



## Farsley Westroyd Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

### Message from the Headteacher, Jenny Pashley

We have been back at school for over a week now and settling into new routines. Our children are looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms, all in red, showing that they are proud to belong to the Westroyd family! The start to the school day is swift, calm and orderly and by 8.46am the children are engaged in their first task of the day. It is quite impressive to walk around school at this time and observe how motivated and focused the children are. Thank you for changing your schedules to adapt to our new longer hours.

The teachers are very excited as Mr Popple has been very busy designing our new knowledge based sequential curriculum and it is now ready for us to implement. From their first day in the Early Years the children will start their learning journey, building, embedding and applying the knowledge they have learnt until they reach the end of Year Six! We celebrate our rich cultural diversity on the journey as well as exploring our local community; investigating our strong historical heritage. Sheep do come up quite often in our plans! We think it is important that the children enjoy their learning and we will be frequently asking their views about what they are learning so we can fine tune our teaching. Our teachers have each taken on different subjects to lead and are busy plotting exciting experiences and activities to enhance the learning experience for the children over the year. If you do feel you have any expertise which would add value to the children's learning experience, do get in touch! The teachers have been tasked with popping their long term plans onto their website class pages, so you will be able to see what the children are learning over the year.

Autumn term is a long one, with a lot going on! You will find attached at the end of this newsletter the dates we have so far for the year. Each half term we will update these, highlighting in green any new dates. Don't forget that on Fridays each week Miss Hollingshead sends out a weekly overview of what is happening in school the following week. This also goes onto our website! We look forward to welcoming you into school!

As always, we welcome your comments and feedback, so do get in touch through the school office: [office@westroyd.org](mailto:office@westroyd.org)

### School Uniform

At Westroyd we are SMART and PROUD to be members of the Westroyd community. Wearing our uniform creates a strong sense of belonging for the children. Therefore, from September we will be monitoring adherence to our uniform expectations. Here is a reminder:

**School Uniform** - Red jumper/cardigan, white collared shirt and grey shorts/skirts or trousers. Summer dresses in school colours.

**PE Uniform** - Red plain T-shirt and black plain leggings/shorts/joggers. Pupils may choose to wear a red hoodie or they can wear their red school jumper/cardigan.

**Uniform does not need to have the school logo but, in line with Government guidelines, should be plain and not sports branded.**

If you are unable to send your child to school in uniform, please contact us without delay that morning, so we can provide items of uniform on an emergency short/long term basis. We will also continue with our half termly uniform swap.



### Website

The website is the go to place for dates and information. We are working with our providers to update the format and photographs. So watch this space!



## **Arbor**

Our new management system is now up and running. If you have not already done so, please do check your spam for any emails and make Arbor a safe contact. Being quite an unusual word, it has a habit of going into spam boxes the first time! Arbor is the only way we will communicate and you must download the app. If you are having difficulties accessing it, please talk to the staff in the office. They are not only staff, but parents of children in school, so they see it from both sides.

**Dinner Ordering** - You need to go on and order your meals in advance. You can do this for up to a whole half term! If your child is having a packed lunch we need to know this, otherwise a chargeable meal will be ordered for them. If you do not order your dinners online they will be provided with the default choice which is the green option. Ordering online reduces waste, is more cost effective for the catering company and teachers are not spending precious teaching and learning time writing down thirty dinners each morning.

**Payments and Debts** - We ask that you keep in credit at all times and pay off any outstanding balances in good time. Outstanding debts still stand and are slowly transferring across to the Arbor system from School Comms. If debts accumulate, do get in touch and we will formulate a payment plan with you. However, if payments are not continued as agreed, we are obliged to pass the debt on to Leeds City Council Debt Collectors. They will then get in touch with you to reclaim the debt which may result in further repercussions for you. Talk to us sooner rather than later!

