



West Park Academy

Date: May 2019

Summer 1

STEM Week: We will be holding our first ever STEM week on the 4th-7th June 2019 at West Park Academy. **STEM** stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics. Local industry visitors will be completing various activities with all children to promote STEM learning and problem solving. Parents are invited into school on Wednesday 5th June 2019 from 3:30pm until 4:30pm to take part in a STEM Trail. This is a time for children and adults to complete STEM activities together. Each year group will be showcasing a STEM activity where children and parents can follow the trail and complete as many activities as they wish. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We are excited to share all of our experiences through our website and Facebook with you!

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.

Little Library: Many of you have noticed our brightly painted Little Library located near the bike hubs. This is a book exchange open every Friday morning starting **Friday 7th June 2019** for children to 'Bring a Book, Take a Book'. We ask that children are supervised by an adult.

Bags2School: Bags2School is a company which specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. We have arranged a collection at West Park Academy on **Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 9:00am**. The bags will be weighed on Wednesday 5th June 2019 and all money raised will go towards school funds. Please ensure bags are brought to school **by 9:00am on Wednesday 5th June 2019 and left outside of the school office**. Thank you for your kind donations.

Forthcoming Events:		
Fri 24th May	3:30 PM	School Closes for Half term
Mon 3rd June	Closed	Training Day
Tues 4th June	8:45 AM	School re-opens
Tues 4th June	3:30 PM	Elizabeth Embroidery Uniform Shop
Wed 5th June	3:00PM OR 5:00 PM	New Reception Starters Meeting (September 2019 Starters)
Wed 5th June	All Day	Yr 3 Visitor in School from Head of Steam
Fri 7th June	All Day	Yr 3 Visitor in School from Head of Steam
Mon 10th June	All Day	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Hartlepool Power Station & Teesmouth Field Centre
Mon 17th June	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Current Rec & Yr 1 moving up to Yr 1&2 Parents Meet the Teachers (info to follow)
Tues 18th June	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Current Yr 4&5 moving up to Yr 5&6 Parents Meet the Teachers (info to follow)
Wed 19th June	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Current Yr 2&3 moving up to Yr 3&4 Parents Meet the Teachers (info to follow)
Sun 23rd June	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Bag Packing at Morrisons, North Road (info to follow)
Wed 26th June	9:30 AM	Nursery AM, MTW Graduation
Wed 26th June	2:30 PM	Nursery PM, WTF Graduation
Wed 26th June	All Day	Hummersknott Transition Day
Thur 27th June & Fri 28th June	All Day	Wyvern, Longfield, Carmel, Hummersknott, Hurworth, WPA Transition Days
Wed 3rd July	All Day	Yr 6 Leavers Bike Ride
Mon 8th July	2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Yr 5/6 (C9,10,11 & 12) Sports Day
Tues 9th July	All Day	Yr 6 SATs Results
Wed 10th July	9:30 AM	Nursery AM & R (mixed) Sports Day (info to follow)

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Thurs 11th July	2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Yr1/2 (C1,2,3 & 4) Sports Day
Fri 12th July	6:30 PM	Yr 6 Sleepover
Mon 15th July	2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Yr 3/4 (C5,6,7 & 8) Sports Day
Wed 17th July	All Day	Yr 6 Visit to Light Water Valley
Tues 23rd July	2:30 PM	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 23rd July	3:30 PM	School Closes
Tues 3rd Sept	8:45 AM	School Re-opens

Staff Leavers: Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Redpath - Finance Assistant, who is retiring after 19 years of working at West Park Academy, she will be greatly missed.

M&S Volunteer Week: We are excited to be part of Marks and Spencer Marks In Action at West Park Academy from Tuesday 4th June 2019 until Friday 7th June 2019, volunteers from M&S will support projects across West Park, Darlington in an epic week of action that will support young people in our community. We'll be welcoming our volunteers on Friday 7th June 2019 when they'll help us develop our outdoor classroom and sensory garden.

National Book Tokens: Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Please enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

West Park Academy Summer Camp 2019: Please see the link below to complete the survey about your thoughts on WPA Summer Camp 2019. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDB75FT>. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.

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.'



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.**



Barclays Match Funding: The Easter fair raised a total of **£974.00**. Big thank you to Barclays who match funded this fundraiser and gave us an extra **£750**.

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.



Eco Warriors: Yesterday, an Eco assessor visited West Park Academy and has re-awarded the school the green flag accreditation for the 3rd time. Our green flag will be on it's way in the post. Look out for it's big reveal!

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.



School Council Have Their Say: We are the school council and our role is to help improve and make decisions about our school. During our meeting on Monday 13th May 2019, we discussed school meals. We think the food is nice and tasty and we enjoy the salad bar. We also enjoy mixing with our friends while eating our lunches and we like that the chef comes around the tables to talk to us.

Hope you all have a lovely half term and return to school refreshed and ready to start a new term on **Tuesday 4th June 2019.**

