



Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher, Miss Jenny Pashley.

A lot has happened in school in the last eight weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking on board, the changes and for the feedback you have provided.

Over the half term I have spent time getting to know the children, which has been delightful. We have had a lot of fun and I have been beaten at Uno many times! I have also been meeting and talking with parents, the local authority, staff, governors, pupils and local community figures to collect views and opinions about the school and discuss what our strengths and development priorities should be. There is a consensus that Westroyd is a very special, unique, small, warm and friendly school. I felt this the first time I came to visit and the reason why I applied for the job! These discussions and a lot of thinking have enable stakeholders to come up with our vision for the school. We are calling the vision "The Purple Sheep." Ultimately our intention is that the school will significantly stand out within our community and across the city because of our amazing children, our high expectations and our strong outcomes.

I feel very lucky to be the Headteacher of this school as we enter an exciting new chapter. Thank you again for your support, ideas and suggestions. I really hope you all have a lovely half-term and come back safe and well for another action packed half term at Westroyd!

Wraparound Provision at Westroyd Just a reminder that Wraparound provision is 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 £6.00 for a morning session, and £16.50 after school. There is a reduction for siblings and an early collection fee. Bookings are made in advance and payment is through School Comms app. You can also pay with tax free vouchers if eligible. Bookings are made by contacting our wraparound manager Miss Watson by emailing wraparound@westroyd.leeds.sch.uk.

Volunteering in school We are looking for people to come into school and hear readers. This could just be one afternoon a week. This time would be valuable to the children's progress. Do contact the class teacher on the yard or through the school office if you are available. We will carry out all the safeguarding checks, provide induction and training. Thank you



SIMS Parent App This app is now live and you can use it to update your contact details and your child's medical details. We need at least three contact details at anyone time that are all active.

New leadership team

We are very excited to announce that we have a new leadership team for January 2024. Following a rigorous recruitment process the Governing Body have appointed Mrs Gabby Hollingshead and Mr Matthew Popple as the permanent assistant headteachers of Westroyd Primary and Nursery School. Mrs Hollingshead is a longstanding member of the school community and Mr Popple is brand new to the school. He is an experienced Y5/Y6 teacher and also a Maths specialist and has vast experience working with children with special needs. He lives locally to the school and will be making lots of visits next half term to get to know us all. He is going to fit in well with our team. Some of the Y6 children have already met him as he did a demo lesson as part of the recruitment process. They gave his teaching skills a big thumbs up!

Homework

We have reviewed how and what we set for homework, so that we utilise the opportunity as a way to develop fluency in basic skills. Thank you for supporting your child to practice their reading, spellings and arithmetic skills. The practice is really making a difference to their progress.

Medi-tracker

There is a statutory requirement that we report first aid incidents when they occur. We have adopted an online system to enable us to do this, which makes sure the message gets to you and that they information is stored safely in line with data protection laws. It is really important that we have an upto date email address for you at all time. We also want to make you aware that you need to add this address, donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk to your email address book or approved sender list to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters. Thank you We have a new Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy which will go on our website after half term.

Parent's Forum.

We held our first Parent Forum this half term. The Headteacher found it really useful to hear what parents felt were development points for the school. We will be meeting again on the 12th December at 2pm. Prior to the meeting we will send out a reminder, an agenda and a conduct agreement for your information. In the meantime we continue to welcome your feedback. Please do contact the Headteacher through the school office. office@westroyd.leeds.sch.uk

Workshops

A suggestion made at the parent forum was to run some workshops to give parents some handy tips to teach basic skills such as spelling and Multiplication facts. We would like to invite you to two open workshops that we have set up. Spelling will be on 13.11.23 at 3.15pm in Y3 and the Multiplication Workshop will be on the 20.11.23 at 3.15pm in Y4.

Attendance

The expectation is that pupils have an attendance of at least 96%. If your attendance drops to 90 or below, your child will be classes as persistently absent. When this occurs we will inform you and invite you in for a meeting to discuss how this has occurred and how we can overcome any barriers. This is a solution based meeting with the intention of improving a child's attendance at school. We will share your child's attendance with you at parent's evening.

School Uniform We are noticing that particularly on PE days, children are not all wearing our PE uniform. It is important to the children's wellbeing that they feel like they belong to our strong Westroyd team and that we look SMART and Proud. Children should wear black shorts/leggings/joggers, a red T-shirt a red school hoodie or school jumper/cardigan. We have a lot of uniform in school that is pre-loved but in good condition. If you speak to Miss Ryat she will be able to provide you with items free of charge. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy and making our team SMART and PROUD.

Early Years Office

We have had some changes within our office and will shortly be advertising some vacancies. We are looking for a school business manager x3 days a week and a x2 day admin assistant. Until we are able to recruit, there may be short periods of times that there is no admin based at Early Years. This has no impact on safeguarding as no one can get in or out without a staff member present. At these times. There will be a sign on the gate directing you to call a number, to alert a member of staff that you require access. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Building links with the community

We are currently embedding our place within the community as the village school. We have had some local figures visit us and we are keen to get out and about into local establishments. If you have any suggestions, or links to local groups or businesses do get in touch with us through the school office. We now have a performing arts group, who are keen to go out and sing in the community. Which would be a lovely thing to do around Christmas time.

Friends of Westroyd. We are expanding and we need your help!

So that we can run lots of exciting fun events whilst also raising valuable money for the school we need some more volunteers. Ideally we are looking for a representative from each class in school. We currently need a representative from Nursery, Reception, Y3, Y4 and Y6. This does not need to be a lifelong commitment and you could decide to do it just for a year. We have lots of exciting ideas, but need some help to set them up and running. We are in the initiating the process of becoming a registered charity as this opens doors in terms of fundraising options whilst also ensuring we are following financial regulations. Mrs Wright in the office would love to hear from you if you can offer some time to join our team. Contact her on 01132551601. Or email office@westroyd.leeds.sch.uk.

Office Manager Mrs Fleur Hodgson For those of you who do not know me I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about my role in school. I manage "The School Engine," as Miss Pashley calls it. My job is to manage everything that happens in our school offices. I deal with recruitment, human resources, finance, safeguarding and a whole lot more. It is quite a responsibility as if our engine does not work then the school does not work! I love it though, as every day and every minute is different. Recently, we have implemented some new systems which have increased our efficiency as a team and enabled us to work much faster and efficiently. It is also good that we are working within statutory guidelines and that everyone's financial transactions and personal data are safe. If you have any questions or are struggling with any of our new processes do get in touch and I am more than happy to help. Phone 0113 2551601

DV notifications A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school. The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk

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!

Farsley Christmas Light Switch on 2023. Wednesday 29th November at 6pm

Recently Councillor Andrew Carter came to visit Westroyd. As an expupil and ex governor he has fond memories of our school and wants to help us to raise our profile within the community. He has told me that this year Westroyd will be leading out the parade. We really hope to have many children and staff as possible at this event to enjoy this moment. A letter with more detail will be coming out after the holidays. The children will be making lanterns in school to carry with them as they parade. We do hope you can join us.

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

Autumn term

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| <p>6.11.23 School Opens</p> <p>6.11.23- 8.11.23 Y6 Residential to Robin Wood</p> <p>6.11.23 x8 Y5 pupils at Winter voices rehearsal</p> <p>6.11.23 3.15pm Y2/Y5 Curriculum meeting</p> <p>7.11.23 3.15pm- Y3/Y4 Curriculum meetings</p> <p>8.11.23 3pm EY Curriculum meeting</p> <p>8&9.11.23 School Tours for Reception 24.</p> <p>9.11.23 Y1 3pm Curriculum meeting</p> <p>10.11.23 3.15pm Y6 Curriculum meeting</p> <p>13.11.23 Anti-bullying week.</p> <p>13.11.23 Odd socks day</p> <p>13.11.23 3.15pm Spelling Workshop</p> <p>14.11.23&15.11.23 Parent Consultations</p> <p>17.11.23 School closed for training</p> <p>20.11.23 Multiplication Workshop</p> <p>21.11.23 Y5/Y6 Trip to York</p> <p>21.11.23 TEAM SEND Bowling comp</p> <p>22.11.23 EY photographs</p> <p>22.11.23 FOW Bunsale</p> <p>24.11.23 Non-uniform for chocolate donations.</p> <p>24.11.23 Y3 9am Sharing Assembly</p> <p>28.11.23 x8 Y5 pupils at Wintervoices concert</p> <p>29.11.23 6pm Farsley Light Switch on</p> <p>30.11.23 EY Open session</p> <p>4.12.23 9.30am Advent service at church</p> <p>6.12.23 EY walk to the Post Office</p> <p>6.12.23 Y3 Trip to York</p> <p>7.12.23 Y4 Trip to York</p> <p>7.12.23 3.30pm Enterprise Fair</p> <p>12.12.23 2pm Parent Forum</p> <p>13.12.23 10am EY Nativity</p> <p>13.12.23 2pm KS1 Christmas Show</p> <p>14.12.23 Performing arts sing at Greggs</p> <p>18.12.23 DSIDE Internet safety workshops</p> <p>19.12.23 Walk the walls</p> <p>21.12.23 2.30pm Carols in the yard</p> <p>22.12.23 Sparkle Day</p> <p>22.12.23 School Closes for the Holidays.</p> | <p>8.1.24 School opens</p> <p>16.1.24 Y4 Cycle Day</p> <p>2.2.24 Y2 Sharing Assembly</p> <p>7.2.24 EY open session</p> <p>9.2.24 School closes</p> <p>12.2.24 School opens</p> <p>28.2.24 EY Local Walk</p> <p>4.3.24 Westroyd Spelling Bee</p> <p>12&13.3. 24 Parent Consultations</p> <p>22.3.24 Y5 Sharing Assembly</p> <p>25- 27.3.24 Y4 Herd Farm Residential</p> <p>28.3.24 Walk the Walls</p> <p>26.3.24 EY Open sessions</p> <p>29.3.24 School closes for Easter</p> | <p>15.4.24 School opens for Summer</p> <p>13.5.23 Y6 SATS week 13.5.24</p> <p>3.6.24 Y4 Multiplication Check</p> <p>10.6.23 Y1 Phonic Screening Test.</p> <p>13.5.24 EY Open session</p> <p>17.5.24 Y4 Sharing Assembly</p> <p>8.5.24 Reception trip to Hesketh Farm</p> <p>14.6.24 Y1 Sharing Assembly</p> <p>24.6.23 Y6 Bikeability</p> <p>27.6.24 Summer Fair</p> <p>1.7.24 3.30pm Health Week</p> <p>3.7.24 Sports day</p> <p>9.15am Nursery, 10.15am Reception</p> <p>11.15am KS1 2pm KS2</p> <p>3.7.24 DSIDE Drug and Alcohol workshops</p> <p>5.7.24 School Closed for training</p> <p>12.7.24 EY sharing Assembly</p> <p>17.7.24 6pm Y6 Leavers Party</p> <p>19.7.24 2pm Y6 Leavers Assembly</p> <p>20.7.24 School closes for Summer</p> |