

# Westgate News

The Newsletter for Westgate Primary School



## People who help us!

Last week our Reception children had a brilliant time meeting 'People who Help Us,' here in school. They met the Police, including the Police Dog Unit, the Ambulance Service and the Fire Brigade. Lots of good learning took place as well as a good deal of fun.



*Those sirens are really loud!*



*Can I be a fireman please?*



*This is fun!*

## Year 2 visited St Paul's Church and The Gurdwara

A Report by Jordan, Mollie and Ben H.

At St Pauls' Church we looked at the impressive things. The stain glass windows were beautiful and each pane of glass told us the story of Jesus. The Lectern which holds the bible was made of gold and was in a shape of an eagle.

The Gurdwara was very tall and had four floors and lots of stairs. Before we entered we had to cover our heads. We also had to wash our hands with soap and water. There was a special room to leave our shoes in. Boys and girls had separate rooms. The carpets had beautiful patterns on. We watch some people praying and reading from the special scriptures called the Guru Granth Sahib.

Thank you so much to Mrs Price, Mrs Leef, Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Moore, Mrs Panda, Mr Kynaston and Mr Harvey for accompanying us on our trips - we would not have been able to go without your help.

## Football Tournament

On Monday some of our KS2 footballers took part in a 7-a-side tournament at Bishops Itchington School. Our team played a number of short matches against teams made up of mostly Year 6 children. The children all made a fantastic effort, working really hard as a team and their football improved visibly over the course of the afternoon. These were their first games of the season, against much more experienced (and larger!) teams, and they showed great perseverance! Well done team - you are a credit to the school!

The team: Connor, Jessica B, Jai, Lewis, Jamal, Blessings, Oliver, Danny

## School Library Books

Children had the opportunity to borrow library books from the school this week to read at home. Children have been given a named plastic wallet to keep the books in and to carry them to and from school. This should help identify the books and to keep them safe and in good condition. Please do enjoy these books with your children at home!

## Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to all our families who donated goods for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. We are really grateful for the generous amount of items we received. We had a lovely assembly with Jonathan Hearn from St Pauls church, following which all the food and goods were collected by the Salvation Army for distribution and use by homeless people in our area. Brilliant!

**School is CLOSED tomorrow for a Teacher Training Day.  
We return on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October after half term!**

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

Next week is **HALF TERM**:

**When we return:**

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: 2.30pm: Read Write Inc Parents Meeting**

**Planning ahead:**

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

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

### Walk to School Week

This week was walk to school week and we asked all of you to support this by walking or cycling to school as much as possible. The children have been keeping a tally all week to find out which class has walked/cycled the most. We will let you know the winner in the newsletter after half term.

### Road Safety update

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Yasmin and Lewis, have changed their school notice board. Watch out for competitions and interesting facts about using crossings to cross the road.

### Helping your child with Literacy

A **FREE** 6 week course

run by Adult and Community Learning.

### Support your child's literacy learning in KS1 and KS2.

The course explains what your child learns at school, gives you ideas to help them with their homework, and suggests ideas for fun literacy activities to do at home!

At: **Aylseford School**, Shelley Avenue, Warwick

On: **1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov and 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Time: **Tuesday 7-8.30pm**

Book your place by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October:

Contact Sharon Hall on 07879 055902

Or email [s.hall@aylesford-elearning.net](mailto:s.hall@aylesford-elearning.net)

### Friends of Westgate

#### Victorian Evening

Over half term please don't forget to collect jars and sweets to donate for our sweet tombola at the town's Victorian Evening next month.

### Read Write Inc

#### Parents Information Meeting

**Karen Morris**, our RWI trainer, will be in school on 2nd November. As part of her work that day she will hold a Parents' Meeting at which she will explain the materials, the learning process and answer any questions. **The meeting will take place at 2.30pm in the hall**, please do come along and find out more. Everyone welcome!

### It's Your Newsletter

In the newsletter we try to report on things that are happening in school that we believe are of interest to our children, parents and carers. This covers a range of information, from things that happen in assembly, reports on what children are doing in class or at clubs to reporting on sporting matches or giving details of upcoming events.

Contributions for the newsletter are welcomed, so if you have something you would like to submit the newsletter, please do leave it at the school office or speak to Mrs Daniels. This could be anything from a sports report of a school match or details of a community event that might interest our parents.

Pupils are also welcome to submit an item if they have done something interesting in class, at a club, or in assembly. Simply hand your contribution in at the school office and we will do our best to include it!

Deadline for submission each week is **3pm on Thursday!**

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

Year 1	Noah	Learning to measure
Year 2	Cameron R	Excelling in mental maths
Year 3/4	Joseph	Creating a fabulous piece of Art
Year 5/6	Brooke	Persevering in maths and making great progress with division
<b>Congratulations:</b> Will in Reception for being a great lunchtime helper		
<b>Understanding Others Awards:</b> None this week		
<b>Happy Birthday:</b> Skye, Joby, Jordan, Ben H, Emily R, Frankie,		
<b>All parents are welcome to join us on Friday mornings for Learners Assembly from 9am.</b>		