



Farsley Westroyd Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher, Jenny Pashley.

Welcome to our final Newsletter of the year. Time has flown by and I cannot believe I have been a part of the Westroyd family for a year now. When the Chair of Governors called me to tell me I had been successful, I was extremely excited. At that point I had only spent a small amount of time with the children of Westroyd, but I could tell it was going to be a lot of fun! Now I get to spend everyday with the children! Each morning, first thing, I stroll around school, to say hello to everyone. It is the highlight of my day, as I am consistently greeted with smiles, tales and updates about the children's lives. The children are so kind too. There are not many schools whereby the children actually initiate the conversation by asking how I am! I have never had that before in my career! The children make me feel very proud and I admire their developing sense of identity. At Westroyd, we encourage the children to be self-aware, develop their characters. I do feel it is so important that children understand themselves, their strengths and passions and that they feel confident to be who they are!

The National Assessments for the Y6 children are over and I feel incredibly proud of our Y6 children and staff. Together they prepared meticulously for the SATS tests equipping themselves with the necessary knowledge, self-belief and positivity. We surprised the children with a visit from an ice-cream van after the last test. The adults learnt that ice-cream tastes better when dipped in blue sherbet! We have lots more exciting events coming up for Y6 before they leave us for the next stage in their education. We want to make sure we squeeze in a few more memories before they go! This half term our Y4 children will complete the Multiplication Test and our Year One children will have their phonic skills assessed with the phonic screening test. We will share the results of all the National Assessments in the school reports.

Looking towards the end of the year, we have some more sad news with the resignation of Mr Perez, our Y6 teaching assistant. He has made the decision that the time is right to return to Spain after seven years in Leeds. Mr Perez is a fully qualified teacher and is looking for a teaching position in Southern Spain after the Summer.

We had a very strong field of applicants for both our Superintendent position and our SENCO position. We are now able to inform you that Mr Richard Bussey will be our new Superintendent. He will start work on the 1st July to work alongside the Legend that is Mr Coates, to milk him of all his expertise, before he retires at the start of the school holidays. Miss Amy Johnstone is going to be our new SENCO from September. She is coming from a local school, with very strong references. We are looking forward to welcoming them both into our Westroyd family!

Do check out the calendar, for events coming up. It is quite a busy half term! Each week Mrs Hollingshead creates a what is on, to highlight the following weeks events. You will find all dates and communications on the school website. Any comments or suggestions please do email the school office on 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 also sent out a survey to explore interest in other musical tuition.

Parent's Questionnaire. At Westroyd we value your opinion, thoughts and ideas. As a reflective school we thrive on feedback and this influences how we do things! Keep an eye out for an online survey coming your way this half term. This will be information that we will use to inform our school improvement plan for next year. Thank you in advance for contributing.

School Development Priorities update.

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

Read, Write, Inc. We are seeing the impact of our new phonic scheme in both the reading fluency and early writing in Reception. The scheme is very prescriptive and we are working closely with the Read, Write, Inc team to ensure we have fidelity to the routine. This week we are implementing the daily reading aspect of the scheme. Every child will now be heard read by an adult daily. **Maths.** Individual teachers have worked with our advisor from the West Yorkshire Maths hub. The focus has been on developing more interactive teaching so that pupils are continuously active in the learning process. Mr Popple has been busy in classes supporting teachers and teaching assistants to implement this approach. **Curriculum** We now have a new whole school curriculum that is knowledge based and progressive over time. We have worked collaboratively with children, staff, parents and governors to identify our vision for the curriculum and the attributes we want our children to develop. We have called these our golden threads. Throughout the children's career they will have frequent opportunities to embed the knowledge learnt and build upon it, whilst also making interconnected links across different subjects. You will find the children talking about new subject matter in Summer two.

Personal Development. Westroyd has a strong history of promoting personal development. This was identified by Ofsted at the last inspection in 2019. Miss Martin is our lead and she has been working with our advisor from the local authority health and wellbeing team as well as qualifying as our senior mental health lead. Miss Martin is on a mission to make sure our provision is recognised and we achieve the Healthy Schools Standard and become a MindMate Friendly school. We are all looking forward to our planned exciting health week coming up in July! **Science** The quality of our Science teaching and learning has been recognised as we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. Thank you to Miss Harps and Mr Popple for driving the improvements in our Science teaching this year and highlighting the impact of our teaching to the quality mark assessment team. We have now tasked Mr Clough to start work on the History Quality Mark! **Reading.** Across KeyStage two all teachers are now delivering a new approach in our daily reading lessons. Our aim is that children will have a real passion for reading. To achieve this, we are teaching the children explicit strategies that they need to use to understand the texts they read. Talk to your children about this. As adults we probably don't realise we are using these strategies as we do it subconsciously. It is quite clever!

Lost property. We have a large collection of lost property clothing and uniform in school. We have sorted through and returned any named items to the owners, but we are left with a lot of bags of unnamed items. On Monday 10th June Miss Rayit will put out the items in KS1 yard at the end of the day for parents/children to claim. Anything left over we will donate to one of the local charity shops. Any unnamed uniform we will then donate to anyone who would like to recycle! Losing items is frustrating. I know that as a parent! Do make sure that all clothing is labelled either with a permanent marker pen or named clothing label/sticker. Then children can identify it as theirs and it reduces the chance of them going missing. Thank you.

