Westgate Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Message from Mrs Crosley:

Another term and many more reasons to celebrate. The pupils have continued to work incredibly hard and it was wonderful to see and hear them sharing all of their learning during the class assembly performances. Their commitment to learning and growth has been truly inspiring: we are so incredibly proud of them.

From all the staff and I at Westgate, we wish you a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

After School Clubs

The following school clubs begin next term:

Mondays – Years 3 - 6 – Badminton Club
Monday – Years 1 – 6 – ***NEW*** Eco Warriors Club
Monday (Lunchtime) - Year 3-6 - Choir Club
Tuesdays – Years 4, 5 and 6 – Netball Club
Tuesdays – Years 1, 2 and 3 – ***NEW*** Multi Skills Club
Tuesday – Years 4, 5 and 6 – Dance Club
Wednesday – Years 4, 5 and 6 – Football Club
Wednesday and Thursday – Years 1 - 6 – Cooking Club
Wednesday - Years 1 – 6 – Chess Club
Thursday - Years 1 and 2 – Band of Buddies
Friday – Years 1 – 6 – Wave Gymnastics Club

All clubs can be booked via Arbor. Please remember to collect your child at 4:15pm from the School Office. Due to the darker evenings, **all children** must be collected from their club. **Children will not be allowed to walk home alone.**

What has been happening this term?

Children's Mental Health Week

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. At Westgate, we encourage all pupils to identify their emotions and talk about they are feeling. Follow the link below to find out how you can support this as a family: Families - Children's Mental Health Week (childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

You may want to complete the following art activity over the half term break. Remember to share this with us on your class Teams page if you do.

Art Activity: Know Yourself Grow Yourself | Children's Mental Health Week

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 3-9 FEB 2025

Parents Evenings – Spring 2

Parent/Carer evenings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th March - 3.30pm —5.30pm

Wednesday 5th March - 4.00pm—6.30pm

These appointments will be based in school and will be face to face with your child's class teacher. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please book via the Arbor app as soon as possible or speak to your child's class teacher.

Diary Dates Term 4

Y5 Trip to Tower of London – Monday 10th March

World Book Day Events:

- Visit your child's class to share a story on Thursday 6th March @2:45pm
- Book Character Dress Up Day – Friday 7th March

Scholastic Book Fair – Thursday 20th March to Thursday 27th March

Y4 Trip to Kent Life – Monday 24th March

Last day of Spring Term – Thursday 3rd April

INSET Day – **School Closed** – Friday 4th April

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March *this year.* ***Parents and carers are invited to share a story in classrooms at 2:45pm on Thursday 6th March.***

WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025

We will be celebrating with a week of book related activities (a letter will be shared after half term) and will finish the week with a book character dress up day on ***Friday 7th March.***

What has been happening this term?

Throughout Spring Term 1, our topic focus has been Science and the children have enjoyed deepening their scientific knowledge and developing their enquiry skills. They have shown great enthusiasm whilst conducting science investigations. Some classes have even been on trips linked to their learning. Next half term, our focus is History; we cannot wait for them to venture into the past as they become historians!

Year 5 Trip to The Royal Observatory

Year 5 visited the Royal Observatory and watched an exciting show in the Planetarium, where they found out about our fascinating universe linking this to their science topic of Space. Then they explored the Royal Observatory and found out more about Greenwich Mean time and its history. A fantastic time was shared by them all!

Class Assemblies

Across the last few weeks, the children have loved welcoming many parents and into school for their class assemblies. Each class shared snippets of their fabulous work including reading stories aloud, performing using instruments, demonstrating new PE skills and some even questioned their audiences to check they were listening! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support each class.

Chinese New Year - Reception

Reception Class have been reading The Magic Paintbrush and this has inspired them to learn about Chinese New Year. They tried some traditional foods, listened to Chinese music and practised writing names of the animals in the Chinese calendar.

Spring 1 Attendance

YR - 95.17%

Y1 – 93.79%

Y2 – 92.99%

Y3 – 95.75%

Y4 – 92.68%

Y5 – 93.45%

Y6 – 96.16%

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 6 for achieving the best attendance across Spring Term 1.

Remember we aim for 97% attendance or above.

Remember to follow the NHS guidelines for advice if your child is unwell and please be reassured that our staff will look after your child and will contact you if they are unwell in school.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

iRock School of Music

At Westgate, we have four fantastic bands who take part in weekly lessons with their iRock band coach, Liam. Next term, they are performing on **Thursday 3rd April at 10am.**

We hope you can make it.

Do you want your child to join?

Find out more by visiting:

Parents Info | iRock Rock and Pop Band Lessons

The value for March is INDEPENDENCE.

Think about the following questions and discuss them at home.

What does independence mean? How do you show independence? When may you need to be independent?

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break. 😊

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 24th February.**