



West Park Academy

Date: Nov 2017

Autumn Term 2

Children in Need: We are having a Pyjama day on Friday 17th November 2017, come to school dressed in pyjama's with a donation for Children In Need.



Christmas Shopping Evening: To be held at West Park Academy in the school hall on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 6:00pm—8:00pm. Come along and browse a host of stalls offering great Christmas gift ideas.

Christmas Carol Concert: Come and join us for Christmas Carols, hot chocolate and cookies around the Willow Circle at West Park Academy on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 6:00pm—7:00pm.



Christmas Hampers: It's that time of year again where we are asking each year to donate something for our Christmas Hampers. Tickets will be sold by Year 6 on the playground each morning, from Monday 4th December 2017: £1.00 per ticket. Winners will be announced by the end of the school day on Thursday 21st December 2017. Donations per class shown below:

Nursery
Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Smellies

Bottles (please take to office)

Biscuits

Chocolates

Tins/Packets

Christmas Novelties

Small Toys

Christmas Food

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



Flutterbies New Community Toddler Group: We have a new toddler group in our Community Room every Friday 9:30am—11:00am starting Friday 17th November 2017. Crafts, play, stories, songs and refreshments - £1.50 per family. All welcome to come along.

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

Forthcoming Events:		
W/C 13th Nov	ALL WEEK	Parents Consultation Week
Wed 15th Nov	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Class 9 Maths demonstration at Carmel College, Darlington
Thurs 16th Nov	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Class 3 Maths demonstration at Carmel College, Darlington
Fri 17th Nov	ALL DAY	Pyjama Day - donation to Children in Need
Mon 20th Nov	ALL DAY	Nasal Flu Vaccinations R - Yr4
Wed 22nd Nov	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Christmas Shopping Night - Choir to sing 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fri 24th Nov	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Reception classes - Cool Science Party Visitor
Wed 29th Nov	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Yr 1 Performance to Parents Three Little Pigs
Wed 29th Nov	9:30 AM	Yr 6 Jays Animals
Sun 3rd Dec	11:00 AM	St Teresa's Santa Run at WPA
Tue 5th Dec	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 2 Educational Visit - Locomotion and Head of Steam
Wed 6th Dec	8:45 AM	Robinwood meet in the school hall
Thurs 7th Dec	9:00 AM	Yr 5/Yr 6 Den Building (children not attending Robinwood)
Fri 8th Dec	4:00 PM	Robinwood return (approx. time)
Tues 12th Dec	10:15 AM 2:15 PM	NAM & Rec 1 Performance NPM & Rec 2 & 3 Performance
Tues 12th Dec	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 1 Homes & Houses workshop Durham University Outreach Visitor
Mon 18th Dec	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party
Wed 20th Dec	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Nursery AM & PM Christmas Party - NO Afternoon nursery
Wed 20th Dec	3:00 PM- 4:00 PM	Yr 3 & Yr 4 Christmas Party
Wed 20th Dec	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Christmas Carol Concert at WPA - Choir, Hot Chocolate & Cookies
Thurs 21st Dec	10:00 AM	Reception 1,2 & 3 Christmas Party

Thurs 21st Dec	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Party
Thurs 21st Dec		Christmas Hamper Draw
Fri 22nd Dec	3:30 PM	School closes—Christmas Holidays
Mon 8th Jan	8:45 AM	School re-opens

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.



West Park Academy Coffee Morning: Every Friday morning 9:00am—10:00am, there will be a coffee morning in the Family Support Hub. Parents are welcome to call in and have a chat with Mrs Graham or Mrs Dummett and other parents. We will be having regular visits from the school nurse and other family services so if any parents want to find out information or ask questions come along. All welcome.



School Meals: 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 etc..

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.



Primary School Applications: If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they will be starting school in the academic year which begins September 2018. You will need to apply online via Darlington Borough Council School Admissions, telephone number is 01325 406333.

NSPCC: The total donated to NSPCC was £369.16, this was for wearing BLUE to school in October 2017, many thanks to you all for this.

Espresso Home Access: Espresso Primary is an award-winning, digital resource service that is used in thousands of schools across the UK. The service includes videos, multi-media activities, a weekly news service, printable resources, interactive games and much more. We have had this resource in school for a number of years and it is available for all children to access at home.

<http://www.espresso.co.uk/online/>

Username: student9351 Password: wpaespresso

E-Safety: Mr Fraser will be arranging E-Safety Parent Sessions, to sign up for these please complete the form via the school website: Home/School life/News & Events/E-Safety Parent Sessions/Sign up form.

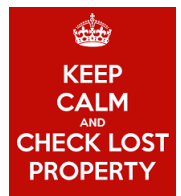
You will be informed of the dates and times arranged.

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.

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.



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.'