

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our Westgate community families. We do hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year break.



Thank you very much for all your very generous Christmas gifts to colleagues. Your kindness is much appreciated.

A big thanks as well for all your donations to our Christmas charity. The children chose the Winchester Young Carers and I am delighted to say that we rose £380 for this chosen charity. A great collaborative collection that I know will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Lorraine Lee evening

Many apologies for any confusion with the date of Lorraine's next workshop. Unfortunately she is unable to make the 23rd and we are not able to use our hall for the alternative date of the 29th. I will let you know as soon as we have identified a definite date.

Certificate Celebrations

Citizens of the Week

Phoebe K for being a kind friend to her peers

Aggie for being kind and caring

Joe W for having a fantastic attitude towards his learning this week

Noah for making lots of green choices; working incredibly hard to be independent during his learning

Fionntan for his respectful behaviour

Sam, for making a real difference with his classroom jobs

Amelie for always being kind and thoughtful to others

Joe for being a good friend to others, kind and supportive

Olivia for always being kind to other children and being able to work well with anyone

Anais for demonstrating The Westgate School values

Staffing News

We say farewell and thank you to Mrs Cottle. It is her last day today. Best wishes for the future Mrs Cottle!

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Rufus

Beech ~ Scarlett

Willow ~ Ayrton

Birch ~ Freddie P

Elm ~ Ollie

Pine ~ Ruben

Chestnut ~ Edward

Larch ~ Gethin and Jacob

Lime ~ Jules

Hazel ~ Isobel K

Happy New Year to you all, we have had a great week welcoming the children back to school and hearing all about their Christmas break. This week, we have been listening to the story 'The Tiger who came to tea'. The children have planned in response to this story what they would like to learn and discover more about. We look forward to setting up our own café, learning what tigers really eat and making our own tiger costumes and masks to act out the story. In maths we have been learning about time, focussing on days of the week and months of the year. Children are being encouraged to write captions in both our phonics sessions and in their emergent writing during play.

Year 1



ROWAN

BEECH

Please talk to your child about counting in 2s and 10s.

Year Group News

Year R



ASH

OAK

Talk to your child about the story "The Tiger who came to tea".

We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas break and enjoying the Winter Season. We have been looking at Winter in Science and noticing how our environment have changed. We have kick started our new topic of **Imagination Station** with a book called 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The children have been thinking about how different colours can make you feel and we are discussing how our emotions can change

all the time. We will be continuing this learning next week; looking at letter writing from the point of view of different coloured crayons (as it is in the story) and innovating the story too. Our imagination has been used in phonics too as the children have been making up alien words with the sounds they know. This has been great practise for decoding for reading and spelling for writing.

In maths, we are having practising counting in 2s and 10s and using arrays to help us with our repeated addition. Next week we will be revisiting telling the time to o'clock and then learning how to read half past the hour. This can be tricky so please look at a clock face with your child if you can and discuss the minute and hour hand and how they move around the clock.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support!

Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about addition and subtraction to 50.

It is lovely to see the children come back well rested and enthusiastic for the learning this term. We have been looking at a text called Once Upon a Snowstorm and the children have enjoyed thinking about what it might feel like to be lost in a snowstorm and surrounded by animals in a cave! We shall

be writing our own words to accompany the pictures in this wordless picture book next week and also learn to edit and polish our work.

We are focussing on place value in maths and it would be helpful if you could help your child with addition and subtraction facts to 50 and beyond.

Year 3

Talk to your child about:
The BFG

Year 3 have had a fun filled week back! A giant's handprint was spotted on the window of the classroom - who could it have been? The children soon deduced it was from The BFG and created their own 'wanted' posters to try and catch the giants of Giant Country. In maths we have been problem solving with 3-digit numbers and have started Hockey for this term's PE. Thank you to all the children who have brought in a copy of The BFG - these are named and will be returned at half term when we have finished the learning.

Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about telling the time.

This week in maths we have been looking at analogue clocks to tell the time and recording the time in words and as a digital clock. Please can we ask that you talk about the time at home and use both an analogue and digital clocks when practising. We have started to introduce 24hr time and look at how it is shown on a digital clock. We have enjoyed hearing about their Christmas news and would like to say a huge thank you for our kind gifts. Our three morning spelling words for next week will be group, pressure and history.

