

WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL – *United in Life-long Learning*

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www.westgatesch.com

Friday 15th March 2024

Assemblies This Week – Tolerance and Kindness



Ready

Independence

Resilience



Respectful

Kindness

Tolerance



Safe

Responsibility

Trust

Our assemblies this week have discussed the importance of being kind to each other. The children enjoyed a story about friendship and have been asked to look for opportunities to display ‘random acts of kindness’. If you spot your child being kind outside of school and want us to celebrate this, send a picture or description to: t.clarke@westgatesch.com

Easter Events

Our Easter bingo night will take place on Wednesday 20th March 2024 (Doors open 6pm for 'eyes-down' at 6.30pm). It's always a well-attended event where you can enjoy the game, win some prizes and see some nervous Westgate staff calling the numbers! Get your ‘dabbers’ ready!



In the last week of term, we will have our annual Easter Egg Raffle, organized by the Westgate Friends. This will be the children’s opportunity to win some chocolate-y prizes before the Easter break. Raffle tickets will be available to buy from classrooms for 20p each from Monday 18th March.

To help provide the eggs for the raffle, we are asking for children to come in **non-uniform on Friday 22nd March** in exchange for a donation towards the raffle.

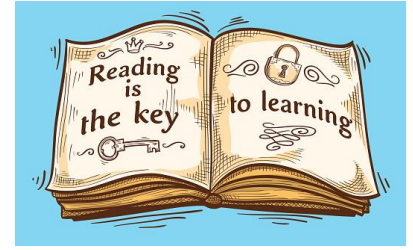
Swimming Gala

Well done to our talented swimmers yesterday evening. They competed against other schools at Salt Ayre and were brilliant representatives for school. Thanks to Mr Breeze for organising the whole event and all the parents and staff who gave up their own time to come and support!



Book Fair

This year we are excited to host a Scholastic Book Fair in school next week (week commencing 18th March). We would love your support with this to not only promote Reading but to raise money to purchase more books for our school.



Due to the size of our school, we would ask that parents / children visit the fair on the following dates after school from 3:15:

Reception - Monday 18th

Year 1 and 2 - Tuesday 19th

Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday 20th

Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 21st

Cash and card payments via QR codes will be taken on the day. Posters are displayed around school for more information. There will also be the opportunity to use your World Book Day Token. Many thanks.

Holiday Club at Westgate

‘Genius Holiday Clubs’ are running a club on our school grounds over the Easter holidays. This is for children eligible for pupil premium free school meals (full eligibility criteria can be found on their website below). If you would be interested in your child attending, see the attached flyer for more information. Just to clarify, this club is not run by the school so any questions should be directed to the provider listed on the flyer or at the website below:

<https://www.geniustuition.co.uk/westgate>

Free School Meals

If you don't currently receive benefit-related Free School Meals and think you may be entitled, please use the link below to apply. If successful you will be entitled to receive the supermarket vouchers during the school holidays, have access to the holiday club for free and help school secure much needed funding.

Please contact the school office if you need help with the application and find out more at the website below:

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Measles Guidance

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. We have attached some flyers for your information with some important guidance.

For further information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Contacting School

Just to confirm, while school are in the process of appointing a new headteacher, the email address head@westgatesch.com is not in active use. If you are looking to contact school, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office on 01524 832747.



Many thanks.

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 – Georgie G
Miss Kilifin – Isabelle B
Mrs Ronayne – Cecil M
Mrs Ryan – Seamus H
Mr Tait – Isla G
Mrs Parkinson – Jan B
Mrs Robinson – Georgia M
Miss Eastwood – Lincoln O
Mrs Charlton – Aliya CR
Miss Taylor – Sophie J
Mrs Penn – Ella Rose R

Mrs Payne – Theo C
Ms Rogers – Matthew P
Miss Skerratt – Jessica C
Mr Breeze – Ernest N
Miss Readman – Alice W
Mrs Hay – James S
Mrs Doggett – Owen F
Mrs Newton – Savannah Mc
Miss Moore – Isaac C
Mrs Fielding- William M

Kind regards,

Mr Clarke

Acting Deputy Head Teacher



Genius HOLIDAY CLUBS

FREE FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS



EASTER



WHEN: WK1: APR 2ND-5TH WK2: 8-11TH, 10AM-2PM

WHERE: WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MORECAMBE, LA4 4XF AGES: 5-11 YEAR OLDS

VISIT: WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/westgate



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MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

immunisation

the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet





Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/