



West Park Academy

Date: July 2018

Summer Term 2

LAST DAY OF TERM IS FRIDAY 20th JULY 2018.

School will finish at 3:30pm on Friday 20th July 2018 for the summer holidays.

Yr 6 Leavers Ride: As part of their final celebrations before they move on to their new schools some of the Year 6 children took part in a leavers cycle ride on Tuesday 10th July 2018, from West Park Academy to Archers Ice Cream Parlour using mainly cycle paths and quiet rural roads. The ride was led by Kevin, Wheel Education Cycling Officer, and members of West Park Academy staff. Everyone had a fantastic day.

Games Day: West Park Academy will be holding our very own **Games Day** for the children in school, on **Thursday 19th July 2018**. The children will come into school in their **PE Kits**. There will be a whole school parade around the playground with the children waving their flags which they have prepared in class. After the games they will receive an ice lolly. Once back in class they will continue the sporting theme by doing activities linked to active living/ healthy lifestyle and discussing what activities they are planning over the summer holidays.



Leavers Assembly: Year 6 parents are invited to the Leavers Assembly to be held in the school hall on **Friday 20th July 2018 at 2:00pm promptly**. Please be seated by 1:50pm. Due to fire safety regulations numbers are limited in the hall therefore family members only may attend.



Staff Leavers: Sadly we say goodbye to the following members of staff: Mrs H Dummett - Senior Assistant Principal and SENDCo, who takes up a new Executive Head position at George Dent and Borough Road Nurseries. Mrs L Pressdee-Rudd, who is moving to Japan. Good luck to them in their new endeavours.

Congratulations: To Miss L Dresser who is getting married over the summer and will become Mrs Hall.

Welcome: We welcome Mrs J Johnston, Mrs B Pfupa and Mrs K Sallows who will be covering maternity leave.



Forthcoming Events:

Wed 18th July	9:00AM-3:30PM	Yr 3 Educational Trip - Saltburn
Thurs 19th July	All Day	Whole School Games Day
Fri 20th July	2:00 PM	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 20th July	3:30 PM	School closes - Summer Holidays
Tues 4th Sept	8:45 AM	School re—opens
Tues 4th Sept	1:20pm	New Class 12 - Swimming at the Dolphin Centre

School Meals: School meal choices have already been allocated to your child for September 2018. If you would like to make a change to your child's current meal pattern; ie changing from Packed Lunch to School Meal then please inform the school office by **Thursday 19th July 2018**. Please also ensure all **dinner money** is paid up to date before Friday 20th July 2018.



Healthy Snacks: Break time snacks should be healthy i.e. fruit, carrot sticks, cereal bar, water; **not** crisps, sweets or chocolate bars. Thank you.



Breakfast Club: Breakfast club is open each school morning at 8:15am. For £1.25 your child can receive cereal, toast, fruit and milk. No need to book just bring your child into the school foyer for 8:15am where a member of staff will take them into the school hall.

Gold Quality Mark: We have just received the Gold Quality Mark for PE. Thank you to all staff and children for their hard work in helping West Park Academy achieve this award. Fantastic!



Photography: Please do not include photos or videos of children other than your own on social media.

Make a Difference: We are always looking for adults who are able to give some time each week to listen to children read. If you have a couple of hours spare it is really



worthwhile and makes a huge difference. Also if you have any other skills that you feel would benefit the school we are always grateful. Just contact the school office on 01325 380792.

PE Kits: Please ensure your child has their **indoor** PE Kit/shoes (T-shirt and shorts, plimsolls) and **outdoor** PE Kit/shoes (sweatshirt, joggers and trainers) 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. We will be running a second hand uniform shop on Tuesday 11th September 2018 the second week of the Autumn Term, please use to pick up uniform at bargain prices. If anyone has any spare uniform they would like to donate we would gladly receive.

Transport: Several parents have mentioned about issues of parking. It remains a worry for children's safety when cars park so near to the school gates. Please be considerate when bringing a car to school. A huge thank you to all those who cycle, scoot or walk to school. Just a reminder 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.



Dogs: Please be aware that West Park Academy have children in school who 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 gates.

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.

Contact Details: If you have moved house or changed any emergency contact telephone numbers, please inform the school office immediately so your child's records can be updated.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Please ensure you have returned your consent form to school as every child must have a completed up to date consent form.

WPA Multi Sports Summer Camp: Looking forward to seeing everyone who has booked to attend West Park Academy Multi Sports Summer Camp, running from Monday 20th August until Friday 31st August (but not Monday 27th August), starting at 9:00am - 3:00pm. The cost is £10 per day per child available to WPA children Year 1 - Year 5 only.

There are still spaces available, if you would like to book please do so by contacting the school office on 01325 380792 by Friday 20th July 2018. You will need to complete the booking form and pay. Payment can be made via ParentPay or in cash at the office, again no later than Friday 20th July 2018.

Local Community: We are very proud of the part West Park children play in their local community. This year children have litter picked in the local area, raised money for local charity, Darlington Memorial Hospital Scanner Appeal, written letters to councillors about improving the West Park Play area, sung as a choir at a variety of community events and taken part in 'Raising the Flag Ceremony' to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Finally we would like to celebrate not only the academic success of our children this year but the individual and personal achievements of every single one of them. All of you have seen your child grow and succeed this year in areas that are important to them. Whether that is standing on a stage in front of others, overcoming worries and fears about exams, learning a new instrument, taking part in a sporting competition, trying out Wilderness School activities or joining a new after school club, the list is endless.



The small steps made everyday by every one of our children make all of us who work alongside them and observe them daily very proud and make being at West Park such a privilege.

We wish you all a lovely Summer.

School reopens on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 8:45am.