

**Westgate Spring**

**News 2017**

**More Lead stolen from our roof**

Following a further incident last week which saw lead stolen from the school roof, leaving several areas open to the weather, I would like to put it out there that the lead has now been replaced with another waterproofing material. We’ve also taken further action to prevent climbing onto the roof. If you see anyone on the school roof during the evening or holiday times please let the local police know asap.

On-line safety for kids

As you may be aware we recently sent out a warning to parents about an on-line game which was enabling adults to interact with children in a manner which put their safety at risk. Here are a few websites where you can gain information and support in keeping your child safe whilst using the internet:

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Info on safe internet day 2017

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Guide to internet safety and safe surfing for young people, learn about online safety when using blogs, chatting.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

cbbc bring you games and ideas and help to keep you safe on the internet

**Work during the Easter break**

There will be a number of things happening on the school site during the Easter break. First we are having security fencing erected across our Gaisgill perimeter. This part of the perimeter has always been vulnerable to people entering the school site to use it as a short cut etc. The fence will be 2.4 metres high and will provide us with better security which will upgrade our safeguarding in school. There will also be another company in the grounds developing our running track around the school site. This will be our mile-a-day track and four laps will see the mile completed. There will also be a shelter built at the start/finish of the mile track which will be used by the runners/walkers but which will also be used by classes for learning activities in the summer and by the Friends of Westgate during their events ...throughout the year.

**School remains “Good”**

The latest OFSTED inspection of the school judged the school to be good once again. The inspector (HMI) also made the point that it’s harder to be good now than it was when the school was last inspected in 2012. The reasons why we remain good are numerous but there are some vital factors. The first is the children, most of who come to school everyday ready to work hard and learn. The second is our brilliant staff, all of who are dedicated to giving the children the best deal we can. Third are our families who come into school whenever they can and join in with their children’s learning and support their school. As long as we have these three vital things our school will continue to flourish. Congratulations everyone!