



# West Park Academy

**Date: May 2017**

**Summer Term 1**

**Race For Life:** The final total raised for our Race for Life:

Just Giving Page £1473.00

Gift Aid: £ 324.50

Cash: £ 40.00

**Grand Total: £1837.50** A fantastic total thank you all for your overwhelming generosity.



**Tree Planting:** West Park Academy was visited by the Tree Appeal team and Kathy Amey of Kent Services to help the pupils and staff plant trees in the school grounds. The trees were all native British species such as Hawthorn, Oak, Beech, Rowan, Downy Birch and Crab Apple, all grown in England from collected seed. The children gained hands-on experience of how trees are planted and learnt how important trees are to the world in which we live. The new saplings will provide a perfect habitat for wildlife, promoting biodiversity and preserving the natural environment.



Please see the link below to view the video and photos of tree planting day:

[http://www.treeappeal.com/planting\\_days/West\\_Park/West\\_Park\\_Academy.html](http://www.treeappeal.com/planting_days/West_Park/West_Park_Academy.html)

**Cycle Training Day:** On Tuesday 23rd May 2017, Kevin Kilcullen from Wheel Education Ltd, came in to visit the children and talk about the equipment and clothing needed to keep safe when cycling and scootering.

The children took part in workshops which highlighted the importance of wearing a helmet. They discussed which clothing to wear and ways to make sure their bikes are safe to use. Year 5 and 6 children had a debate on reasons for and against using a helmet.

Go to [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk) latest news to view the video and full story.



**Forthcoming Events:**

Fri 26th May	3.30pm	School closes - Half Term
Mon 5th June	ALL DAY	School closed - Training Day
Tues 6th June	8.45 AM	School Re-opens
Thurs 8th June	8.00 AM	Yr 6 Trip to London
Fri 9th June	10.00 PM Approx	Yr 6 Trip to London Return
Thurs 15th June	3.45 PM	New Reception Starter Meeting - School Hall
Fri 16th June	8.45 AM - 11.45 AM	Nursery AM/R1 & R2 - Bring Your Dad to School Day
Fri 16th June	12.30 PM - 1.30 PM	Nursery PM - Bring Your Dad to School Day
Fri 16th June	1.30 PM - 3.30 PM	Reception 1 & 2 - Bring Your Dad to School Day
Wed 28th June	ALL DAY	Yr6 Hummersknott Transition Day
Thurs 29th June & Fri 30th June	ALL DAY	Yr6 Wyvern/Hummersknott/ Carmel & Polam Transition Days
Thurs 29th June & Fri 30th June	ALL DAY	Yr6 West Park Academy In School Transition Days
Mon 3rd July	9.00 AM - 4.30 PM	Yr 6 Lightwater Valley Visit— return approx 4.30 PM
Mon 3rd July	10.00 AM	Nursery AM & R1 Sports Day
Mon 3rd July	2.00 PM	Nursery PM & R2 Sports Day
Wed 5th July	9.30 AM - 3.00PM	Yr 5 Sports Day at <b>Wyvern Academy</b>
Wed 5th July	8.45 AM- 3.30 PM	Nursery AM Educational Visit to Hardwick Park ( <b>NO PM</b> Nursery)
Wed 5th July	2.15 PM	Yr1 & 2 (C1,2,3 & 4) Sports Day
Thurs 6th July	8.45 AM - 3.30 PM	Nursery PM Education Visit to Hardwick Park ( <b>NO AM</b> Nursery)
Fri 7th July	2.15 PM	Yr3 & 4 (C5,6,7 & 8) Sports Day

Wed 12th July	2.00 PM	Yr4 Performance - info to follow
Thurs 13th July	2.15 PM	Yr 5/6 (C9,10,11&12) Sports Day
Tues 18th July	10.00 AM	Nursery AM Graduation
Tues 18th July	2.00 PM	Nursery PM Graduation
Wed 19th July	ALL DAY	Parents Consultation Open Day
Fri 21st July	2.30 PM	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 21st July	3.30 PM	School closes—Summer Holidays
Mon 4th Sept	8.45 AM	School Re-opens

**Keeping Up To Date:** There are lots of ways of finding out what is going on at West Park Academy. All the information you need is on our website but we also share news and events through our App and now on Social Media. Check out the posters around school to download the App or read the instructions on our website.



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**Toddler Group:** There is a Toddler Group held in the school Hub every Tuesday morning 9:00am until 10.45am term time only. Lots of lovely toys to play with. Refreshments available. Craft activities most weeks. £1 contribution.

**Wyvern Academy PTA:** Bingo Night at Wyvern Academy in the Main Hall, the first Tuesday of every month starting Tuesday 6th June 2017. Doors open at 6:30pm ready for 7:00pm start. £6.00 for 12 games, cash prizes for line and full house. Refreshments available and raffle during interval.



**Dogs:** Please be aware that West Park Academy have children in school that are frightened of dogs. If you bring your dog to school can you ensure that they are tied up at a distance from the school entrance. Dogs are **not** allowed on the school premises.



**Sun Safety:** As we are now in the Summer term and the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream with them in school.

**Bikes and Scooters:** Could children and parents please dismount from bicycles and scooters at the entrance gates to school. For health and safety reasons bicycles and scooters are not permitted on the playground. Could you also ensure that you stay on the paved areas and not use the grass.



**PE Kits:** Please ensure your child has their **indoor** PE Kit/shoes and **outdoor** PE Kit/shoes in school each Monday for the whole week. PE days can change, therefore your child should always have a PE kit in school.



**Lost Property:** Please clearly label all your child's clothes. All items lost in school will be put in the RED boxes situated outside the Main Entrance. Please check and retrieve your lost items before the boxes start to overflow. Items will be disposed of the first week back after half term.

**Information:** Please note the school day is 8.45am - 3.30pm. If you require your child to leave at any point during the school day evidence must be provided with a reason.

Also if a message is required to be passed onto your child please contact the school office by 3:00pm at the latest.

**Nursery Admissions:** If your child was born between 1st September 2013 - 31st August 2014 and you would like your child to attend West Park Academy Nursery in September 2017, then please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

**Thank you:** We would like to thank David France of David France Stonemasonry Ltd, a specialist stone restoration and stonemasonry contractor based in Darlington. He came at very short notice to deal with some unsightly graffiti on the stonework at the school gates.

**School opens for Summer 2 Term on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 8.45am. Have a lovely half term.**