers
- Sweatshirt/ Jogging Bottoms (optional)

Please ensure all items are named.



#### Arriving at School

The school doors are unlocked at 8.30am. From this time you may bring or send your child into their classroom. Teachers will be waiting for the children in the classroom from 8.30am where learning activities will be take place. (8.45am for Nursery and Reception children)

Please do not hesitate to come into the classroom to speak to your child's teacher at the beginning or end of the school day.

We have a breakfast club available from 8.00am every morning at a cost of £1.50 per day.

#### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you have labelled your child's school uniform. It is much easier to find the owners and return items quickly if they are labelled.

At times we have an extensive range of lost property which we cannot keep for more than a term.

### School Uniform

We have a strict School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform:



Girls

- \* Black tailored dress, skirt or trousers
- \* Purple checked summer dress
- \* White polo shirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Cardigan
- \* grey/black tights or white socks
- \* Black shoes (No trainers or boots)
- \* School Book Bag

## Boys

- \* Black tailored trousers or shorts (no jogging bottoms etc.)
- \* White polo shirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt with logo
- \* grey,/black/navy socks
- \* Black shoes (No trainers)
- \* School Book Bag
- For further information about school uniform requirements please contact the school office.
- Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Book Bags/PE Bags/Water Bottles are available from the school office.
- School uniform bursaries will be given at the discretion of the Headteacher



## <u>Diary Dates</u> There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!

28th May - Ist June	Half Term
4th June	All children back to school
5th June	Year 5 to UEA for an Inspire Day
6th June	Year 6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Denes Oval
8th June	Year 4 Tchoukball Tournament @ Worlingham Primary
13th June	Year 4 Athletics Tournament @ EPA
19th June	Year 5 Benjamin Britten Open Afternoon
21st June	Year 5 Sports on the Beach
26th June	Year 3 & 4 Able Science Day @ Carlton Colville Primary
27th June	Year 6 Rounders @ Denes Oval
28th June	Reports Issued
29th June	Junior Road Safety Officers to Endeavour House—Awards
29th June	Year 6 Hockey Tournament @ Red Oak
3rd July	Sports Day; Reception, Year   & Year 2 at <b>9.15am</b> Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at <b>lpm</b>
4th & 5th July	Year 6 to the Seagull Theatre
6th July	Sports Day; Morning & Afternoon Nursery at 10.30am-11.30am
11th July	Summer Fete <b>from 2.30pm</b>
13th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at <b>9am</b>
13th July	Disco in School
16th—20th July	Year 6 Pakefield and East Point High School Transitions
19th July	All children break up for the Summer Holidays
20th July	PD day - School closed to all children

## People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of call, the following are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



Mrs Rae Aldous Executive Headteacher



Mrs Jackie Cutchey Chair of Governors



Miss Kerry Read Head of School



**Mrs Dawn Williams** Parent and Pupil Support Adviser



Mrs Lauraine Barnes Assistant Headteacher



Miss Louise Creed
Senior Teacher
&
Upper School Lead