



Farsley Westroyd Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher, Jenny Pashley

We have had the most joyful last few weeks of term. By the time we finish on Friday, we will have done four musical Christmas shows, one Leeds winter concert, three community carol singing events, paraded around Farsley with a large sheep lantern called Sheila, Christmas parties, Christmas dinner, theatre trips, Santa visits, a Christmas enterprise fair and then we threw in a residential and daily swimming, just to balance it all out! Now it is well and truly time to relax, recharge and spend time with our lovely families over the festive season!

As I always say, the children of this school are what makes it such a wonderful place to be. We have such polite, friendly, confident children who really do stand out for how well behaved they are both in school and when we take them out and about. We are so proud of them and looking forward to January and watching how they enthusiastically approach new learning and strive to achieve personal targets of success. Here at Westroyd, we believe we can achieve anything we set our mind to! See you all raring to go on Monday 6th January!

From all the staff here at Farsley Westroyd, have the best Christmas holidays and enjoy every magical moment! As always, we welcome your comments and feedback, so do get in touch through the school office: office@westroyd.org

Christmas Enterprise Fair 2024

Our children had a fabulous time planning, costing, making, marketing and selling their class products. There was also a lot of competition between staff and pupils as to who was going to make the most money! I can now tell you the results:

N- £17.40

R - £34.95

Y1- £69.15

Y2- £57

Y3 - £93

Y4 - £53

Y5 - £31.45

Y6 - £45.90

This money now goes into the class saving pot which they can add to throughout the year with any events they participate in or choose to organise. Each class gets to decide how they spend the money. From listening to the children, I think this will go towards funding a special excursion to enhance their learning.

We have also had a very popular movie night, with the funds raised again being shared between the classes.





Influencing positive travel behaviours

Below you will find a letter from our school council:

Westroyd Primary School

Farsley, LS28 5BH

12th December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Farsley Westroyd School Council because of car safety issues around our school. We have been noticing some potentially dangerous situations and we would like to advise you around how we can ensure all children are safe at the start and end of the school day.

Safe parking

The yellow zigzag lines, immediately outside the school, are there as the risk to us is our lives. Without exception, parking is not allowed on the zigzag lines at any time. We ask that you park considerably, not blocking drives or on the double yellows. Unsafe parking could lead to immediate danger to children crossing the road when there are two cars surrounding the child.

Idling in front of the school

Idling can cause serious air pollution and can cause many problems in the heart and lungs. We need to be safe with people around an idling car, especially our pupils. The fumes are at child height. Please turn your engines off while in a parking space.

Speeding

Our speed limit around Westroyd is 20 MPH or under for children's safety crossing the road, particularly our pupils. Going over this limit will be unsafe around our school as you may not see a child while going too fast and the impact would be greater.

Dropping off

Please ensure that your vehicle is not in motion when the child is exiting it. We have already had an incident where a child has left the vehicle when it is still in motion and has hit their head on a pole. Thankfully, the child is okay, but please do not let this happen again.

We will be monitoring these rules from now on, and have monitors to check every day. We need to work together to help keep our pupils safe.

Kind regards,

Ayaan Khan, Chair of the School Council of Farsley Westroyd Primary.

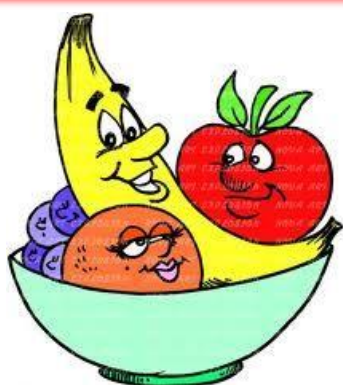


School Sheep

After a whole school ballot, we have named our school sheep Samuel! The children are clearly proud of our link to local history and the role that Samuel Marsden played in the development of the local mill industry.

Focus upon Miss Johnston

Miss Johnston joined us in September 2024 as our SENCO. She works three days a week in school and her time is totally dedicated to promoting the inclusion and progress of all pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. She is especially knowledgeable about Autism and ASD and is currently studying hard to achieve the National Professional Qualification in Special Needs coordination. If you would like to chat with Miss Johnston do get in touch either through the office or senco@westroyd.org.



Healthy School Standard

At Westroyd we pride ourselves in how we develop the whole child, focusing on their emotional and physical wellbeing. Miss Martin has been working hard to achieve the National Healthy School Standard. The final piece of work is around healthy eating and physical activity. She is currently reviewing our food policy and will share this with you in the new year. The focus will be upon a healthy balanced diet and ensuring that there is equality between what is served in school and what is brought from home, in line with the food standards.

