



West Park Academy

Date: Dec 2021

Autumn Term No 2

Festive Season: This is a lovely time of the year in school, with lots of festive fun to be had. Nursery will have Christmas Sing Songs, Reception will have Nativity performances and all classes will enjoy their own Christmas parties.



Nursery and Reception children will attend school in their party clothes, Year 1 - Year 6 will attend in uniform and change into their party clothes. All party food to be brought into school in their decorated party bag. Dates for all activities are overleaf.

WPA Bauble Tree: Children are invited to bring in a bauble to hang on the outside Christmas tree near the wilderness area. It can be homemade with a message and will need to be waterproof. Just put them in the box provided outside the main office and Mr Mike will hang them for the children.

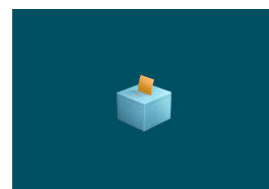


Schools Games Santa Dash: West Park Academy children will take part in the School Games National Santa Dash on Friday 10th December 2021. This will take place on the school playground throughout the day. Children will already be wearing their Christmas jumpers or accessories, but will need suitable shoes to run in. The children will enjoy juice and biscuits.



We will be joining thousands of other young people across the Country who will all be taking part on Friday 10th December 2021, celebrating the power of exercise to help with healthy lifestyles even in the darkest months.

Parent Ballot: Following the results of the recent Parent ballot, we would like to welcome Andrew Emmerson onto our Board of Trustees as our newly elected Parent Trustee. We would like to thank you all for taking the time to vote and thank Andrew for volunteering his time to support the school.



Forthcoming Events:		
Thurs 9th Dec	9:45 AM - 12:30PM	Winter Ice Festival, Billingham - Various SEND children
Thurs 9th Dec	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Nursery Christmas Sing Song
Thurs 9th Dec	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Nursery Christmas Sing Song
Fri 10th Dec	All day	Wear Christmas Jumper or Christmas Accessories - for a small donation
Fri 10th Dec	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Educational Visit Yr 1 Fire Station
Fri 10th Dec	1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	School Choir singing at ALDI and West Park Hospital
Mon 13th - 15th Dec	All Day	Robinwood Residential Visit Yr5 & Yr6
Mon 13th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 1 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes
Mon 13th Dec	2:15 PM	Nativity Performance - Reception 1
Tues 14th Dec	2:15 PM	Nativity Performance - Reception 2
Tues 14th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 2 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes
Wed 15th Dec	AM & PM	Polar Express Day - Nursery children attend school in PJ's
Wed 15th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 3 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes
Wed 15th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 4 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes
Wed 15th Dec	4:00 PM approx	Robinwood Residential Visit return to West Park Academy
Thurs 16th Dec	12:50 PM - 3:00 PM	Reception Visit to Hullabaloo
Thurs 16th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 5 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes

Thurs 16th Dec		Christmas Party Yr 6 - Bring in party food in decorated bag and party clothes
Fri 17th Dec	AM	Christmas Party - AM & PM Nursery attend in Party clothes & bring in party food in decorated bags
Fri 17th Dec		Christmas Party - Reception 1 & 2 attend in Party clothes & bring in party food in decorated bags
Fri 17th Dec	3:30 PM	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Tues 4th Jan	All Day	School Closed - Training Day
Wed 5th Jan	8:45 AM	School re-opens

Christmas Info:

- Wear Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories for a small donation on Friday 10th December 2021. The money will go to Save the Children.
- Christmas Hampers tickets are on sale £1:00 per ticket and will be drawn on Thursday 16th December 2021. A huge thank you to all who have donated.

Christmas parties:

- Year 1 – Year 6 children are to wear uniform and bring in their party clothes to change into. Bring party food in their decorated party bag.
- Nursery and Reception children to wear their party clothes on the day. Bring party food in their decorated party bag.



Outdoor Play: Despite the nip in the air, we are continuing to play outdoors at lunch times and playtimes. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear each day and that they **are clearly named.**



Breakfast Club: If you would like your child to attend breakfast club please arrive between 8:00am - 8:30am at the main hall doors the cost is £2:25 per day. There is no need to book your child in.



Reception Applications 2022: Children born between 1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2022. Parents/carers have the right to express a preference for a primary school they prefer but there is no guarantee that a place can be allocated at one of them. Application forms must be returned to Admissions Team, Darlington Borough Council no later than **15th January 2022.**

If you know anyone who has a child due to start school in Sept 2022, then please ask them to contact the school office to arrange to have a look around on 01325 380792.

Applications for Reception places September 2022 must be submitted to the Local Authority by 15th January 2022.

School Correspondence: Where possible we are now sending letters via email. Please look out for emails from West Park Academy, if you are not receiving these emails please contact the school office to update your email address.



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.

Schools News App: To keep in touch with the latest school news, calendar events and photo galleries go to West Park Academy website to find links to download the school news app.



Lost Property: We have quite a lot of sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans that are unnamed waiting to be claimed. Please collect from the school office before the end of next week.

Goodbye: we say a fond farewell to Mrs Dunn who is leaving West Park Academy on Thursday 16th December 2021. She has been a big part of the WPA family for 18 years. We wish her all the happiness in her retirement.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8:45am on Wednesday 5th January 2022.