

WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed some family time in the sun last week, and that this spell of good weather continues, allowing opportunities for the children to get outside for learning and play.



Farm Visit/Zoolab

It has been such a pleasure to see, and hear, the children learning about, and engaging with, animal visits this week, from Nursery up to Y6. Thank you for your support of these valuable experiences.

PD Days 2021-22

A reminder that we have a **PD Day on Friday 9th July** in preparation for the children moving classes on Monday 12th July.

We have set 4 of our 5 PD Days for 2021-22: **Wednesday 1st September 2021; Monday 1st November 2021; Friday 27th May 2022; Friday 15th July 2022**. The final PD Day for next year will be confirmed in due course and will most likely take place in spring term 2022.



School Times

If the next lockdown review of social distancing allows, we will remove our different start and finish times for the **transition week beginning Monday 12th July** so that families are familiar with revised arrangements for September. We are aiming to revert to an **8.55am to 3.00pm** school day in September, but with doors opening from 8.45am to allow for a 10 minute staggered start to the school day. Confirmation of all arrangements will follow after the lockdown review.

From September, our Nursery hours will also change to:

Morning session - 8.45am to 11.45am with a staggered 15 minute start and finish time (8.45am to 9.00am and 11.30am to 11.45am)

Afternoon session - 12.30pm to 3.30pm with a staggered 15 minute start and finish time (12.30pm to 12.45pm and 3.15pm to 3.30pm)

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Recovery Curriculum

As part of our recovery curriculum, we have organised for specialist teaching of French and chess across the whole of KS2 next year. Mr Duncan is also in the process of organising some specialist PE and outdoor education teaching across school. We have been implementing a successful model in Y6 on a Friday whereby the children engage in a carousel of bespoke and specialist lessons supporting their concentration, independence and teamwork skills (French, chess and outdoor education) whilst allowing the class teachers to work with individuals and smaller groups on key academic recovery learning. We will, therefore, be rolling this model out further across school next year.

Marske United Under 12's

Marske United is planning to expand its junior section in season 2021/2022 by forming an under 12's team. This team is aimed at Y6 children moving to secondary school this summer. Players therefore need to be under 12 years old on 31st August 2021.

The club needs to establish that there is sufficient interest from children and, importantly, from adults prepared to coach and administer the team affairs. The club will organise for the coach to complete the introduction to coaching course as well as administer all necessary DBS checks.

The team will play in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance league using the school pitch at St Peter's Primary School, Brotton. If there is sufficient interest the club will organise selection and coaching events over the summer holidays.

Can players and adults wishing to be considered please reply to msrpfootball@outlook.com by 17th June, and the club will then let individuals know the next steps.



Buildings and Grounds Improvements

Over the summer break, we have organised for some external decoration and internal decoration of the corridors in the KS2 building to give it a much needed mini facelift!

We were delighted to have received £5000 from a funding bid to the Bow Street Centre, Guisborough, which has allowed us to develop an outdoor learning area for the KS1 children on the KS1 playground to support their recovery curriculum. Again, this will be developed over the summer break. Much to look forward to!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher