




West Park Academy


Date: July 2019


Summer Term 2

LAST DAY OF TERM IS TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2019.

School will finish at 3:30pm on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 for the summer holidays.

Breakfast Club Changes: As of Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Breakfast Club will be open from 8:00am - 8:45am. The cost for children arriving between 8:00am and 8:30am will be £2.25 per child and the cost for children arriving between 8:30am and 8:45am will be £1.25 per child. Please note, breakfast club doors will **not be open until 8:00am**. Children from Reception to Year 4 who attend Breakfast Club in the school hall must still be signed in by parents at the school office each morning. **Please do not drop off at school gates.** Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are able to sign in themselves. Please also ensure all **breakfast club money** is paid up to date by Friday 19th July 2019. 

Games Day: West Park Academy will be holding our very own **Games Day** for the children in school, on **Monday 22nd July 2019**. The children will come into school in their **PE Kits**. There will be a whole school parade around the playground with the children waving their flags which they have prepared in class. After the games they will receive an ice lolly. Once back in class they will continue the sporting theme by doing activities linked to active living/healthy lifestyle and discussing what activities they are planning over the summer holidays. 

Saying Goodbye: This year Mr Barrie Armstrong stands down from his role as chair of the Board of Trustees. He has been on our board since 2008 and has given his time freely to support everyone at West Park Academy. We owe him a huge thanks and wish him well. Also we say goodbye to Miss Martin, Mrs Gormley, Miss A Stead, Mrs Sallows and Miss McTaggart. We wish them all every success in their future ventures. 



Forthcoming Events:

Mon 22nd July	3:30 PM	Second Hand Uniform Shop
Mon 22nd July	All Day	Whole School Games Day
Tues 23rd July	2:30 PM	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 23rd July	3:30 PM	School Closes - Summer Holidays
Mon 2nd Sept	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Tues 3rd Sept	8:45 AM	School Re-opens

Forthcoming Events in September 2019:

Tues 10th Sept	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Year 2 Warburton's Workshop in School
Tues 10th Sept	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Year 5 Educational Visit to the Life Science Centre
Tues 15th Oct	All Day	Nasal Flu Immunisation for Children
Wed 23rd Oct	3:30 PM	School Closes for Half Term
Thurs 24th Oct	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Fri 25th Oct	All Day	School Closed - Training Day

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 then please inform the school office by **Friday 19th July 2019**. Please also ensure all **dinner money** is paid up to date by Friday 19th July 2019.

Leavers Assembly: Year 6 parents are invited to the Leavers Assembly to be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 23rd July at 2:30pm promptly**. Please be seated by 2:20pm. Due to fire safety regulations numbers are limited in the hall therefore family members only may attend.



Photography: Please do not include photos or videos of children other than your own on social media.

Thank you: Huge thank you to Barclays Digital Eagles for coming in and doing a coding session on Thursday 11th July 2019 in Year 6. All children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Little Library: Many of you have noticed our brightly painted Little Library located near the bike hubs. This is a book exchange open every Friday morning for children to 'Bring a Book, Take a Book'. We ask that children are supervised by an adult.

PE Kits: Please ensure your child has their **indoor** PE Kit/shoes (T-shirt and shorts, plimsolls) and **outdoor** PE Kit/shoes (sweatshirt, joggers and trainers) 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: Please clearly label all your child's clothes. All items lost in school will be put in the RED boxes situated outside the Main Entrance. We will be running a second hand uniform shop on Monday 22nd July 2019, please use to pick up uniform at bargain prices. If anyone has any spare uniform they would like to donate we would gladly receive.

Nasal Flu Immunisation: Nasal flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 6 is on Tuesday 15th October 2019. For your child to receive the nasal immunisation, please visit the link below and complete an online consent form www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent and use the school code: 137042. This consent must be completed by Friday 27th September 2019.

Dogs: Please be aware that West Park Academy have children in school who are frightened of dogs. If you bring your dog to school can you ensure that they are tied up at a distance from the school gates. Dogs are **not** allowed on the school premises.



Robinwood: There are still places available for Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Robinwood, Monday 6th January 2020 - Wednesday 8th January 2020, the total cost is £150.00 which is payable by Friday 27th September 2019. If you wish your child to go or require further information please contact the school office before Friday 13th September 2019.

Make £5 Grow: This half term, Year 6 have taken part in the Make £5 Grow enterprise programme. On Friday 19th July from 3-4pm, they will be showcasing their business ideas and selling products. Please come along and see what we have been up to.

Year 6 Leavers Ride: As part of their final celebrations before they move on to their new schools some of the Year 6 children took part in a leavers cycle ride on Wednesday 3rd July 2019, from West Park Academy to Archers Ice Cream Parlour using mainly cycle paths and quiet rural roads. The ride was led by Kevin, Wheel Education Cycling Officer, and members of West Park Academy staff. Everyone had a fantastic day.



West Park Academy Summer Camp: Many thanks to all parents who took the time to respond to our questionnaire about Summer Camp. Unfortunately due to the variety of requests and the few responses, we were unable to accommodate the wraparound provision that would benefit working parents and could not compete financially with the existing providers operating in the locality. We are keen to offer this service in the future and would very much welcome working with parents to develop this.

Local Community: We are very proud of the part West Park children play in their local community. This year children have opened up a small library, built a garden, litter picked to improve the environment, written to local councillors suggesting improvements for the West Park Play area, sung as a choir at a variety of community events, taken part in the community carnival celebrating Darlington's heritage and raised money and brought in items for local charities. They lead by example and should be very proud of themselves.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you and your children and the contributions you have made to the West Park community this year. It is wonderful to be part of such a community and watch the children grow and flourish. The small steps made every day by every one of our children, make all of us who work alongside them and observe them daily very proud and make being at West Park such a privilege. We wish you all a lovely Summer.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 8:45am.

