



West Park Academy

Date: April 2017

Spring Term 2

Race For Life: All the children at West Park Academy took part in a fantastic action packed day on **Wednesday 5th April 2017**. 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. It brought the whole school together entering into the true Spirit of the Games by demonstrating determination, courage and pride. Every child that took part received a medal.



Thank you for your generous donations, as of 6th April 2017 the total on the 'Just Giving Page' is £1263.00 plus £273.25 gift aid, plus cash £34.78. Grand total of £1571.03.

It's not too late to donate as the page will be open until 28th April 2017. To donate go to: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/west-park-academy> then select donate.

Alongside this we held our Easter Celebration with some fantastic 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 £1264.36 the funds raised going towards our Outdoor Learning Area with a donation to Cancer Research UK.

Once again thank you to everyone involved, for donations/ time and energy put into the days events. The day was a great success.



SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.westparkacademy.org.uk

All the latest news and upcoming events can be found from the Home page. From there you can check out the main calendar which will lead you to After School Clubs and Sports Events Calendars. You can also find all the relevant forms you may need ie: medication, change of contact details, holiday forms etc via Home - Parents - Forms. There are also all the Curriculum details including newsletters. You can now receive up to date news from our website by downloading our news and events app to your mobile phone or tablet. To see how the app works go to Home, Parents, News/Events App.

Forthcoming Events:

Fri 7th Apr	3.30 PM	School closes - Easter Holidays
Mon 24th Apr	8.45 AM	School re-opens
Tue 25th Apr	9.00 AM - 3.00 PM	Yr 4 Educational Visit to Beamish Museum
Tue 25th Apr	10.30 AM - 11.30 AM	Nursery AM - Jays Animals
Tue 25th Apr	12.30 PM - 1.30 PM	Nursery PM - Jays Animals
Thurs 27th Apr	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Yr 2 Educational Visit to Low Barnes Nature Reserve
Mon 1st May	All Day	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thurs 4th May	12.00 PM - 2.30 PM	Rainbow Room Educational Visit to Calf Fallow Farm, Stockton
Thurs 4th May	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Reception Educational Visit to Hardwick Park
Mon 8th May	Mon -Thurs	Yr 6 SATs Monday - Thursday
Wed 17th May	All Day	Team Photographs
Fri 26th May	3.30 PM	School Closed - Half term
Mon 5th June	All Day	Training Day
Tues 6th June	8.45 AM	School Re-Opens
Fri 21st July	3.30 PM	School Closes - Summer Holidays

Social Networking Advice for Parents

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This website from the NSPCC supports you by keeping you up to date with popular social media apps. It tells you what they are and how to use them.

There are excellent guides on how to report misuse and also how to ensure privacy settings are setup correctly for you and your children. Most social networking sites have a recommended age restriction of 13 but we understand that some children still do use them in primary school. Therefore it is essential that if they are using them, they are not putting themselves at risk. Please visit the website to find out more.



Lost Property: We are trying to reduce the amount of lost clothing in school. Please help us by **clearly labelling** all clothing, that way the item can be returned to your child. Children are responsible for their coats, jumpers 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 at the front of the school, near the main entrance. Please check these boxes for any lost property. Both boxes are **overflowing**, these items **must** belong to children in school, **please** look through them to find any missing items. Name Labels can be purchased from **Elizabeth's Embroidery**.



School Menus: We will be starting a new 3 week menu on Monday 24th April 2017. All children have made their Choices. If you feel your child does not like the choice they have made, please inform the school office and we will amend accordingly.

If you wish to make a change to your child's current meal pattern: ie changing from packed Lunch to School Meal or vice versa, then please contact the school office.

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.



Dogs: Dogs are **not** allowed on the school premises. Please ensure that all dogs are kept outside the school gates, and are tied up at a distance from the school entrance gates. Thank you.



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.



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.

Nursery Admissions: If your child was born between 1st September 2013 - 31st August 2014 and you would like your child to attend West Park Academy Nursery in September 2017, 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 24th April 2017 at 8.45am.