**Updating Pupil Information** - As a parent, you need to go onto Arbor and update their personal information, This includes medical needs, contact details and consents. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure this information is up to date. This is important should we ever need to contact you in an emergency. We do need at least three contacts.

## **Music Tuition**

We do have some availability for children in KS2 to start weekly guitar lessons. The cost is £60 per term, with 34 lessons over the year. There is also a cost for rental of an instrument of £20 per term. Email the school office if you would like your child to have lessons. Be aware that we do expect a yearlong commitment.

We have a new teacher this year - Mr Fisher. He will be delivering both our whole class ukulele lessons and our guitar lessons. Lessons have now resumed on a Monday afternoon.



## **Miss Maybank**

Some of you, may have noticed that Miss Maybank seems to be changing shape! She is in fact expecting a baby, which is due in December. She will be leaving us for maternity leave at the end of October. We are all very excited to meet the new addition to her family.



### Parental Supervision at the Start of the School Day

Each morning our superintendent Mr Bussey will open the gates from 8.30am to ease congestion on the pavements outside. It is your responsibility to supervise your children on the yard from 8.30am until the teacher comes out to collect them at 8.40am and takes over responsibility. Children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised before 8.40am. If the children are in Y5/Y6 and walking to school without adult, then they should aim to arrive at 8.40am.

As our children are in the building by 8.45am, the start of the school day, we will lock the gates for safeguarding. If you arrive after 8.45am you will need to come to the school office. Thank you

### Names in Uniform

We already have a pile of jumpers, with no names in, that are brand new! We have no way of matching them to an owner without a name. Please label everything, using a permanent marker or you can buy washer proof stickers online that do the job! Uniform is expensive and we want to be able to hand it back.

### Clubs

Miss Hodgson will shortly be sharing with you our menu of afterschool activities. We do need to ask for a small donation to cover the cost of staffing the clubs. Pupils eligible for free school meals will be exempt from payment. Bookings will be made and paid for on Arbor.

### Parent Governor

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. This is an exciting role, enabling the right person to challenge and support the development of the school. If you want to know more please contact the school office:  
[office@westroyd.org](mailto:office@westroyd.org)

### Behaviour Policy Update

A reminder that if your child has a red card we will contact you to share why. Any threatening or physical violence, including rough play, is an immediate red and the children will miss one playtime in KS1 and two playtimes in KS2 as a consequence to and opportunity to reflect. We will share our reviewed Relationship and Behaviour Policy with you, once ratified by the governors.



### Volunteer Readers

Do you have some time to regularly come and hear our children read? We are looking for volunteers to spend two hours a week in school to help our children increase their reading fluency. If you can, or know anyone who could, please get in touch through [office@westroyd.org](mailto:office@westroyd.org). Full training will be provided and every volunteer will be subject to a full DBS and Barred check.



### **Chair of Governors**

After a number of years on the governing body, our Chair of Governors, Hannah Karnacz, has made the tough decision to stand down from her role. We want to thank her for her time and commitment to the school over this period. As the new headteacher, her support and challenge over this last year has been invaluable. Hannah's strategic outlook has fuelled the direction of the school both in the short and long term. We will see the benefit of her work for a long time to come!

### **Wraparound Provision at Westroyd**

Wraparound provision is available for children in Nursery to Y6, from 07:30am to 08:45am in the morning and from 15:15pm to 18:00pm in the afternoon.

Charges from September will be £7 for a morning session, and £16.50 for a full session 3.15pm – 6pm. There is a limited attendance fee of £7 for collection by 4.15pm. There is also a 10% discount for one sibling. You need to book and pay in advance. If you need adhoc sessions, contact the office as soon as you know and we will confirm if there is space or not.

