

WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 25th June 2021

Update from Mr Wright

Mr Wright sent a letter yesterday detailing some changes we will be making to the times of the school day from Monday 5th July. We are trialing these revised times for the last few weeks of the year in the view to keep them in place on a permanent basis from September.



Also included in the letter is some revised guidance on school uniform for September. We have been rather relaxed over the last year but are planning on tightening up expectations in the new academic year.

However, we would like to stress that this will be a transition period as many of you will have uniform that can be used by younger siblings. The uniform will be the preferred colour from September as and when you need to replace the trousers / skirts. There is no requirement to change immediately if you have uniform that still fits and is tidy to wear. Please contact the school office if you need further advice.

Masks

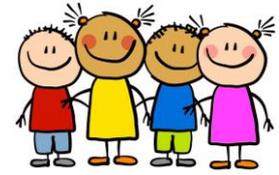
The school has received a complaint from a local resident about face masks being left on the street outside the school. Please can we kindly ask you to ensure you dispose of any face masks appropriately to ensure our school and community remain tidy? Many thanks.

Pressures on Classes due to Staff Absence

We have been really pleased not to have needed to close any bubble groups to date since the Easter Break, and we thank you for your support with this. However, more recently, we have had reduced staff numbers each day due to either Test & Trace instructing them to self-isolate following a close contact testing positive, or having to be off because their own children's schools have had to close bubbles. Under Health and Safety Guidelines, if we get to a point where we cannot adequately supervise children due to low staff numbers we may need close a class for a day or two. We are not there yet, and have so far managed, but there have been some very close shaves. We would not make this decision lightly, but if we did, it would be for the least amount of time and there would not be a requirement for your child to self-isolate in the event of a short-term closure for that reason. We are hopeful that it will not happen, but wanted to let you know why in case we did need to do this.

End of Year Updates

The end of the year is drawing close and there are still so many things to do! Here are a few updates of upcoming events to keep you in the loop.

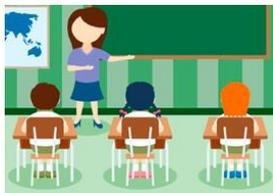


Reports



Teachers have written individual reports for your children and they will be coming home on Friday 2nd July. If you have any questions regarding the reports when they arrive, teacher will be available for telephone conversations the week after. More details of how to arrange these if needed will be in the reports. If you require two copies of the reports, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Classes for Next Year and Transition Days



Within the reports sent next week will also be the details of your child's new class teacher for September. As you can imagine with 21 classes and lots of wonderful staff and children, this is quite a jigsaw to put together!

The children will get an opportunity to spend 2 days with their new class teacher and classroom on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July. More details on this will follow soon.

Please remember, school closes for the summer break on Friday 16th July at 2pm for all.

Mystery Bag Raffle



Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our annual Summer Fair this year. However, Friends of Westgate have organized a new, upcoming event called 'Mystery Bag Raffle' to raise well needed funds for our school.

In this event, you can purchase a raffle ticket (priced at £2 each) which will be put into a grand draw later in the term. Winning tickets will win a bag of goodies that have over £5 worth of prizes in them! Raffle tickets will go on sale via our school Scopay system on Monday 28th June.

We will be holding a 'Summer Holiday' themed non-uniform day on Friday 9th July in exchange of more goodies to put into the bags (tins, toiletries, small toys etc) and the grand draw will take place on Wednesday 14th July.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!



Super Effort certificates

Well done to all our hard-working pupils this week. The following children have been chosen by their class teacher for their great efforts in class;



Mrs Livingstone – Emilia Fishwick
Mrs Ronayne – Edison Cragg Jackson
Mrs Chapman – La’Rosa O’Hara
Mrs Parkinson – Poppy Buchanan
Mrs Westworth – Aaliyah Read
Mr Tait – Chloe Simpson
Ms Rogers – Alice Wiener
Miss Readman – Luca Stark
Miss Eastwood – Mikey Reeve
Mrs Johnson/Mrs Reid – Davey Dryden
Miss Willacy – Riley Gibson

Mrs Robinson – Declan Stanway
Mr Breeze – Ollie Bennett
Mr Walton – Marley Page
Miss Corner – Riley Gelder
Miss Moore – Franek Sygitowicz
Miss Dalton – Carlina Bradahaw & Vio;a
Orczykowska
Mrs Fielding/Mrs Penn – Molly-May
French
Mr Clarke – Jessica Rolnik
Mrs Newton – Charlie Simpson
Miss Braund – Peter de Lacy-Perkins

Kind Regards,

Mrs Henderson (Deputy Head Teacher)