



West Park Academy

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Autumn Term 1



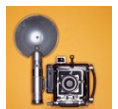
Welcome back to school. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Welcome to all pupils, new staff members: teachers, teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors. We hope you are all settled back into the new school year.

Building Work: Over the summer we have had the builders in. We have made some changes to our Year 1 classrooms and outside area. We are delighted with this work.

Fence: We have extended the outside fence around the Meadow and Willow Circle, securing the area for the children to move and learn freely whilst still within the school grounds. This will be a wonderful place for the children to experience wild flowers and 'inhabitants', as well as planting seeds and watching new plant life grow.



Individual School Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 10th October 2018. If your child has siblings, who **do not** attend West Park Academy, they may come into school from 8.30am onwards, a ticket will be given on arrival for a place in the queue. **All** children who attend West Park Academy will have their photographs taken throughout the school day.



Christmas Shopping Day: To be held at West Park Academy in the school hall on Saturday 24th November 2018 from 2:30pm—4:30pm. Come along and browse a host of stalls offering great Christmas gift ideas. Donations such as chocolate, bottles, toiletries and Christmas goodies for tombola and raffle stalls are greatly appreciated.



Forthcoming Events:		
Mon 8th Oct	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Tees Cottage Pumping Station
Wed 10th Oct	All Day	Tempest Individual Photographs
Thurs 11th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	C7 Educational Visit to Teesmouth Field Centre
Fri 12th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	C8 Educational Visit to Teesmouth Field Centre
Thurs 18th Oct	9:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Yr 1 Autumn Walk at South Park, Darlington
Mon 22nd Oct	All week	Parents Consultation Week
Thurs 25th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Fri 26th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Mon 29th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 5th Nov	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Sat 24th Nov	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Christmas Shopping Day at West Park Academy
Sun 2nd Dec	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	St Teresa's Hospice Santa Run at West Park Academy
Thurs 13th Dec	All Day	Flu Vaccination - Yr R to Yr 5
Fri 21st Dec	3:30 PM	School Closes - Christmas Holidays
Mon 7th Jan	8:45 AM	School Re-opens

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): We are sending out consent forms to those who have not returned completed ones. Please ensure these are returned to school by **Thursday 11th October 2018** as every child must have a completed up to date consent form.



Marvellous Me: Marvellous Me is an exciting light touch app that our teachers will use to share wonderful news about your child's learning and development skills. Each child will receive a letter with details of how to sign up complete with a special code. Visit the parents section of our website with information on how to download the app.

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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 and food stuffs that do not seemingly contain nuts. Children do not have to eat these products to have a severe reaction.

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 lunch or as a break time snack.



Clubs: We currently have children on waiting lists to attend After School Clubs. Please ensure you notify the school office every time your child is not attending clubs and is being collected at 3.30pm or if your child no longer wishes to attend so we can give the place to another child.



Robinwood: There are still places available for Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Robinwood, Monday 7th January 2019 - Wednesday 9th January 2019, the total cost is £150.00 which is payable by Friday 12th October 2018. If you wish your child to go or require further information please contact the school office before Friday 12th October 2018.

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



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 and a child was recently bitten on the hand as they came into 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 and outdoor 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.



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. Names written on the label will help school reunited lost clothing with their owners.

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.

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. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

