

Date: Sept 2021

Autumn Term 1

Welcome back to school to all children and staff especially all new starters. The morning bell rings at 8:45am, all children need to be in class for registration at this time. Collection time is at 3:30pm - this is for all children.

Reception Classes: Learning to read is such a crucial skill for young children to master and we hope to ensure that the children learn these skills whilst maintaining a love of books and stories. Reading can be very challenging for some children, however, when school and home work together, the children stand the best chance of making great progress. The Reception team will be presenting a phonics, reading and mathematics information session on **Thursday 30th September 2021 at 2:15pm - 3:15pm**, they will share with parents our approach and things you can do to best support your child.

Phonics

Open Event: We are holding an Open Event for prospective parents for Reception Sept 2022 starters. This will be on **Thursday 7th October 2021** at either **3:45pm** or **5:15pm**, just come along no need to book.

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 11th October 2021 at 3:00 PM**. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.




Parents Consultation will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday week commencing 18th October 2021, there will be more information to follow shortly.

Individual School Photographs will be taken on **Monday 22nd November 2021**. 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.




Forthcoming Events:		
Thurs 30th Sept	2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Current Reception Parents - Phonics/Maths meeting
Thurs 7th Oct	3:45 PM & 5:15 PM	Open Event for Prospective Parents for Reception starters for Sept 2022
Mon 11th Oct	3:00 PM	Harvest Festival - Collection Day
W/C Mon 18th Oct	Various	Parents Consultation - various dates and times to follow
Wed 20th Oct	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Yr 2 Educational visit to Broom House Farm
Thurs 21st Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Fri 22nd Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Mon 25th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 1st Nov	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Fri 5th Nov	8:00am	Bags 2 School collection
Mon 22nd Nov	All Day	Individual School Photos
Sun 5th Dec		Santa Run - St Teresa's Hospice

Correspondence: Please check that school has an up to date email address as we are now sending most correspondence via email. These emails will come from  **West Park Academy.**

Jewellery: Children must not wear jewellery to school other than stud earrings which must be removed or taped up for PE. This is due to the likelihood of them getting caught and causing injury during play and PE.

Morrison's '**It's Good to Grow**' collect Grow Tokens when you shop, nominate West Park Academy on your MyMorrison's app who can claim free gardening equipment.

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

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

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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.

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.



Potty Training: Please see link below for information and tips regarding potty training:
<https://www.eric.org.uk/Pages/Category/potty-training>

There are also some leaflets on our school website:
www.westparkacademy.org.uk/parents/nursery

If your child is having problems with potty training you can contact your health visitor who will support you. If you don't know the name of your health visitor their direct number is 0300 003 0013 open Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm.



Bags 2 School will be handed out at the end of term, collection date will be on 9:00am Friday 5th November 2021. It's a good opportunity to have a clear out. School or work uniforms are NOT accepted. School receives funding for these donations.



Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:00am, the doors will close at 8:30am. The daily cost is £2.25. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. No need to book just come along to the hall doors.



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.



Toys: Please can we ask that toys including Fidget toys are **NOT** brought into school. Some children require certain educational devices which we provide.



Lost Property: We are trying to reduce the amount of lost clothing in school, therefore we no longer have a lost property box. Please help us by **clearly labelling all** clothing. Children are responsible for their coats, jumpers, cardigans etc. At the end of play/lunchtime all items are returned to the child, this can **only** happen if the clothes are clearly labelled.

Names written on the label will help school reunite lost clothing with their owners. Labels can be purchased from Elizabeth Embroidery.

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.