

# Westgate News

The Newsletter for Westgate Primary School



## Read, Write Inc Update

We had a visit from our trainer, Karen Morris, yesterday to look at our implementation of the programme and how well the children are progressing. We were so pleased that Karen was delighted, both with the teaching and the progress. She emailed last night saying '...You have all worked really hard to implement Read, Write Inc successfully, I was very impressed.'

Yesterday's Parents meeting with Karen was poorly attended but it went well and parents who came found the information very useful. The next opportunity for parents to find out about their child's reading and writing progress will be on Parents Evening, which will be held on Wednesday, 28th November. Letters will come home about this soon.

## Remembrance Assembly, 11th November.

Next Friday's assembly will have a small contribution from each class and it will be lead by Reverend Hearn from St Pauls church. Over the week we will be looking at the significance of Remembrance Day and what it means for many families throughout our country. Please come along and join us at 9.10am.

Poppies are now on sale in school.

## Year 2 Parents please note:

As part of their RE topic on Shining Lights, Year 2 will be making tea light holders. Please could parents send in one small glass jar, with the label removed, by 18th November so that the children can decorate them using glass paints. We will make sure that the jars are carefully wrapped to bring home later in the term.

## Walk to School Challenge Winner

The winners of our challenge this term were.....

\*\*\*\*\* YEAR 1 \*\*\*\*\*

with an amazing 17/22 children walking to school.

Well done Year 1!

## My School Holidays

By Poppy Rowley (Year 2)

On Tuesday and Wednesday I went to Drama Club. We did Street Dance, acting, singing from the Lion King and Crafts. Charlotte ran the camp and it was fabulous fun and great, I would like to go again at Christmas. We dressed up for Halloween and were split into two groups and we did a play to each other. At the end of the day we did apple bobbing.

## Get fit at Westgate!

### Yoga Classes

Scaravelli inspired Yoga Classes  
At Westgate Primary School

**Increase energy levels, improve flexibility, deepen concentration, relax.....**

6 classes £36

Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm

Parking available

Contact: Kathy Siddle on 07812 638725

Or email [katand@talktalk.net](mailto:katand@talktalk.net)

### Zumba Fitness

At Westgate Primary School

Mondays 6.15pm - 7.15pm

For more information contact:

Charlotte Cross (Lotty) on 07733 041595

Or visit [www.watermelondance.com](http://www.watermelondance.com)

## DIARY DATES (new events in **BOLD**):

### Next week:

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov **9.10am: Remembrance Assembly**

### Planning ahead:

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov **5-9pm: Warwick Town Victorian Evening**

Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: **Parents Evening**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: **Last Day of Term**

## ★★★ Learning for Ourselves - Learners from This Week ★★★

Reception	Sian	Settling in well, excellent learning in phonics and being a lovely friend to everyone, amazing!
Year 1	Olivia	Working very hard at her number bonds to achieve her targets, brilliant!
Year 2	Morgan	Fantastic work on symmetry, Mrs Magnall was very impressed!
Year 3/4	Katience	Being a "Perfect Partner" in phonics and using her learning to spell correctly, fantastic!
Year 5/6	Daisy	Being confident to work independently in maths and doing so well, well done!

**Congratulations:** Oliver and Katience who received lunchtime awards from midday supervisors

**Understanding Others Awards:** None this week

**Happy Birthday:** Georgia - 11 years old today!! Eliza - 11 years old on Wednesday.

**All parents are welcome to join us on Friday mornings for tea and coffee at Learners Assembly from 9am.**



# Friends of Westgate

## Autumn Newsletter



**First of all**, a big welcome to our inaugural newsletter to all parents and carers of Westgate children. We will send these newsletters out from time to time to keep you up to date with news of any events we are planning. We hope that you will join in as many events as possible and we'd be especially pleased if you decide to join us. Taking part in Friends' activities can take up as little (or as much!) time as you choose, so why not come along to our next meeting?

### **Friday Assembly Refreshments**

A big thank you to Doris & Ian Amis for providing the drinks and cakes just before each Friday assembly. Parents' attendance has increased markedly recently, and much of that we'll put down to the refreshments! Thanks also to Tess for helping out.

### **Westgate Pre-School Pampering Evening.**



The pre-school's pampering evening is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 7 to 9pm.

There will be a host of ways for ladies to treat themselves, so ask Karen for further details.

### **Victorian Evening, Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

This annual event is drawing closer and Westgate will have a stand, as usual. We will be offering a tombola of filled sweet jars. Please donate as many empty jars as possible. **But** please only donate clean jars with the labels removed. To ensure the sweets are not tainted, please do not send in any jars that contained strong-smelling foods. We are also looking for sweet donations, so please send in **whatever you can spare**.

### **Sweet Jar Decoration Competition.**

To really make our Victorian Evening stall look as great as we can, we'd love to put some decorated jars at the front of our stall. We're asking you to work with your children to go to town on decorating your jars. There will be prizes for the best decorated jars.

**Christmas Fayre.** The fayre will be held on the **9<sup>th</sup> December from 3 to 5pm.** We look forward to seeing parents, carers and friends there. Look in the school newsletter for details as the day draws closer.

**Non-Uniform Day.** On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December,** children will be invited to come to school in their everyday clothes. There is a price to pay, of course! If your child does not wear uniform that day, we ask you to send in a bottle, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, that will be used on the Christmas Fayre tombola.

**100 Club.** This fund-raising activity is where you buy a number – from 1 to 100 – and pay £10 for that number. A monthly prize draw then takes place and the number drawn is the winner & the holder receives a cash prize. We're going to set this up to start in January 2012, so please look out for further details nearer the time. We hope we can count on your support.

**Bingo Night.** Another event we're hoping to hold is a bingo night early next year. Everyone's welcome and we'll announce details in a future newsletter.

**Join us!** Just to repeat the message, please do consider joining in Friends of Westgate activities and events. If meetings aren't your thing, don't worry; just put your name down to help out at one of our events. Even half an hour of your time at the Victorian Evening would be really helpful. Let Karen know if you can spare some time.



**Every activity or event** we organise is aimed at raising money to help out the school. Last year, for example, Friends donated three visualisers to the school. These bits of kit significantly enhanced the way teachers and children present their work to their classes. **We'd love to do more** things like this, so do please join in and help out!

**Friends of Westgate**