



West Park Academy

Date: April 2019

Spring Term 2

Charity Fun Day: All the children at West Park Academy took part in a fantastic action packed day on **Thursday 4th April 2018** where we collected items for the local homeless charity First Stop Darlington. Thank you for all your generous donations.

Children from Reception to Year 2 took part in a Danceathon and the children from Year 3 to Year 6 took part in a Pentathlon which included five different sporting activities. Nursery children took part in a Toddle Woddle. Each year group showed an outstanding degree of team spirit by supporting their peers and cheering on their class mates.

Easter Celebrations: Alongside this we held our Easter Celebration with some fantastic decorated Easter Eggs on display. Thank you to 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 **£974.00**. Thank you to everyone involved, for donations, time and energy put into the days events. The day was a great success.



Big thank you to Aldi and Co-Op for donating items towards our Easter Fair.

Book Fair: The final total for the Book Fair was **£1535.07**. We will be able to purchase lots of new books for school. Thank you for your continued support during book week.



Big Battery Hunt: The Eco Warriors this year are taking 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!



Forthcoming Events:		
Tues 23rd Apr	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Tues 23rd Apr	9:00 AM - 11.30 AM	Yr 2 Educational Visit to St Cuthbert's Church
Wed 24th Apr	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 3 Educational Visit to Durham Oriental Museum
Mon 29th Apr	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 2 Educational Visit to Washington Wetland Centre
Thurs 2nd May	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Orthodox Synagogue
Mon 6th May	All Day	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tues 7th May	8:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Nursery AM & Nursery MTW Locomotion Shildon
Tues 7th May	8:45 AM - 3:30 PM	Reception Educational Visit to Preston Park and Butterfly Word
Thurs 9th May	12:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Nursery PM & Nursery WTF Locomotion Shildon
Mon 13th May	Mon-Thurs	Yr 6 SATs
Fri 24th May	3:30 PM	School Closes - Half Term
Mon 3rd June	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Tues 4th June	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Mon 10th June	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Hartlepool Power Station & Teesmouth Field Centre
Tues 23rd 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

West Park Day Nursery (WPDN): Please ensure when dropping children off at WPND to walk through school main gates **not** school car park. Please do not park in the school car park for any reason. This is for health and safety reasons.

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.



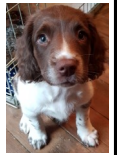
Nursery Admissions: If your child was born between 1st September 2015 - 31st August 2016 and you would like your child to attend West Park Academy Nursery in September 2019, then please contact the school office on 01325 380792. We offer a choice of flexible hours ie: five mornings or five afternoons or two and a half days at the start or end of the week.

Big Pedal: West Park Academy took part in The Big Pedal over 2 weeks. It encourages children to get active when possible on the route to school. Well done to Year 6 who were the winning year group and received juice and biscuits.



Comic Relief: The total for the Comic Relief was **£373.14**. Thank you for your generous donations.


Dogs: Please be mindful that NO dogs are allowed on the school premises as per signs and ensure dogs are tied up at a clear distance from school entrance.



Grab & Go Packed Lunch: During the Summer term, children in Years 1- 6 have the opportunity to receive a 'Grab & Go' packed lunch so that lunch can be eaten outside. Each year group will be given the option of 'Grab & Go' once a week, see below, starting Tuesday 23rd April 2019 until Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

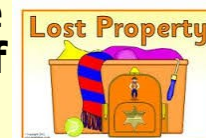
Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 1&2
Tuesday	Year 3&4
Thursday	Year 5&6

The 'Grab & Go' lunch will consist of a sandwich, carton of apple juice, piece of fruit, a yoghurt and a biscuit. For more information, please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

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. 

Reminder: Registers close at **9:00am**. Arrivals after this time will without reason affect attendance.

Lost Property: Please check the lost property boxes (large red boxes) which are situated at the front of the school, near the main entrance. We make every attempt to reunite clothes with their owner. This is made much easier if clothing is named. All unclaimed items will be disposed of **at the end of the day on last day of term**.



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.

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.

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. If you have not signed up yet, please contact the school office.

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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.'

Easter Holidays: We hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and return to school refreshed and ready to start a new term on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 8.45am.