PE Uniform

A reminder, so that we are presenting as a proud, smart strong team; that PE uniform is **BLACK leggings/BLACK joggers or BLACK Shorts with a RED T-Shirt**. Pupils can then choose to wear a red hoodie or their usual red school jumper.

Our New Website

At Westroyd we aim to ensure you always know what is going on and how to participate. As a busy working Mum myself I understand how important it is to be able to find the information you need, swiftly to organise everyone! This half-term, Mr Popple and Miss Martin have been working with our website designers to redesign and improve access to information about our school online.

Do check it out at:

www.westroydprimaryschoolandnursery.co.uk/





Facebook

Our Facebook page is all up and running now. We will post pictures on here of our community events. Do remember that if you need to update permissions for photo use you can do this on Arbor.

Behaviour

This coming term, we will be moving away from our current behaviour management systems "Trackits" and using Arbor instead. We will update you about what you need to know in the new year.

School Improvement Priorities

At the end of this term we have evaluated the impact of our teaching as a staff. We can see strong progress in outcomes across all subjects. Especially strong progress in Maths, Reading and Phonics. An area we are keen to further improve is spelling. We can see the impact of our strong phonic teaching on spelling for our younger learners, but further up school there is a generic trend of historical gaps in spelling knowledge. This is something we are addressing in our spelling lessons and the weekly spellings we send home. The work we are doing on empowering children to own their own learning and evaluate their own progress, hopefully should motivate them to practise at home each week. However, a little nudge from their family would not go a miss. Overtime, presentation and handwriting is improving. I frequently have heavy footsteps coming up to the office to check if the children are ready for a pen licence. What I love in these situations is how the children are so resilient when I give them direct feedback to enable them to improve and then the determination as they skip off to put the next steps into action! Our new curriculum is into the second term and the children tell us they love the new lessons and how we teach in non-core subjects. We often interview the children to hear their voice about what they are learning and the effectiveness of how we teach. The feedback about the curriculum is that they like the fact that they know exactly what they are learning each lesson and how we teach them so that they remember the new knowledge. They also tell us they like the fun activities that they do every lesson together.

Governor Ballot

We are in a fortunate position to have two volunteers, putting themselves forward to be parent governors at Farsley Westroyd. However, we only have space in our constitution for one parent currently on the Governing board. Therefore, in January there will be an online ballot coming out to the community for you to select who you think should fulfil this very important role.



Dogs in the school Grounds

To ensure all children are safe, we ask that dogs do not enter the school grounds. This includes the playgrounds and the school office. Our especially trained, hypoallergenic School dog Rosie comes in at least once a week. Because of her training she has full insurance to be in school. Thank you.



Absence

At Westroyd, like all schools we do have very rigorous procedures in place when a child is absent from school. Monitoring and responding to absence is part of our safeguarding policy and in place to keep everyone safe. If your child is ill and unable to attend school, we ask that you ring the school office first thing in the morning before 8.30am to let us know. If we have not heard from you by the time register is taken at 8.45am we will call to find out where your child is. Due to the high volume of emails we get every night and the time taken to go through them, is the reason we ask you to call rather than email. We also need, if your child is going to be absent for any reason other than sickness, you to request the leave by completing a leave of absence request form. Please do this in good time before the leave is due to take place. As a school, we have a duty of care to ensure all children are safe and have good school attendance. If we are unable to contact you and have no record of the absence, we may have to contact other agencies to support us in locating the child.



Calendar Dates - Spring

- **6.1.25:** School opens
- **6.1.25:** NSPCC The kindness Challenge
- **10.1.25:** School Tour for New Reception 9.30am
- **12.1.25:** Early years Story Bus
- **16.1.25:** Y3 Yorkshire museum
- **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
- **3.3.25:** Y6 Library Visit
- **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
- **25.10.25:** Recognition 2.15pm
- **24.3.25:** Easter concert (Parents Welcome) (Specific Children)

- **27.3.25:** Movie Night
- **28.3.25:** Y3/4 TTR Showdown
- **28.3.25:** 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
- **23.5.25:** Recognition
- **2.6.25:** Y4 Multiplication Test
- **6.6.25:** Y3 Sleepover
- **9.6.25:** Y1 Phonic Screening Test
- **19.6.25:** Y3 The Deep
- **26.6.25:** Summer Fair
- **27.6.25:** Dream Big Day
- **27.6.25:** Y1 sharing (Parents Welcome)
- **30.6.25:** Road safety training
- **30.6.25:** Happy, Healthy, Safe Week

- **2.7.25:** Sports day
- **4.7.25:** Training Day School Closed
- **11.7.25:** Reception Sharing Assembly (Parents Welcome)
- **9.7.25:** 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