

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the last 2 weeks of term. Here is a summary of the key information for what is planned:

**Year 5/6 Production of The Magic Flute – Wed 8<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm**

We look forward to welcoming you to our UKS2 Production of Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'. The performances will start at 2.15pm promptly and are expected to last around 40 minutes.

If you ordered tickets, you should have received an email confirmation to confirm. Please contact the School Office if you have not yet received the confirmation. We ask that you come via School Office so that you can be checked off a list before going to the hall.

Our wonderful PTA team will be selling refreshments from 1.45pm. Please bring small change where possible.

**Art Day – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

We are looking forward to an Art Day in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The children will start the day with an exercise in their sketchbooks - 'How do you feel about Art?' and then they will part in a range of art related activities. A big thank you to Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Heuer for organising this.

**Year 6 Laser Quest /BBQ – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

On Friday, our Year 6 will head to Laser Quest for their annual 'End of Year 6' celebration. Unfortunately, due to the heat, we have had to make some amendments this year to ensure the safety and comfort of our students.

Please refer to the email sent out yesterday. We will ensure that there are plenty of hydration breaks and that the shaded routes are taken. Please be assured that there will be First Aiders on the trip, who will monitor the children closely. We will contact you if we have any concerns.

The children will be back in time for lunch and the afternoon activities will be carefully planned so that the children stay cool and hydrated. There will be a BBQ and a visit from the ice cream van.

We ask that all children are collected promptly at 7pm.



## **Young Carers/Service Children's Picnic – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

We have a large number of Young Carers and Service Children at Westgate. Each half term, they get together and spend an afternoon together, taking part in a fun activity.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, they will enjoy an end of year celebratory picnic. This will be led by Miss Clifton and Mrs Spencer and will take place in the shade on the school field.

## **Year 6 Transition Days**

Some of our Year 6 children will have their transition days at High School in the final week:

- King Edward's / County High = Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- St Benedict's = Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

On those days, the children head straight to their High School. You should have received all the necessary information from whichever school they will be attending. Please contact their High School for more information if needed.

We look forward to making their last week at Westgate enjoyable and memorable.

## **Westgate Transition Afternoon – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Children will meet their new teacher and spend time with their new class on our transition afternoon. This will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The children will spend the afternoon in their new classroom with their new teacher.

At the end of the day, there will be an Open Classroom Session where you will be able to visit the new classroom and meet your child/ren's new teacher.

## **KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) = Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (2pm)**

We are looking forward to our final Sports Day of the year!

- Enter school via the Car Park or Spread-Eagle gates
- Gates open from 1.45pm – please head to the field upon your arrival
- Sports Day starts at approximately 2pm
- Sports Day is expected to last around 1¼ hours
- Children will return to their classrooms at the end of Sports Day
- Children will be collected from their classrooms as normal at the end of the day

*Please note that the date for this is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – apologies for the error in the newsletter.*

## **Circus Skills Day – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Following the success of our recent African Dancing Workshops, we are excited to be able to tell you that we will be having 2 Circus Skills Workshops next week.

The day includes a whole school assembly, where lots of different circus skills will be showcased. Over the next 2 days, each class will have a workshop where they will have a chance to have a go too. They will have great fun having a try at plate spinning, diablo, juggling ... and more! Please see below which day your child/ren will be taking part.

Children are asked to come to school in their PE kits. **We are asking for donations of £1 per child towards the workshop. Please send this in on the day.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** = Years 3, 4, 5 and the Y6s not on transition

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** = Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 ( those who were at King Edwards and County High the previous day)

## **Brightbites Visit – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will be visited by Brightbites. This is a programme within the Dentaaid Charity and is a fun and engaging oral health education programme for children. The Brightbites Team will spend time with each class, talking to the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth and how to look after their teeth. The sessions last year were very informative - even some of the adults learnt something new! At the end of the day, each child will be given a free toothbrush and some toothpaste.

If you would like more information, visit: <https://www.dentaaid.org/brightbites/>

## **Last day of term - Toy Day**

Children are invited to bring a toy or game into school to play/share on the last day. Please do not send anything electrical – no tablets, phones or consoles. Please send toys/games in a named bag. Do not send in anything of value as we cannot guarantee that it will not get lost or broken.

## **Leavers' Assembly - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will be bidding a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6s. Parents and other family members are invited to join us at 2.30pm to celebrate their time at Westgate.

We ask that all children come to school in black for the Leavers' Assembly. It is likely the assembly will last about 30 to 40 minutes. At the end of the assembly, you are invited to join your child on the field for any photos and final goodbyes.

It is a tradition to sign each other's shirt so we ask that from this week, the children bring in a spare T-shirt or top to be signed.

### **Other End of Year Bits**

School reports will be sent out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If there is anything in the report you would like to discuss, please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment. We would also be grateful if you could complete and sign the Parent Comment Form.

The children will be bringing some of their books home to share with you. Please send your child in with a named plastic bag to make it easier for them to carry them.

### **And finally,**

There is lots of information here – and if you have got all the way through in one go, well done! If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact the School Office.

And last but by no means least, a huge thank you to our wonderful Office Team. I am sure you agree that the Office Team do a great job in the School Office. That said, in the run up to the end of the school year, there is so much more for them to do and they all deserve some additional praise.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kidd

Headteacher