Year 5

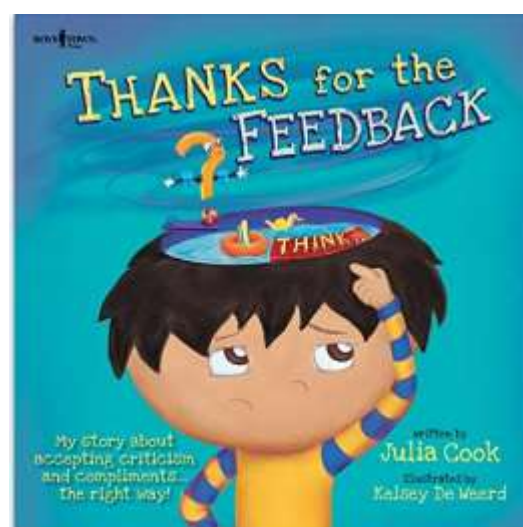


Please talk to your child about their weekly spellings for next week: explanation, familiar and foreign.

The Spring Term has got off to a great start and the children have enjoyed starting to learn about NASA and space travel, which we will be continuing to develop throughout the term as our main theme in science and geography. In maths we have been investigating negative numbers within a wide range of contexts linked to real life situations including temperatures and floors in a building. In art, we have started to find out about the artist Kandinsky and learning what 'abstract' art is. Our new books for this term are: Hidden Figures by

Margot Lee Shetterly and Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We have now got lots of copies of Journey to the River Sea but only one copy per class of Hidden Figures! If you are able to either get hold of a copy for your child, or to donate to Year 5 in general, this would be greatly received.

Books to encourage a Growth Mindset



Thanks For The Feedback...(I Think!): My Story About Accepting Criticism and Compliments the Right Way (Best Me I Can Be!)

Julia Cook (Author), Illustrated by Kelsey De Weerd (Author)

Please could you ensure your child has their correct **PE kit** in school throughout the week, as we do occasionally participate in other PE activities too. PE kit should include: t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit trousers, jumper, spare socks and trainers.



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.

Year 3 13.02.20 Spring 1 2020

Year 2 26.03.20 Spring 2 2020

Year 1 21.05.20 Summer 1 2020

Year R 09.07.20 Summer 2 2020

Partners in Learning Sharing Sessions

You are invited to come and share your child's learning between 8.40am and 9.10am on the following Friday mornings. Years 1 to 5

14th February 2020

27th March 2020

22nd May 2020

10th July 2020

Year 3 and 4 Spring Concert

Thursday 2nd April 2.30pm

Please do come and enjoy this event. All parents/carers welcome

Pencil Cases – A reminder please that school provides all writing equipment and that children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases, thank you. Our experience shows that pencil cases can detract from leaning time and that belongings can often become lost or broken. Thank you for your cooperation.

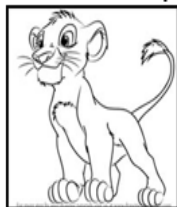
Wishing our Westgate community families very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020.

Kind regard,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase

'The Lion King' Musical Workshop for St Paul's
Sat 1st February 2020, at Western School 9 am – 4.30 pm
Performance at 5pm



Open to all children and young people, Year 1 upwards
Led by Bronwen Dixie from Florian school of dance
Rehearsals interspersed with activities and games

'The Lion King' Musical Workshop
Sat 1st February 2020

I give permission for my son/daughter.....
to be part of 'The Lion King' musical workshop and performance at Western School.
Age..... School.....

Parent/carer mobile number.....

Email address.....

Any known medical conditions or anything else we need to know about:

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Signed..... Date.....

Printed name.....

There is a £10 cost to secure a place in the all day workshop and performance
(cheques made payable to St Matthew's PCC)

Please return this form and £10 to Mary Copping

Your son/daughter cannot be involved in the workshop unless the form has been
completed and £10 paid.

For more information contact Mary Copping 0721 886016 youth@stmatthewstpaul.org