Mrs Moore in the school office now manages invoices and payments for Wraparound. If you have any queries about wraparound, please get in touch via the email: [wraparound@westroyd.org](mailto:wraparound@westroyd.org). We have a new terms and conditions which will be sent to all pupils. Do pay attention to the booking routine. Thank you

### **Late Collection at the End of the Day**

We understand that unexpected things happen and you may be delayed on occasion from picking up your child/children on time. If you find yourself in that position, give us a call to let us know, and the time you predict you will arrive. This enables us to reassure the child and make provision for their supervision until you collect. We can offer same day adhoc sessions in our wraparound if that would be helpful in such situations. We know things can over run at work sometimes! Just let us know.

### **School Dog**

Westroyd are soon to welcome their very own therapy dog called Rosie. She will visit us every week and once she has got used to us, will be doing one of her favourite things which is hearing children read! More information to follow.

### **Artist**

We currently have a local artist working in school, creating a splendid representation of our school ethos. This of course includes a sheep! We would really like to give our Westroyd sheep a name so get your thinking hat on as we are going to launch a little competition to find the most suitable name!



### **Calendar Link**

So that you never miss an event, did you know you can subscribe to our calendar on the school website? Simply go into the calendar section and select subscribe and follow the choices provided!

### **Tax Free Vouchers**

To ensure we can locate childcare payments in the money drums of the local authority, it would be helpful if you could email the office when you have made a payment. Thank you!

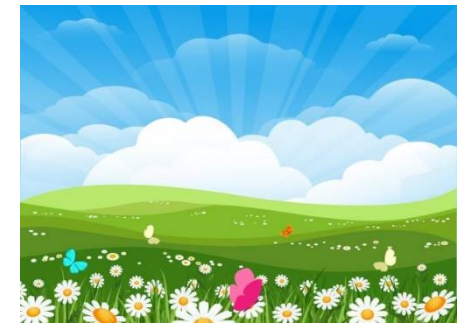


## Calendar Dates - Autumn

- Welcome meetings 3.15pm – 3.45pm :
- 16.9.24** – Y5
- 17.9.24** – Y1&Y6
- 18.9.24** N&R
- 19.9.24** Y2,3,4
- **1.10.24**: Islam workshops
- **3.10.24**: Y3 seed workshop 12.45pm - 2.45pm at Westroyd Park
- **4.10.24**: Heritage day. All about the Sheep!
- **7.10.24** – **9.10.24**: Y2 Balanceability
- **15.10.24**: Flu immunisation
- **14.10.24**: Welly Walk (Parents Welcome to walk with us)
- **17.10.24**: Harvest Festival 9.15am at St Johns Church (Parents Welcome)
- **18.10.24**: Y6 sharing assembly 2.15pm (Parents Welcome)
- **21.10.23**: Photos 9 - 11.30 (Y1- Y6)
- **21.10.24**: Y4 Lantern Making for Farsley Festival
- **22.10.24**: Photos 9 - 11.30 (EY)
- **23.10.24**: Lantern making assembly TBC
- **24.10.24** Halloween Disco
- **25.10.24** Recognition 2.15pm

- **25.10.24**: Y3/4 TTR Dress as a Rockstar Day
- **28.10.24** – **1.11.24**: (School Closed)
- **6.11.24**: Y6 SATS information meeting. 6pm (Y6 Parents Welcome)
- **7.11.24**: New to Reception tours 2pm
- **10.11.24**: Anti-Bullying Week
- **10.11.24** :Young Minds Wear Yellow Day
- **12.11.24**: New to Reception tours 9.30am
- **12.11.24**: Parents Consultation online 3.30pm – 5p
- **13.11.24**: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm in person
- **15.11.24**: School Closed Training Day
- **18.11.24**: UK Parliament Week
- **26.11.24**: Choir Winter voices Concert at Pudsey Civic (Parents Welcome)
- **27.11.24**: New Reception Tours 2pm
- **27.11.24**: Farsley light Switch on and Lantern Festival (Parents Welcome)
- **2.12.24**: New Reception tours 2pm

