



West Park Academy

Date: Nov 2018

Autumn Term 2

Christmas Shopping Day: To be held at West Park Academy in the school hall on Saturday 24th November 2018 at 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Come along and browse a host of stalls offering great Christmas gift ideas. Hope to see you there!



School Meals: As we have a fantastic new cook in school, we now have the flexibility to offer children in Year 1 to Year 6 the opportunity to choose their meal each day at lunchtime instead of pre ordering. Our new school lunch choices include: three hot meals per day, help yourself salad bar, sandwiches, choice of two homemade puddings, yoghurt and fruit. 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.

Christmas Lunch: Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 13th December 2018. If you would like to order one for your child, please inform the school office by **Friday 30th November 2018 at the latest.**

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..

Christmas Carol Concert: Come and join us for Christmas Carols, hot chocolate and cookies around the Willow Circle at West Park Academy on Monday 17th December 2018 at 5:00pm - 6:00pm.



Christmas Hampers: Christmas Hamper tickets will be on sale at our Christmas Shopping Day. Winners will be announced on Thursday 20th December 2018 at the end of the school day. Please bring all donations into school by Friday 23rd November 2018. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



Forthcoming Events:		
Sat 24th Nov	2:30PM - 4:30PM	Christmas Shopping Day at West Park Academy
Wed 28th Nov	10:30AM - 11:30AM	Carol Singing for St. Teresa's Hospice at Queen Street Shopping Centre
Sun 2nd Dec	10:00AM - 1:00PM	St Teresa's Hospice Santa Run at West Park Academy
Mon 3rd Dec	3:00PM	Robinwood Final Meeting for Parents
Wed 5th Dec	9:30AM	Nursery AM/Reception 1 Performance
Wed 5th Dec	2:30PM	Nursery PM/Reception 2 Performance
Mon 10th Dec	All Day	Yr 3 Educational Visit to Great North Museum, Newcastle Upon Tyne
Mon 10th Dec	5:00PM	E-Safety Session for Parents
Wed 12th Dec	11:30AM - 2:00PM	Choir Singing at Darlington Memorial Hospital
Thurs 13th Dec	All Day	Flu Vaccination - Yr R to Yr 5
Fri 14th Dec	All Day	Yr 1 Homes & Houses workshop Durham University Outreach Visitor
Mon 17th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Yr 3 & Yr 4 Christmas Party
Mon 17th Dec	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Christmas Carol Concert at WPA - Choir, Hot Chocolate & Cookies
Tues 18th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Party
Wed 19th Dec	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Nursery Christmas Party - NO AFTERNOON NURSERY
Wed 19th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party
Thurs 20th Dec	All Day	Reception 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thurs 20th Dec		Christmas Hamper Draw
Fri 21st Dec	3:30PM	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 7th Jan	8:45AM	School Opens

Bottle Tops: We are hoping to create a display in school using plastic bottle tops. Please bring in any bottle tops e.g. coffee lids, milk bottle tops, pop bottle tops, hair conditioner tops etc. into school. Thank you in advance as this would not be possible without everybody's help.



Stomp Rocket Challenge: The total raised overall for the Stomp Rocket Challenge was £399.05. All children had a brilliant day, many thanks to you all for your kind donations. The money is going towards educational technology for West Park Academy. If you would like to donate, please see the link: <https://spsr.me/HaLK>



E-Safety: We are going to be hosting an E-Safety Parent Session. Mr Fraser has recently been trained as a CEOP Ambassador (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). Part of this training and his role grants him access to support materials for parents. On Monday 10th December at 5.00pm he will be hosting a session trialling the latest materials which aim to support you to keep your child safe online. You can find out more information about CEOP by visiting the CEOP website (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>).

To sign up for these please complete the form via the school website: Home/School life/News & Events/E-Safety Sign Up Form or scan the QR Code



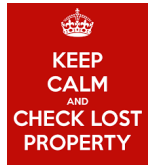
CAR PARKING: We are all aware of the difficulties parking in and around the vicinity of West Park Academy whilst dropping off/picking up your child/ren, we ask you to please be considerate.

For Health and Safety reasons, please **do not** use our staff car park for any reason, whether that be to gain access to West Park Day Nursery or collecting from a club.



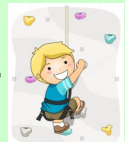
Reminder: Registers close at **9:00am**. Arrivals after this time will without reason affect attendance.

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. Staff take every opportunity to try and help children find their belongings. This is almost impossible if things are not labelled. 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.



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.

Robinwood: Reminder Robinwood Visit will take place Monday 7th January 2019 until Wednesday 9th January 2019. Final meeting for parents will take place on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 3pm in the school hall. Please ensure personal information forms and souvenir order forms are returned to the school office by Tuesday 20th November 2018. Please pay for souvenirs by Monday 26th November 2018. If you are unable to make the meeting, information will be on the school website www.westparkacademy.org.uk. Click on 'School Life', 'Educational Visits', 'Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre'.



Primary School Applications: If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 they will be starting school in the academic year which begins September 2019. You will need to apply online via Darlington Borough Council School Admissions, telephone number is 01325 406333.



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.'