

# WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

Dear Families,

## **Dress Up Days**

Apologies if some parents and carers misread a ParentMail from the KS1 team about a Halloween dressing up day yesterday. The day was only planned for KS1 children but you may have thought this was applicable to other year groups if you received the letter for your KS1 child and they have siblings elsewhere in school. Key stages do sometimes have separate events, which may include dressing up, linked to their curriculum: for example, we have previously had shiny days or pirate days in different parts of school. Sorry for any mix up.

## **Photo Canvases**

We are currently having some larger scale canvases printed of our children enjoying activities across the curriculum to display around school. They will only be seen within the school environment and children are not named, so they comply with our general photo permissions. We hope the children enjoy spotting themselves or their friends around school in coming weeks and months.

## **Information Sharing**

For your information, we use an excellent information sharing tool called CPOMS in school. The tool was initially developed to record safeguarding concerns and information, but has been developed to store and share a wealth of other information, including the children's reports; referrals to, and reports from external agencies; collection arrangements; medical needs, etc. Information is tagged to the relevant member(s) of staff, allowing us to pass on and share key and confidential information with relevant staff in school.

## **KS1 Entrance**

At present, we are continuing to use the back entrance door for KS1 children entering school on a morning. Please do be careful in and around the car park near this entrance, especially if you have toddlers in tow.



## **Swimming**

Mr Duncan has organised for school swimming sessions to recommence in the spring term for children from years 2 to 5. We usually target swimming in years 1 to 4, but felt that it was important for year 5 children, who missed planned sessions due to lockdown, to have a catch up opportunity this year. More details will follow nearer the time.

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## How kind!

Huge thanks to Isla in Y5, who has very kindly donated a £20 note to school that she had found on the pavement, with no identifiable owner around. Isla has researched what she would like the funds to be spent on, and has decided on a snake plant for her classroom due to its help in filtering indoor air - it is one of the few plants that can convert carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into oxygen at night. What a wonderful act of kindness from a super scientist!

## Staffing Update

Many thanks to Miss Goldby who leaves us this week after supporting children as a teaching assistant in both Nursery and KS1. We wish you all the best for the future and look forward to hearing news of your growing family in coming weeks!

## PD Day

School will be closed to the children on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** after the half term break, when teaching staff will be reviewing our Geography and Design and Technology curricula.



## Autumn Clock Change

A reminder that clocks go back one hour at 2am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. An extra hour to carve those pumpkins!

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead  
Headteacher