



West Park Academy

Date: Nov 2019

Autumn Term 2

Christmas Fair: To be held at West Park Academy in the school hall on Saturday 30th November 2019 at 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Come along and browse a host of stalls offering great Christmas gift ideas. Hope to see you there!



Christmas Lunch: Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 12th December 2019. If your child is normally on packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Lunch, please inform the school office to order by **Friday 29th November 2019 at the latest.**

Christmas Carol Concert: Come and join us for Christmas Carols, hot chocolate and cookies around the Willow Circle at West Park Academy on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 5:00pm - 6:00pm.



Christmas Hampers: Christmas Hamper tickets will be on sale £1.00 per ticket from Monday 2nd December 2019 as well as at our Christmas Fair. Winners will be announced on Thursday 19th December 2019 at the end of the school day. Please bring all donations into school by Friday 29th November 2019. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



Christmas Parties: Children will be decorating paper party bags in school ready to bring home to fill with their food to bring back for their party. All the parties will take place in school. On their party day, children will need to bring their decorated party bag, filled with party food just for themselves – **one savoury item** (small bun, wrap etc), **one sweet item** (biscuit, cereal bar, fruit etc) and **one treat**. As we have children in school with allergies, please avoid sending any items containing nuts. Drinks will be provided by school.

Welly Walk: Welly Walks take place Thursday 5th Dec and Friday 6th Dec. If you can help out with the Welly Walk please contact your child's class teacher.

Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 28th Nov	9:00AM - 3:30PM	Year 5 Educational Visit to Durham Cathedral
Thurs 28th Nov	12:00PM - 3:30PM	Year 5 & Year 6 Basketball Festival
Fri 29th Nov	1:30PM - 2:30PM	Choir singing at Queen Street
Sat 30th Nov	2:30PM - 4:30PM	Christmas Fair
Sun 1st Dec	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Santa Run – St Teresa's Hospice held at West Park Academy
Tue 3rd Dec	3:00PM	Robinwood Final Meeting for Parents
Thu 5th Dec	11:00AM - 3.30 PM	Tees Valley Inclusive Ice Festival – Billingham Forum
Thurs 5th Dec	All Day	Nursery & Reception Welly Walk
Fri 6th Dec	Whole Day	Year 1 - Year 6 Welly Walk
Fri 6th Dec	9:30AM & 2:15PM	Mixed R1 & R2 Christmas Performance
Wed 11th Dec	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Nursery Christmas Singing Performance
Wed 11th Dec	2:00PM - 3:00PM	Nursery Christmas Singing Performance
Thu 12th Dec	11.30AM - 1.30PM	School Christmas Lunch
Mon 16th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Year 1&2 Christmas Party (classes 1,2,3 & 4)
Tue 17th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Year 3&4 Christmas Party (classes 5,6,7 & 8)
Wed 18th Dec	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Year 5&6 Christmas Party (classes 9,10,11 &12)
Wed 18th Dec	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Christmas Carol Night
Wed 18th Dec	9:00AM - 11:30PM	Nursery AM & PM Christmas Party - NO Afternoon nursery
Thu 19th Dec	12:30PM - 3:30PM	Reception Christmas Party
Thu 19th Dec	12:00PM - 2:00PM	Choir Singing at Hollies Restaurant Hospital

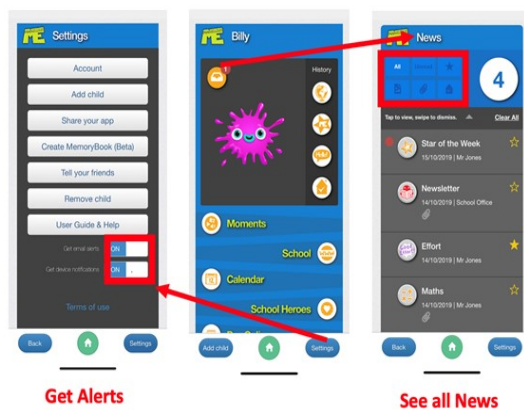
Thurs 19th Dec	3:00PM	Christmas Hamper Draw
Fri 20th Dec	3:30PM	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 6th Jan	8:45AM	School Opens

Nursery: If you have any spare or unwanted clothes such as pants, tights, trousers, socks, or wellies, Nursery would be very grateful.

Bags 2 School: Thank you clearing out for Bags2School a total of £134.90 was raised.

Children In Need: West Park Academy children took part in singing activities throughout the school day on Friday 15th November 2019. All donations received were all donated to Children In Need, the amount in total was £198.53.

Marvellous Me Update: Marvellous Me has updated their Parent app. The new version delivers a history of badges and messages, fixes notification bugs and includes other improvements.

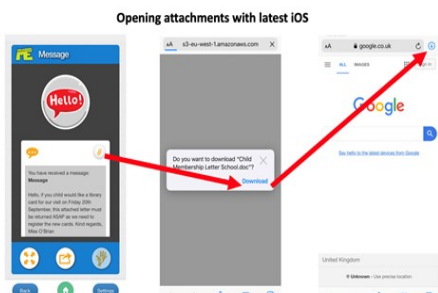


1. Check your device is running the latest operating software.

2. Update the Marvellous Me app via the App Store or Google Play.

3. Open the Marvellous Me Parent app then Tap 'Settings'

Toggle the 'Get device notifications' switch off and back on again. Even if it shows as 'On', you must switch it 'Off' and 'On' once. This step is particularly important to ensure you receive Marvellous Me notifications going forward and benefit from the upgrade.



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 and on the playground. 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 6th January 2020 until Wednesday 8th January 2020. Final meeting for parents will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 3pm in the school hall. Please ensure personal information forms and souvenir order forms are returned to the school office by Friday 29th November 2019. 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 2015 and 31st August 2016 they will be starting school in the academic year which begins September 2020. 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.'