

Date: Oct 2019

Autumn Term 1

Flu Vaccination will be taking place on **Tuesday 15th October 2019** for Reception to Year 6.

As part of **The Harvest Festival** we will be having a collection in school of food such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, cereals, tinned meat, rice and UHT milk. This will be collected by King's Food Store, which is a food bank. King's Food Store are coming to collect during an assembly on **Monday 14th October 2019 at 9:00 AM**. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.



Individual School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 9th October 2019**. If your child has siblings who **do not** attend West Park Academy, they may come into school from 8.30am onwards, a ticket will be given on arrival for a place in the queue. **All** children who attend West Park Academy will have their photographs taken throughout the school day.

Restart A Heart will be taking place in school on **Wednesday 16th October 2019**.

Restart a Heart Day
16 October 2019



Restart A Heart is a nationwide campaign run by the NHS. They will be working with all Year 3 - Year 6 children throughout the day. Each child will be instructed on Basic Life Support and Care of Choking and will be giving the opportunity to practice 2 scenarios' each.

Tapestry is our new individual learning journeys for children in Reception and Nursery. By logging in with a secure username and password you are able to view your child's observations, photographs and videos from their time in Nursery and Reception. We are sure you will love this new way of viewing your child's achievements as much as we do!

World Mental Health Day is on **Thursday 10th October 2019**. We would like the whole school to wear something yellow e.g. a hair bow, t-shirt or socks. To help raise awareness of the Young Minds charity. The Young Minds website <https://youngminds.org.uk> has lots of useful information and a parents helpline regarding children's emotional and mental wellbeing.

Forthcoming Events:		
Wed 9th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Tempest Photo Day – Individual Photos
Thurs 10th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	World Mental Health Day—Wear something Yellow
Mon 14th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Year 6 Educational Visit to Whitby
Mon 14th Oct	9.00 AM - 3.30 PM	Year 2 Educational Visit to Broom House Farm
Mon 14th Oct	8:45 AM	Harvest Festival—Collection Day
Tue 15th Oct	9:00 AM - 3.30 PM	Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination
15th Oct - 23rd Oct	Various	Parents Consultation - various dates and times
Wed 16th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Year 3 - Year 6 Restart A Heart Day
Thurs 17th Oct	9:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Tell us Your Story—Drop in event Coffee & Chat in school hall
Thurs 17th Oct	5:00 PM	EYFS Open Day Talk and Tour for prospective new starters
Fri 18th Oct	AM & PM	Year 3 Head of Steam Educational Visit
Thurs 24th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Fri 25th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Mon 28th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	8:45 AM	School Re-opens

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 12th October 2019. If you wish your child to go or require further information please contact the school office before Friday 12th October 2019.

Marvellous Me: Marvellous Me is an exciting light touch app that our teachers will use to share wonderful news about your child's learning and development skills. Each child has an account on Marvellous Me, if you haven't yet accessed your child's Marvellous Me account then let us know and we will give your child a letter with your log in details

on.

MARVELLOUS ME



Meal Pattern: If you would like to make a change to your child's current meal pattern: i.e 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 and food stuffs that do not seemingly contain nuts. Children do not have to eat these products to have a severe reaction.

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 or as a break time snack.



Clubs: We currently have children on waiting lists to attend After School Clubs. Please ensure you notify the school office every time your child is not attending clubs and is being collected at 3.30pm or if your child no longer wishes to attend so we can give the place to another child.



Tell us your story - Come along and see us for a coffee and a chat and let us know about your experiences of services for children living in Darlington.

Our "Tell us your story" drop ins are informal sessions where you can share your experiences in a safe space, without fear of judgement, with others in similar situations.

We will be holding a "Tell us your story" drop in Event at West Park Academy on the **17th October 2019 9:00am — 11:00am.**

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:00am, £2.25 if your child comes before 8:30am and £1.25 if your child comes after 8:30am. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. No need to book just come along.



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 and a child was recently bitten on the hand as they came into 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.



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.



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. Names written on the label will help school reunite lost clothing with their owners.

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. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

