



West Park Academy

Date: March 2018

Spring Term 3

Charity Run: All the children at West Park Academy took part in a fantastic action packed day on **Wednesday 28th March 2018**. Year 1 to Year 6 completed a one mile marked out run within the school grounds, the Nursery and Reception children took part in a 'Toddle Waddle'. Each year group showed an outstanding degree of team spirit by supporting their peers and cheering on their class mates.



Thank you for your generous donations. As of 29th March 2018 the total on the 'Just Giving Page' is **£1034.00** plus **£214.75** gift aid, plus cash **£232.17** making a grand total of **£1480.92**. This money is being donated towards an MRI scanner for the children's ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Donations can still be made via the '**Just Giving Page**' using the following link: **<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/admin-westpark>** then select **donate**.

Easter Celebrations:

Alongside this we held our Easter Celebration with some fantastic sports themed Easter Eggs on display. Thank you to Fr Damon Bage and Hays Travel for judging the competition. Also to Hays Travel for donating the winning prizes. At the end of the school day parents, family and friends all enjoyed our Easter Fair which raised a grand total of **£899.62**. The funds raised will go towards our Outdoor Learning Area. Thank you to everyone involved, for donations, time and energy put into the days events. The day was a great success.

All winners can be found on our website.



CAR PARKING: We are all aware of the difficulties in parking in and around the vicinity of West Park Academy whilst dropping off/picking up your child/ren, we ask once again to please be considerate. Kids 1st car park is for the parents of Kids 1st children, not for West Park Academy parents!



For Health and Safety reasons, please **do not** use the staff car park for any reason, whether that be to gain access to West Park Day Nursery or collecting from a club.

Forthcoming Events:		
Mon 16th Apr	8:45 AM	School re-opens
Mon 16th Apr	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 4 Egyptian Workshop
Tues 17th Apr	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop
Wed 2nd May	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 2 Educational Visit to Low Barns Nature Reserve
Mon 7th May	All Day	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tues 8th May	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Beamish (Back approx. 4:00pm)
Mon 14th May	Mon-Thurs	Yr 6 SATs Monday - Thursday
Mon 21st May	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 3 Educational Visit to Durham Oriental Museum
Fri 25th May	3:30 PM	School Closes - Half term
Mon 4th June	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Tues 5th June	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Fri 20th July	3:30 PM	School Closes - Summer Holidays
Mon 3rd Sept	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Tues 4th Sept	8:45 AM	School Re-opens

ECO Warriors: The Eco Warriors this year are very keen on recycling and reusing and would like the school to take part in the Big Battery Hunt which is a nationwide campaign. Each child will be given a box to put their used batteries in from home. The box can be personalised and is theirs to keep. There will be a recycling container for the children's batteries to be placed in once they are returned to school. Celebrate Easter with the Duracell bunny!!!



Book Fair: The final total for the Book Fair is **£1675.53**. We will be able to purchase lots of news books for school, thank you for your continued support during book week.



You can also look on the school website: www.westparkacademy.org.uk and click on 'School Life' for events throughout the school year as well as individual class newsletters, and after school club calendar. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on 'Facebook and Twitter.'

Contact Details: If you have moved address, had a change of telephone number or need to update emergency contact details we ask that you inform the school office immediately. This is to enable the school to contact you in an emergency should one occur.



Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:15am, £1.25 per session, now payable via ParentPay. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. No need to book just come along to the main entrance.

School Meals: New menus will be starting after Easter, Monday 16th April 2018.



Meal Pattern: If you would like to make a change to your child's current meal pattern: ie changing from Packed Lunch to School Meal or vice versa then please inform the school office, giving two weeks notice.

Nut Allergy: Just to make you aware that we do have children with nut allergies in school. Please be mindful when sending food into school, this includes products such as Chocolate nut spread etc.

All menus are displayed on the website, select Parents, School Meals. If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

Healthy Eating: At West Park Academy we encourage healthy eating and want lunchtime to provide a nourishing break within school, therefore can we remind parents that sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed in children's packed lunches.



After School Clubs: Due to safeguarding please inform the school office if your child no longer wishes to attend an after school club. This will also allow the place to be given to another child if needed. If your child's PE kit has been taken home after a club please ensure it is back in school the following day.

PE & PE Kits: Please ensure **no** jewellery is worn for school as it must be removed for PE, it can cause injury and can easily get lost. Please ensure your child has their indoor and outdoor (including outdoor shoes) PE Kit in school each Monday for the whole week. PE days can change, therefore your child should always have a PE kit in school.





Let's keep kids safe online

Internet Safety: Here is some useful information that you might like to share with your staff and parents/carers about services offered by O2 and the NSPCC in partnership in relation to Internet safety:

- Anyone can call the free **O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002** for guidance, support and answering questions to manage devices

- You can download the Net Aware app on the App Store or Google Play

- You can pop into your local O2 store for online safety help from a [Guru](#) – you don't even have to be an O2 customer! Or book a session online using this link: <http://guru.force.com/o2deskstorelocator>

Dogs: Please ensure all dogs are tied up at a clear distance from the school entrance - not all children are confident or happy around dogs. There is a helpful video to watch 'Be Dog Smart'
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DdXCAEX_Nf0



Lost Property: We are trying to reduce the amount of lost clothing in school, please help us by **clearly labelling** all clothing. Children are responsible for their coats etc. When an item of clothing has been found it will go into one of the lost property boxes (large red boxes) which are situated outside the school's main entrance. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the **first week** upon classes return, following a school holiday. Name Labels can be purchased from Elizabeth's Embroidery.



Flutterbies Toddler Group: We have a toddler group in our Community Room every Friday 9:30am - 11:00am. Crafts, play, stories, songs and refreshments - £1.50 per family. All welcome to come along.

Nursery Admissions: If your child was born between 1st September 2014 - 31st August 2015 and you would like your child to attend West Park Academy Nursery in September 2018, then please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

Easter Holidays: We hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and return to school refreshed and ready to start a new term on Monday 16th April 2018 at 8.45am.

