



# Farsley Westroyd Newsletter



## Message from the Headteacher, Jenny Pashley.

It feels incredible to me that we are at the end of the academic year already. The end of my first year as Headteacher at this wonderful school! This last week I have been meeting with staff to review the year, evaluate the impact of what we have done so far and plan our next steps. So much has happened in the intervening months since my first assembly back in Autumn, where I introduced myself to the children and shared my vision for the school. There has been a lot of change, and a little bit more to come, but above all else a lot of fun and a lot of learning. As there should be in a primary school! However Westroyd is no ordinary school because our children shine, standing out as confident, self assured individuals who genuinely care for each other.

There have been many highlights over the year and now as we look towards September we look forward to the possibilities of the year ahead. We have lots of exciting things up our sleeves to ensure our children continue to love learning, have fun and make strong progress.

For those of you who are leaving us this summer, as your child moves on to their new school, you can feel confident that they are ready for the next stage in their school career. We wish the children all the success in the world and our advice, is to take every opportunity that comes along. They will only get one go at secondary education, and they must make the most of every second! We do have some staff to say goodbye to this week. As you know the legend that is Mr Coates retires on Friday after 28 years at Westroyd! That is a lot of memories! Mrs Chadwick has also made the decision to retire. Mr Perez and Mrs Henson also leave us this time moving on to new adventures.

For everyone else, we are looking forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.45am after a restful summer holiday. Finally, to say thank you to staff and families for all your support this year for the children, their learning and their wellbeing. Have a fabulous summer everyone!

Want to know what is happening? Check our calendar on our website. Also, each week Mrs Hollingshead creates a what is on, to highlight the following weeks events. Any comments or suggestions please do email the school office on [office@westroyd.org](mailto:office@westroyd.org)



**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 term. 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 year long commitment. We have a new teacher this year for our whole class ukulele lessons and our guitar lessons.

#### **School Development Priorities update.**

A brief update on which areas of the school development plan have been our focus over the last half term.

**Reading** We are now fully implementing our phonic scheme, Read, Write, Inc in Reception and KS1. We are seeing the impact with 86% of pupils passing the phonic screening check in Year One, which is well above the National Average this year. From September we will be implementing a Read, Write Inc catch up intervention across KS1 and KS2, to specific children with gaps in the phonic knowledge. Using money raised through our Summer Fair we are able to purchase new free reading texts for KS2. We continue to implement our new reading approach in KS2 called Read Aloud, Think Aloud. Pupils tell us they enjoy our reading lessons more because they are more interactive and they have the chance to really think deeply about what they are reading.

**Maths.** Our work on implementing a Maths Mastery approach in our teaching continues, with Maths showing significant improvement in pupil outcomes this year. For example, our Y6 SATS score has increased by 32% this year which is above the National Average and our Y4's smashed the multiplication check above the National average in each criteria.

**Writing** – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation continues to be a development priority across school. We are seeing the impact of improved phonic knowledge in spelling in KS1. Also some classes have seen success in spelling because of the children's determination to be successful in their weekly spelling tests!

**CURRICULUM.** Mr Pople has developed our new Community Curriculum. This will launch in September and when implemented will ensure that pupils KNOW MORE, DO MORE and REMEMBER MORE!

Names in Uniform. To ensure we can return clothing to you, it is essential that it is named. We have a lot of unnamed jumpers/cardigans everyday. Use 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.

**ARBOR.** From September all communication will come through ARBOR. All payments will also be made through ARBOR. This is an app based platform that you must download and install on your phone. The majority of schools in Leeds have or are about to move to ARBOR due to its ease of use for parents and schools. In time all our individual systems in school will move to ARBOR. You need to download the app as soon as possible. The office staff can help you with this! Just ask if struggling.

New staff In September we welcome some new members of staff to our team. Mrs Dada, Miss Taylor and Miss Elsworth are new teaching assistants. We also welcome Miss Connell who is our new Year One teacher and Miss Johnston our new SENCO. Mr Bussey our new superintendent has already settled in following three weeks of shadowing the legend that is Mr Coates.

**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 T-shirt and BLACK plain leggings/shorts/joggers. Pupils may choose to wear a red hoodie or their red school jumper/cardigan

**Uniform does not have 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, contact us without delay that morning, so we can provide items of uniform on an emergency, short or long term basis. We will also continue with our half termly uniform swap.