Attendance. Good attendance impacts upon the development of the whole child and their outcomes. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school everyday. This is a reminder if you are thinking of booking a holiday, that in line with government guidelines, holidays in term time will not be authorised. If the child is missing ten or more sessions in a twelve-week period, you risk being fined by the local authority. If you are planning on taking your child out of school for any reason then you must complete a leave of absence request form. This is a safeguarding procedure, so that we have a record of where your child is. It is important to note that the local authority can and do still fine, even if you have not completed a leave of absence form, and you decide to take the children out of school.

A reminder. School hours from September 2024

KS1 & KS2: The school gates will be open from 8.30am and the teachers will come out to greet the children in the yard at 8.40am. The school door will close at 8.45am and this will be the official start to the school day. At the end of the school day, the yards will be open from 3pm, with the teachers bringing out the children at 3.10pm. The final collection time of 3.15pm, will be the official end to the school day.

Reception: 8.45am doors open and door closes at 8.50am. At the end of the day, the staff will open to 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 to be 9am – 3pm. We will send out more information about the routine towards the end of term.

Keeping our children safe in the summer months.

Hopefully we will have some warm sunny weather this half term! To keep everyone safe there are some steps that we all need to follow. These steps are provided to all schools from the local authority health and safety team.

- Water bottles. All children should have a named water bottle with them each day, that can easily be refilled. We will make the water bottles available to children at all times and we will keep them out of the sun.
- Sun hats. The children need a named sunhat. Ones with the extended neck coverage are especially useful for the younger children
- Shade at playtimes. We will provide shade for the children at playtimes and if it is too warm/intense we will come inside or limit the amount of time outside. We will also encourage less rigorous games
- Suncream. The children should arrive at school wearing as a minimum, factor 50 suncream to protect them. You can get long lasting sun creams for children that offer up to 8 hours of protection. If you are sending children in with suncream, for them to top up, it needs to be named and we will supervise and support the children appropriately to reapply before the lunch period when the sun is at it's strongest.

ARBOR. From parental and staff feedback we have evaluated our current online communication and payment system and decided it does not meet our needs. From September we will, like many schools in the city, be moving to ARBOR. This is an exclusively app-based system. More information will follow this term to help you move across. We will continue to be completely cashless and all communications will come through on the Arbor app.

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.

Mrs Moore joined our office team recently and is a dynamo of efficiency! You will hear her cheerful tone on the phone, or as she greets you in person. Mrs Moore leads on the management of wraparound finances and dinner payments, school trips and events, management of stock in school and alongside the rest of the office team, organises everyone. Mrs Moore loves to solve a problem and to do so with best value in mind. She never gives up until she finds the best solution possible. Alongside working in school, she is a Mum of three and is also studying to become a School Business Manager on an apprenticeship route. Mrs Moore certainly has all the Westroyd attributes of a life-long learner.

Wraparound Provision at Westroyd Wraparound provision is currently available to children in Nursery to Y6, from 07:30 to 08:50 in the morning and from 15:15 to 18:00 in the afternoon. Charges are currently £6.00 for a morning session, and £16.50 after school. 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. We have been in touch with many of you recently, as we audit our books and bring the year to a close. Thank you for your patience and cooperation whilst we get our books in line! Next week we will be sending out our new booking form for next year, along with our new Terms and Conditions document. There are some important changes for you to note, which are intended to make the whole booking and payment system much smoother. Again thank you for your patience.

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!

Summer Fair On the 27th June we have our summer fair. We are also having a non-uniform day in exchange for 50p and any donations for our raffle.

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

Summer Term Two	NEXT YEAR
<p>10.6.23 Y1 Phonic Screening Test. 10.6.24 Y4 MTC test 11.6.24 FGB 14.6.24 Y1 2.30pm Sharing Assembly 19.6.24 Big SING event 20.6.24 Y3 Sleepover in School 22.6.24 Farsley Festival 24.6.23 Y6 Bikeability 26.6.24 Pudsey Olympics 27.6.24 Non-uniform 27.6.24 Summer Fair 27.6.24 Transition Day 1.7.24 3.30pm Health Week 1.7.24 Chef Imogen visit 2.7.24 Skipping Workshops 3.7.24 Sports day 9.15am Nursery, 10.15am Reception 11.15am KS1 1.45pm KS2 3.7.24 DSIDE Drug and Alcohol workshops 4.7.24 NSPCC Stay safe workshops Y2, Y5, Y6. 4.7.24 Police visits 5.7.24 Dance workshops 9.7.24 Y6 SATS results 10.7.24 Y6 Bowling and Laser Tag Event (6pm) 11.7.24 Y6 Show (6pm) 12.7.24 EY sharing Assembly. 2.30pm 15.7.24 1.30pm Teachers v Y6 Rounders Match at Westroyd Park 15.7.24 Reports to Parents 16.7.24 Y2 Trip to Ponderosa 17.7.24 Westroyd's got Talent Final 17.7.24 6pm Y6 Leavers Prom 19.7.24 Recognition Assembly 19.7.24 2pm Y6 Leavers Assembly 20.7.24 School closes for Summer</p>	<p>2.9.24 Training Day 3.9.24 School opens 28.10.24 – 1.11.24 School Closed 15.11.24 Training Day 27.11.24 Farsley Light Switch on and Lantern Festival 16.12.24 – 18.12.24 Y6 Robin Wood 23.12.24 – 3.1.24 School Closed 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 5th – School Closed 26.5.25 – 30.5.25 School Closed 4.7.25 Training Day 18.7.25 School Closes for Summer 21st/22nd July 2025 Training Days.</p>