



West Park Academy

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Spring Term 2

OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.westparkacademy.org.uk is now live. We have tried to make it simpler to locate important information. 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. Please see the posters around school. Feedback is welcome.



Book Fair: The book fair will be in school from Tuesday 28th February until Friday 3rd March 2017, 8.30am – 8.45am and 3.30pm - 4.00pm.

World Book Day is **Thursday 2nd March 2017**, children and staff are invited to dress as their favourite book character. During this week, we will be celebrating a love of reading throughout the school and completing a range of English and cross curriculum activities linked to our class texts. The texts we are reading during this week are:

Reception & Nursery - Jack and the Beanstalk

Rainbow Room - The Three Little Pigs

Year 1 - Julia Donaldson Theme

Year 2 - Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Year 3 - Roald Dahl Theme

Year 4 - The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo

Year 5 - Eight Days in Haiti by Edwidge Danticat

Year 6 - Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan

NOTE: Street Dance and Archery clubs will be cancelled during Book Fair week.



Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 16th Feb	9.00 AM— 3.30 PM	Reception Educational Visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
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	9.30 AM - 10.30 AM	Yr 1 'Three Little Pigs' Production Parents are invited
Fri 17th Feb	3.30 PM	School closes - Half term
Tues 28th Feb	8.45 AM	School re-opens
Tues 28th Feb— Fri 3rd Mar	8.30AM - 8.45 AM	Book Fair - School Hall
Tues 28th Feb— Fri 3rd Mar	3.30 PM - 4.00 PM	Book Fair - School Hall
Thurs 2nd Mar	All Day	World Book Day—Dress in favourite book character
Mon 20th Mar	All Week	Parents Consultation Week
Thurs 23rd Mar	All Day	Class Photographs
Wed 5th Apr	All Day	Race For Life—Information to follow
Wed 5th Apr	3.30 PM	Easter Fair—Information to follow
Fri 7th Apr	3.30 PM	School closes—Easter Holidays
Mon 24th Apr	8.45 AM	School re-opens

Eco Warriors: Eco Warriors have a motto, the 3R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The Eco Warriors will hold a uniform shop in school, on **Wednesday 15th March 2017** 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.

We are pleased to announce that our **Green Flag** status has been renewed.



Race For Life: West Park Academy are planning an action packed day on **Wednesday 5th April 2017!** All children will be participating in a whole school Race for Life (details to follow) where we hope to raise a generous amount for Cancer Research UK.



Along side this will be our Easter Celebration where the children will have the chance to enter our Easter Egg 'Race for Life' sport' themed competition.

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!!



Parents Consultation: Parents Consultation commences on Monday 20th March 2017. Letters will go out after half term with dates and times for each class. However, dates may vary for Class 12 due to Mrs Nelson's impending maternity leave.

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.

Eurovision Song Contest: On Friday 10th February 2017 West Park Academy attended the Eurovision Song Contest in Darlington, twenty-one schools were there representing different countries. WPA were England and sang 'Save All your Kisses For Me', by Brotherhood of Man. The children looked fabulous in their colourful outfits, with the boys wearing false moustaches. The children received fantastic feedback on the quality of their performance.



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. Both boxes are overflowing, these items **must** belong to the children in school, **please** look through them to find any missing items. Name Labels can be purchased from **Elizabeth's Embroidery**.



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: Due to Safeguarding 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.



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.