#### **Start/End school day arrangements September 2024**

KS1 & KS2 Families can enter the school yards from 8.30am. On entering the yard, the children should line up at their designated class line. (This will be highlighted over the first few days) Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at this time, until staff arrive on the yard at 8.40am. We ask that scooters/bikes are all parked up on arrival and that the children and younger siblings stay with their adults in their lines. There are going to be more people in the yard at one time and we all need to be safe. The teachers will come and say hello at 8.40am walk the line and take the children inside. The doors will close at 8.45am as the official start to the school day.

**There is the possibility of more vehicle congestion at the start and end of the day and we encourage families to walk to school or Park and Stride from another location. You can park in Go Outdoors as an example.**

**End of the Day KS1/KS2.** We will bring the children out to their lining up point between 3.10pm and 3.15pm. Parents stand in the yard in front of the class (we will have zones initially) We send pupils to you as we see you. Again, you need to keep younger siblings close to you and leave scooters and bikes in the racks so we are all safe. 3.15pm is the end of the school day. **Reception:** 8.45am doors open and door closes at 8.50am. At the end of the day, the staff will open the door to Reception at 3.05pm, with a final collection time of 3.15pm, which will be the official end to the school day.

**Nursery hours 9am – 3pm**

**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 is an immediate red. In early September 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, 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.

Miss Martin is evaluating our provision as we work towards our Healthy Schools Standard. A reminder that children should only have still water in their bottles. This is to protect their teeth!

**End of Year Recognition Pupils who have showed positive learning behaviours consistently across the whole year.**

**Nursery – Olivia and Maddox**

**Reception-Alexander and Ida**

**Year One – Liam and Willow**

**Year Two – Ellie and Zoe**

**Year Three- Isla and Chloe**

**Year Four – Dhruvi and Eden**

**Year Five – Caitlin and Cameron**

**Year Six – Mylie and Finlay**

**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.

**Debts.** We will stop using School Comms at the end of term. It will be easier if you can clear all payments as soon as possible. Any outstanding balances will transfer over to Arbor. A reminder that if you are not able to pay a bill, you must talk to us as soon as possible. We are happy to set up payment plans to support you. However, to make you aware, if we do not see payments being made we have to comply with the local authorities financial processes and refer the debt to the councils debt collecting team. They will then approach you for the payment.

**Wraparound Provision at Westroyd** Wraparound provision is available for children in Nursery to Y6, from 07:30 to 08:45am in the morning and from 15:15 to 18:00 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 a 10% discount for one sibling. Mrs Moore in the school office now manages invoices and payments for Wraparound. If you have any queries about wraparound get in touch via 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

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

**Website.** Over the summer we will be making changes to the website as we commence a complete review and update. A reminder that the website is the go to for any information about school.

Diary Dates. Anything in green is new since the last newsletter.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<p>2.9.24 School closed            3.9.24 School Starts at 8.45am            3.9.24 British Values week            11.9.24 Kooth Assembly            20.9.24 – Local heritage Day. The Sheep!            1.10.24 Islam workshops            1.10.24 Kindness Challenge Week            7.10.24 Sustainability Assembly (Farsley Project)            16.10.24 Harvest Festival            18.10.24 Teaching and Learning Governors            21.10.24 Lantern Making Assembly (Farsley Project)            28.10.24 – 1.11.24 (School Closed)            4.11.24 Plastic bottle collection            11.11.24 Remembrance Day            15.11.24 School Closed Training Day            22.11.24 Museum Take over Day Sunny Bank Mills Archive            27.11.24 Farsley light Switch on and Lantern Festival            19.12.24 Farsley Food Drive            16.12.24 – 18.12.24 Y6 Robin Wood            23.12.24 – 3.1.24 School Closed</p>	<p>17.2.25 – 21.2.25 School Closed            17.3.25 – 19.3.25 Y4 Herd Farm            6.4.25 – 18.4.25 School Closed            May 5<sup>th</sup> – School Closed            26.5.25 – 30.5.25 School Closed</p>	<p>9.5.25- 12.5.25 Y6 SATS week.            12.6.25 Y3 Sleepover            30.6.25 Health, happy Week            4.7.25 Training Day            16.7.25 Y6 Leavers Prom            18.7.25 Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm            18.7.25 School Closes for Summer            21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 Training Days.</p>