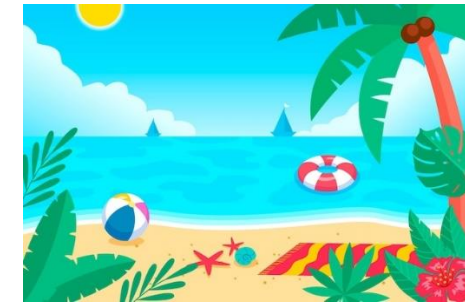
- **12.12.24**: Farsley Food Drive
- **5.12.24**: Enterprise fair (Parents Welcome)
- **6.12.24**: Y5 Sharing 2.15pm (Parents Welcome)
- **10.12.24**: KS1 play 1.45pm (Parents Welcome)
- **11.12.24**: Early Years Nativity 10.30am & 1.45pm (Parents Welcome)
- **2.12.24**: KS1 play 1.45pm (Parents Welcome)
- **13.12.24**: Y3/4 Timestable Rockstar Showdown.
- **16.12.24** – **18.12.24** Y6 Robin Wood
- **16.12.24**- **20.12.24** Y4 Swimming 1- 2pm
- **18.12.24**: Early Years Party
- **18.12.24**: Y1/2 Party
- **19.12.24**: Carols in the yard (Parents Welcome)
- **19.12.24**: Y3/4 Party
- **20.12.24**: Recognition 2.15pm
- **20.12.24** Sparkle Day
- **20.12.24**: Y5/6 Party
- **23.12.24** – **3.1.24**: School Closed



## Calendar Dates - Spring

- **6.1.25:** School opens
- **6.1.25:** NSPCC The kindness Challenge
- **3.2.25:** Children's Mental Health Week
- **7.2.25:** Y3 Sharing Assembly (Parents Welcome)
- **11.2.25:** Safer Internet Day
- **13.2.25:** Valentines disco
- **14.2.25:** Y3/4 TTR Showdown
- **14.2.25:** Recognition 2.15pm
- **17.2.25 – 21.2.25:** School Closed
- **17.3.25 – 19.3.25:** Y4 Herd Farm Residential
- **4.3.25:** Parent Consultation 3.30pm- 5pm
- **5.3.25:** Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm in person
- **25.10.24:** Recognition 2.15pm
- **24.3.25:** Easter concert (Parents Welcome) (Specific Children)
- **27.3.25:** Movie Night
- **28.3.25:** Y3/4 TTR Showdown
- **28.3.24:** Y4 Sharing 2.15pm (Parents Welcome)

- **31.3.25 - 4.4.25:** Y4 Swimming 1- 2pm
- **4.4.25:** Recognition
- **6.4.25 – 21.4.25:** School Closed



## Calendar Dates - Summer

- **22.4.25:** School opens
- **5.5.25:** School Closed
- **23.5.25:** Y3/4 TTR Dress as a Rockstar Day
- **26.5.25 – 30.5.25:** School Closed
- **12.5- 15.5.25:** Y6 SATS week
- **16.5.25:** Y2 Sharing (Parents Welcome)
- **20.5.25:** Walk to School Week
- **23.5.24:** Recognition
- **2.6.25:** Y4 Multiplication Test
- **6.6.25:** Y3 Sleepover
- **9.6.25:** Y1 Phonic Screening Test
- **26.6.25:** Summer Fair
- **27.6.25:** Dream Big Day
- **27.6.24:** Y1 sharing (Parents Welcome)
- **30.7.25:** Happy, Healthy, Safe Week
- **30.6.34:** Road safety training
- **2.7.25:** Sports day

- **4.7.25:** Training Day School Closed
- **11.7.25:** Reception Sharing Assembly (Parents Welcome)
- **9.7.24:** Y6 show
- **14.7.25:** Y6 v Staff rounders
- **16.7.25:** Y6 Prom 6pm – 7.30pm
- **17.7.25:** End of year recognition
- **18.7.25:** Y6 Leavers assembly (Parents Welcome)
- **18.7.25:** School Closes for Summer
- **21.7.25 & 22.7.25:** Training Days. School Closed