



THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

NO.67

SUMMER TERM 1

26TH APRIL 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break and were able to make the most of the glorious, sunny weather.

The children have settled back well after the holidays and are enjoying their learning.

Our next Partners in Learning coffee morning is next Thursday May 2nd in The Den, in the Lower School. This runs from drop off at 8.40am until 10am. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please note that Years 3 and 4 will start their new morning routine from Monday. Key Stage 2 pupils can enter school between 8.40am and 8.50am via the doors by the hall at the top of the steps.

Walk to School week ~ May 20th – 24th

Please do try to walk to school this week: this is good exercise, better for our environment and much safer.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Jo Craggs to our team, she will be covering Mrs Sandercott's maternity cover from May 13th. We are also pleased that Mrs Andrea Brindle has joined us. She is teaching Willow Class on Mondays and Tuesdays and supporting in Years 2, 3 and 4 the rest of the week.

Our PSA

Keep on hunting out old batteries, our collection is growing!



Our PSA makes such a positive difference to a school and our children really benefit. I know they would appreciate all offers of help and support. Thank you very much. Our next PSA meeting is at 7.45pm on Tuesday 7th May.

Great news! Thanks to Sarah Shewry Westgate is to be one of the green token 'recipients' for May at Waitrose in Weekes. All money raised will go towards our gardening club.

Dates For Your Diary can now be found on our Lower school calendar on our website.

Move Up day is on Wednesday 10th July.
There will be an opportunity to learn more about your child's new year group during the afternoon. Timings are as follows for **the year group your child will be moving to in September 2019.**

Year 5 Room 9 1.15pm

Year 4 Room 7 1.45pm

Year 3 Room 12 2.15pm

Year 2 Room 3 2.45pm

Year 1 Room 6 3.30pm (crèche in YR)

Maths Games for Years 1,2,3 and 4

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our maths games session on the following Fridays;

24.05.19, 12.07.19

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Celebration of Certificates

Citizen of the Week

Joe W for being an active member of the class and settling back into the Summer term so well.

Isla M-C for being confident and resilient to share with the class.

Ellie for her calm and positive attitude.

Joe for his excellent teamwork alongside his learning partners.

Vincent for being an empathetic and supportive friend to all in Pine Class.

Imogen for always thinking about others.

Thomas S for making sensible choices.

Oli C for being a good friend

Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children who are our Learners' of the week:

Rowan: Eleni

Beech: Cameron & Scarlett

Willow: William

Birch: Eilish

Pine: Nathan

Elm: Jonathan

Chestnut: Bea

Larch: Amelia J

Sharing Assemblies

We would love you to come and share in our assemblies. Dates for the year and each year group are below. They are all Thursdays, start at 2.40pm and you are most welcome to join us.

Year R ~ 16th May

Year R



ASH



OAK

YEAR R – Please talk to your child about their trip to Neverland with Perform workshop

Welcome back after Easter, it has been exciting to hear about the wonderful holidays the children have had. The children have been busy exploring the creative area this week and junk modelling. They have also enjoyed the new outdoor learning zones, including our very own gym!

If you have any ribbons, greeting cards or wrapping paper that we can use in our creative area, that would be greatly appreciated

Year 1



ROWAN



BEECH

Please talk to your child about their new reading challenge.

We've had a super start to the Summer term in Year 1. We have really enjoyed dressing up as different characters in our role play theatre and creating homes for our Bog Babies which have now been found!

All of us are very excited to FINALLY go on our trip to Sparsholt Farm next Tuesday. Our reading challenge has had a refresh for Summer and is now SPACE themed and we are all ready to be OUT OF THIS WORLD readers! In your child's reading diary is the new 'Space Reading' sheet. They can colour in the rockets, stars and planets when they have

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read at home but please still record the home reading in the reading diary underneath. Your child can still earn a certificate - 3 reads (the minimum expectation) gets them a BLAST OFF certificate, 4 reads is a STAR reader certificate and 6 reads is an OUT OF THIS WORLD certificate. Anything more than 6 is a SUPER STAR! Especially as it is now the summer term.

EVERY child should have a named water bottle in school. Please make sure that your child brings one in on a Monday ready for the week and we will send them home for washing on Friday.

Year 2



BIRCH

WILLOW

YEAR 2 - Please talk to your child about traditional tales

We are using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in English, Art and topic this half term. When reading, it is great to notice the links between different stories. For example, a story might have similar characters, settings or problems.

In maths, we are looking at the most effective strategies for multiplication, division, addition and subtraction, and using these skills in daily mixed arithmetic.

It was great to see so many of you at the SATS meeting today. If you were not able to come, do feel free to view our slides which will be available online.

In CPSHE we have talked about the importance of sleep and that children aged 7 need approximately 11 hours every night in order to thrive.

Teachers of 7 year olds are quite keen on sleeping this much too!

Gardening Club - Please could each gardening club member bring the largest pot that your friends and family can find! We are going to use the huge pot for each child to plant their own mini-garden this summer term. There are often very large pots available at the household recycling centre for a very small cost.

Year 3



ELM

PINE

YEAR 3 - Please talk to your child about time.

This week in maths we have been looking at telling the time on an analogue and digit clock to the nearest minute. Please practice at home telling the time on both types of clocks and working out the duration of a task. In English this week we have started our new story of the Egyptian Cinderella and have compared it to the traditional tale.

Year 4



LARCH

CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about who the Romans were.

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the Romans! Our favourites include: "The Romans used to brush their teeth using urine," Rex, and "Roman people would wipe their bottoms using a shared sponge on a stick!" Finn. Children have been really engaged in our first writing unit, an information guide to who the Romans were. We have learnt all sorts of weird and wonderful facts about their lives using our brilliant, new topic books. In DT, children have begun to think about designing and making an object with a moving part.

PE and Library days remain the same this term.

- **Highest jumper**

- **Cutest dog**

And for the circus costume, there is one category: the best dressed!

The day will end with a great finale circus performance

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Liz Woodall

Head of Primary Phase

Careers

Thank you to all of you that have shared your careers with our children; they really benefit from hearing all about your different jobs. We would love to hear from any other parents. Please let me know if you are able to come in on a Tuesday at 2.45pm. Thank you.

St Paul's Community Day is on Saturday 11th May, doors opening at 10.30am. This year is a circus theme. The opening performance takes place at 11.10am with a group of children from Western and Westgate Primary Schools in partnership with Integr8 Dance.

There will be the usual fun activities - bouncy castle, face painting, raffle, and lots of music, food and drink! Also this year there are TWO competitions. A dog competition and a circus costume competition! We have five categories for the dog competition which are:

- **Fastest Dog**
- **Dog that looks most like its owner**
- **Best rescue dog**

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