



West Park Academy

Date: March 2018

Spring Term 2

Charity Run: West Park Academy are planning an action packed day on **Wednesday 28th March 2018!** All children will be participating in a whole school Charity Run where we hope to raise funds towards an MRI scanner for the children's ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital. The children from Y1 - Y6 will do a mile marked out run within the school grounds, the Nursery and Reception children will take part in a 'Toddle Waddle'. This will take place during the school day.



Donations can be made via the '**Just Giving Page**' using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/admin-westpark> then select **donate**.

Alongside this will be our Easter Celebration where the children will have the chance to enter our Easter Egg sport themed competition, by decorating an egg in a sports theme. At the end of the school day at 3:30pm, parents, family and friends are invited onto the school playground where our Easter Fair will take place. There will be various stalls from each year group to enjoy. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us. Hope to see you all there!!



STAFF CAR PARK: Please **do not** use the staff car park for any reason, whether that be to gain access to West Park Day Nursery or attend a club. The car park is for staff and visitors to the school only, not parents unless you have prior permission. This is due to Health and Safety reasons. At no time should children be walking or cycling across the car park. Please be considerate when parking and dropping off around the school in general, as there have been complaints of blocking driveways and garage entrances at the rear of the school.



Have Your Say: Children North East Poverty Proofing Parents Questionnaire. We are always looking at ways to improve our school. Please ensure you have your say by completing and returning the questionnaire by Friday 16th March 2018. Your views matter to us.

Forthcoming Events:		
Mon 12th Mar	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Nursery (AM&PM) & Reception Classes Educational Visit - Hall Hill Farm
Mon 12th Mar	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 6 Educational Visit - Safety Carousel
Wed 14th Mar	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Reception parents - Phonics/ Reading /Maths Sessions
Wed 14th Mar	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Reception parents - Phonics/ Reading /Maths Sessions
Thurs 15th Mar	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 1 Educational Visit – Hall Hill Farm
Mon 19th Mar	All Week	Parents Consultation Week
Tues 20th Mar	All Day	Storyteller Tony Wilson in school
Mon 26th Mar	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 5 Greek Workshop in School
Mon 26th Mar	9:10 AM— 11:30 AM	Yr 2 Educational visit - St Cuthberts Church
Tues 27th Mar	All Day	Tempest Group Photographs
Wed 28th Mar	All Day	Charity Run Day
Wed 28th Mar	3:30 PM	Easter Fair
Thurs 29th Mar	3:30 PM	School closes for Easter Holidays
Mon 16th Apr	8:45 AM	School re-opens

School Meals: New menus will be starting after Easter, Monday 16th April 2018. Menus will be sent home Friday 9th March 2018 to all Reception - Year 2 children. We ask that parents complete and return to the school office by Monday 12th March 2018.



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 etc..

All menus are displayed on the website, select parents, school meals. If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

Storyteller: Tony Wilson will be reading stories to our children in West Park Academy library all day on Tuesday 20th March 2018.



World Book Day: World Book Day was a great success with everyone dressed in their favourite book characters.

Book Fair: Due to our extended Book Fair the grand total is unknown as yet but so far we have raised £1500. The final total will follow at a later date.

Name the Library: There were some great entries, the winning name is '**Fantastic Books and Where To Find Them**' by Tristan Skelton Class 8. There were lots of favourites so we decided to award a 2nd and 3rd prize. These are: 2nd Beauty and the Books - Finlay Thomas Class 9 3rd The Place of Wonder - Harrison Walker Class 5. The three children have been awarded a £5:00 book token to be spent at the book fair today.

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

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



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.



After School Clubs: Due to safeguarding please inform the school office if your child no longer wishes to attend an after school club. This will also allow the place to be given to another child if needed. If your child's PE kit has been taken home after a club please ensure it is back in school the following day.

PE & PE Kits: Please ensure **no** jewellery is worn for school as it must be removed for PE, it can cause injury and can easily get lost. 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.





Let's keep kids safe online

Internet Safety: Here is some useful information that you might like to share with your staff and parents/carers about services offered by O2 and the NSPCC in partnership in relation to Internet safety:

- Anyone can call the free **O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002** for **guidance, support and answering questions to manage devices**
- You can download the Net Aware app on the App Store or Google Play
- You can pop into your local O2 store for online safety help from a [Guru](#) – you don't even have to be an O2 customer! Or book a session online using this link: <http://guru.force.com/o2deskstorelocator>

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. There is a helpful video to watch 'Be Dog Smart' https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DdXCAEX_Nf0



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.



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

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, and after school club calendar. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on 'Facebook and Twitter.'