

# Westgate Academy Events

## Dates for your diary....

### Term dates

#### End of Term 4

Friday 5th April 2019

#### Start of Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

#### End of Term 5

Friday 24th May 2019

#### Comic Relief

Friday 15th March 2019

#### Westgate Book Day

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

More dates will follow .....



The Y3 children visited the mosque in Lincoln

Prime Virtual Reality in Y6



New classrooms taking shape



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# WESTGATE NEWS

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## Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term everyone!

Across every year group all of the staff have been impressed with the positive attitudes children have shown towards their learning and already the quality of their outcomes this week has been brilliant.

The topic themes this term continue and are all based around 'The Place'. The children seem so enthused about learning the geography behind either: Great Britain, Europe, South Americas and Our World

### E-Safety concerns

We wanted to make you aware of an app that is giving us cause for concern and feel that you need to be aware of the implications it may have on your child when they are using the internet.

There is a video that pops up on YouTube after Minecraft videos inviting viewers to complete various challenges. It also informs them not to tell anyone or 'Momo' will get them.

### How it works:

Children are introduced to the 'Momo Challenge' via a video played on YouTube or Kids YouTube. They are told to, "keep it a secret," and not to tell parents or teachers about it, then to download the app.

It is targeting children and can then steal their contact data and add them to WhatsApp. It also challenges them to do things like self-harm or hurt their friends, naming their friends too. Slowly it gets worse until 'Momo' describes how he will get you.

As the parent, we fully understand that the activities your children take part in after school are your decision. However, one of our main aims is to ensure that pupils are safe in school, and to equip them with the skills to keep themselves safe outside of school.

We would appreciate it if you could reinforce the dangers of social media and certain apps, as this can pose a real safety risk to children and we all need to work together to ensure children remain safe online.

If you do have any questions, please do come and speak to our staff, and I hope the term has started well for everyone.

Kind regards,  
Richard Stock



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# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Starting school

Please be reminded that the official start time is 8.55am. We have a number of children who regularly appear at 9.00am or later. The gate will close just before 9.00am.

We will reinforce the importance of coming to school on time, but please also take a moment to explain this to your children if necessary.

## World Book Day

This term, we **will not** be holding an event to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We will still have an assembly and we will give out the annual £1 book tokens as usual - but there will be no need to dress up.

Instead, we will have a Westgate Book Day on Tuesday 2nd April as we are very excited to have the author Tom Palmer coming into school that afternoon. He will spend some time working with a group of children and then, meet all the children in an assembly. More information will be shared with you about this later this term, but if you want to find out more about him or even read some of his books before he arrives, then visit this web-site: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/>

## Comic Relief

This will take place in school on Friday 15th March and as always we really do hope to raise as much money as we can.

Please watch out for more information on this nearer the time.

## Parents' Evening for Y3/4/5

Tuesday 26th March: 4.00pm–6.00pm  
Wednesday 27th March: 5.00pm–7.30pm

## PE Kits!

Please can you speak to your child about the importance of ensuring their PE kit is in school in order to take part in sport in school.

We have too many children not bringing their own kit in. If this is a problem, then please let us know as we have spares in school for each classroom.

Sport promotion is essential to help ensure that children remain active and healthy.

## Appointments

We are experiencing a high number of pupils leaving early for medical appointments and not returning to school.

Parents will be asked to provide evidence of their child's appointment.

Reminder, where possible please can all doctors, dentist and optician appointments be made after school hours.

## Hot school lunches deadline

Just a reminder that the cut off date for ordering meals for the following week is **Thursday at 10am.**

Please ensure you check the Good Lookin Cookin website for regular updates as well: [www.goodlookincookin.co.uk](http://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk)

## New classrooms

Just to give you an update on the progress of our two new classrooms.

As you can probably see, they have now really taken shape and we hope that the windows and doors will be completed over the next two weeks. Things are moving quickly and on schedule so we hope that the children will finally move into them in May at some point.

Once again, thank you for all of your support during this exciting school development phase.

## Important

The school gate will open at 8.45am so there should be no need for children to be at school before this time.

We have some children who arrive before 8.30am and are therefore unsupervised until the gate is open.

## Road Safety

Last term, the children have been made aware once again of the importance of knowing about road safety.

The message they received was STOP, THINK, ACT.

We have had several reports from members of the public recently reporting near miss situations on the roads nearby when children have crossed in a dangerous place/manner and are keen to

prevent a serious incident from happening.

Please can you continue to promote this message at home and when coming to and leaving school. We appreciate that outside school is busy specifically at the end of the school day but children need to ensure that they follow the basic road safety message for their own safety.



## Home Learning

We have had some wonderful home learning projects coming into school already and towards the end of this term we will be having some Celebration Events for each year group to share these, as well as share the successes of the topic theme 'The Place'. Watch out for the dates.

## Health

*Please be reminded that children should bring a water bottle to school to ensure that they are hydrated throughout the day.*

*Healthy snacks can also be eaten at playtime so please remind your children to bring them into school. This extra energy boost will help them through the morning with their learning and may improve their concentration.*

## Welfare

*Our Family Support Worker, Vicky Bell can be contacted for advice or an informal chat if you have any concerns about welfare and well-being.*

*In the first instance, please make an appointment request via the school office and Miss Bell will call you as soon as she can. She works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.*

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