



# West Park Academy

**Date: Jan 2017**

**Spring Term 1**

Welcome to all pupils and new staff members: teachers and an apprentice teaching assistant, for the start of a new Spring Term.

**Funds Raised:** We had various occasions in school last term which raised the following for the Outdoor Learning Area. Christmas Shopping Night: £324.50. Christmas Hampers: £539.00. Christmas Carol Concert: £120.00. We have used some of the money already to improve the Willow Circle.



**Children in Need:** The total funds raised were £357.91 with £130.42 of that being the money trail around school. Thank you to everyone who contributed with funds and help on these fabulous occasions.



**Eco Warriors:** Eco Warriors have a motto, the 3R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Therefore they will hold a uniform shop on Wednesday 8th February at 3:30pm in the library where you can purchase, for a small donation, second hand uniforms that have been left in lost property longer than 2 terms, which have been washed and are ready to wear. If you have any old West Park Academy uniforms please bring them into the school office to be recycled. There is also a box available in school foyer to recycle **Christmas Cards.**



**Burglary:** On Tuesday 10th January 2017 the hair salon, Hobson and Holmes, Tillage Green was broken into. The police have asked if anyone has seen anything suspicious to please contact 101 and ask for PC 2778 Callan.



## Forthcoming Events:

Fri 13th Jan	9.00 AM - 11.00 AM	'Meet and Greet' Coffee Morning
Wed 18th Jan	9.30 AM	Yr 6 Jays Animals in School
Thurs 19th Jan	9.00 AM - 11.30 AM	Class 8 Educational Visit to Darlington Town Centre
Fri 20th Jan	9.00 AM - 11.30 AM	Class 7 Educational Visit to Darlington Town Centre
Mon 6th Feb	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Yr 2 Educational Visit to Bowes Museum
Tues 7th Feb	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Yr 3 Educational Visit to Bowes Museum
Wed 8th Feb	3.30 PM	Eco Warriors second hand uniform shop
Fri 10th Feb	6.00 PM	Eurovision Song Contest at The Dolphin Centre
Mon 13th Feb	9.00 AM - 3.45 PM Approximately	Yr 1 Educational Visit to House of Objects
Thurs 16th Feb	2.15 PM	Yr 5 'A Star is Born' Production Parents are invited.
Fri 17th Feb	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Yr 5 Educational Visit to Durham University—Palace Green Library
Fri 17th Feb	3.30 PM	School Closes Half Term
Tues 28th Feb	8.45 AM	School re-opens

**School Term Dates:** The school holiday and term dates for 2017-2018 are now available on our website.



**Website:** Please look at our school website on: [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk) and click 'Enter The Site' for all school information.

**Updated Website:** Our website is being updated and will be online soon. We have tried to make it simpler to locate important information. We welcome your feedback.

**After School Clubs:** As you may be aware we have many after school club activities running throughout each term. Therefore if your child is **unable** to attend a club that they are currently in, or no longer wishes to attend please notify the **school office**. We have a duty of care to all our children to know their whereabouts.

**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:25am, £1.25 per session. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals and fruit. No need to book just come along to the school foyer, your child will be collected by a staff member.

**School Menus:** We will be starting a new 3 week menu on Monday 24th April 2017. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the new menu will be sent home at the beginning of **March** for you to choose your child's meal with them. Please return these to the school office as soon as they are completed. Year 3,4,5 and 6 will choose their own with the help of a lunchtime supervisory assistant, unless you request a menu from the school office. Thank you.

**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.

**Meet and Greet Coffee Morning:** Every Friday morning from 9:00am until 11:00am there will be a 'Meet and Greet' coffee morning organised by the Army Welfare Service but open to all. This is held in the Hub at West Park Academy.



**Toddler Group:** Toddler Group is on every Tuesday during term time, from 9:00am until 10:45am. It is held in the Hub, come along and make some new friends while your children play in a safe and friendly environment. Cost is £1.00 which includes refreshments for children and adults. There are lots of lovely toys to play with, regular craft activities, and sing songs at the end of the session. All welcome from babies to pre school.



**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.



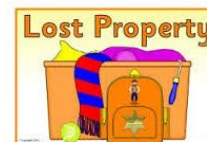
**Mobile Phones:** We ask that there are no mobile phones in use beyond the entrance into the school foyer. There are signs throughout the school.



**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.



**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 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.



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.

