WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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and on our Facebook page

Friday 24th November 2023

This Week's Value: Responsibility



This week's value is **Responsibility**. The children will have many opportunities to be responsible in their classrooms and out at playtimes. We will highlight this behaviour in school and we'd love it if you could spot your child being responsible at home!

Christmas Bingo!

Thank you so much for all your donations contributing towards Christmas Bingo. We have a colourful selection of treats which will be sorted into hampers ready to be won on the night!

Christmas Bingo will take place on Wednesday 29th November 2023. Doors will open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30pm. It can be a really popular event so it will be first come, first served for places in the hall. Unfortunately, if we reach capacity, we will have to turn people away.



It's a great event where you can enjoy the game, win some prizes and see some nervous Westgate staff calling the numbers! There is a tuck shop which will serve a variety of treats and drinks. As always with Friends events, all the money raised will be put back into school to benefit the children.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Elf Run-A-Mile

There are exciting Run-A-Mile opportunities coming up! We are excited to be completing a sponsored Elf Run-A-Mile to raise money for St John's Hospice.

Next week, your child will be coming home with a sponsorship form for the event. We are asking that each child tries to raise a minimum of $\pounds 2$, but obviously the more the better!

On December 7th, each class will have a time slot to run their sponsored mile and each child participating on the day will get their very own Elf hat to wear. We are asking that children wear trainers with their school uniform that day.

Following on from this, on the final Run-A-Mile before Christmas, we will be asking children to wear their hats again to complete Parent/Carer Run-A-Mile.



The Friends of Westgate 'Elf-ridges' Grotto

Our Christmas Grotto returns this year with an upgrade! This year 'Elf-ridges' will be available for your child to

purchase a Christmas gift for a special grown up in their life. The children will be able to visit 'Elf-ridges' (the school front office...) to pick a gift to take home ready for the holidays. The Grotto is live on SCOPAY today and costs £4 per gift. The closing date will be next Friday so please ensure you have purchased before then if you would like to take part.

Parking Outside School

Thank you for all your support with ensuring the front of our school is safe at those busy times before and after school.

Just to confirm, the staff car park and Children's Centre car park cannot be used by parents dropping off or picking up their children at any point throughout the school day.

Bowling Superstars

You may have seen this on our school Facebook page but we were all super-proud of our group of Year 5 pupils who represented the school in 10-pin bowling. They showed tremendous enthusiasm and a great sporting spirit. Not only that - they won! Brilliant effort all round!

Headlice

You might have received a letter regarding cases of headlice in your child's class. For some head-scratching reason, headlice seem to be particularly widespread at this time of year. Please could you all check your children's hair and treat if necessary. The school nurse is available if you need further help on 0300 247 0040 opt 2

Thanks for your support.

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget, every Friday morning from 8.20am to lace up those trainers to take part in parent/carer run-a-mile with your child.

Weds 29th Nov – Christmas Bingo (Doors open 6pm for eyes down 6.30pm)

Christmas Dates:

We wanted to give you an early 'heads-up' on some of the Christmas events that will be happening in school this year. More detailed instructions will follow closer to the time.

Mon 4th Dec - Fri 8th Dec - Friends of Westgate's Santa Grotto - 'Elfridges' - details to follow.

Thurs 7th Dec - Elf Run-A-Mile (sponsored event – see above for details)



Thank you!







Weds 13^{th} Dec & Thurs 14^{th} Dec (both AM) - Reception Nativity

Mon 18th Dec - KS2 Christmas Morning of Music (both an AM and PM performance)

Tues 19th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day

Fri 15th Dec - Christmas Run-A-Mile

Wed 20th Dec - Break up at 2pm

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Wonderful Westgater



This week, these children have been our Wonderful Westgaters. Those children will be coming home with their affirmation sheets today.

Stick them on the fridge!

Mrs Livingstone –Harley P Miss Kilifin – Elsie S Mrs Ronayne – Ben S Mrs Ryan – Lara C Mr Tait – Kenzi C Mrs Parkinson – Seth N Mrs Robinson – Alara I Miss Eastwood – Rosella c Mrs Charlton – Angelin R Mrs Stuart – George LB Mrs Penn – Lolia NJ Mrs Payne – Alfie Mc Ms Rogers – Bella B Miss Braund – Julia B Mr Breeze – Michael R Miss Readman – Alfie N Mrs Hay – Emmie H Mrs Doggett – Mia SK Mrs Newton – Ashton D Miss Moore – Mia B Mrs Fielding- Mia S

Kind regards,

Mr Clarke

Acting Deputy Head Teacher



Would you like information on supporting pupils in a classroom?

Interested to know your employment and training options?

Join us for our

Become a Teaching Assistant Information Event

Friday 8 December, drop in between 9.30am until 11.30am

Employer Hub, Lancaster and Morecambe College

Whether you want to become a teaching assistant, work in a nursery as an Early Years Educator, or assist pupils with Educational needs, we can help you achieve the regulated qualifications you need. This event acts as a first step for those who want to work in a support role but don't know where to start.

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