



West Park Academy

Date: July 2022

Summer Term No 2

End of Year Letter:

As this school year draws to a close, and we approach the last day of term, I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting your child over the year with their home learning, getting them to school on time and back into a routine. It has been a tricky year, with some children struggling with the return to school and the catching up of lost learning. It makes such a difference working in partnership together to do this.

I also want to thank every child for all the memories, hard work and the learning that we have shared over the year.

It has been a busy but enjoyable year. We have achieved another Active Mark Gold, for our PE provision, we have had many trips and outings and of course our amazing STEM week.

Read more on our school website page.

[Www.westparkacademy.org.uk/news](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk/news)



Attendance and punctuality: We are working hard to ensure that any gaps in learning caused by the pandemic are closed. This included additional tutoring and targeted small group work, often at the very start of the school day. It is important your child is on time to school as all lessons start as soon as the register is complete. School doors open at 8:45am. Children arriving after the close of registration will be marked as late. Poor attendance and /or regular late attendance could result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Breakfast Club: Why not bring your child along to try our breakfast club where they can enjoy fruit, cereal, toast and a drink. There is no need to book, just bring your child to the main hall doors between 8:00am - 8:30am. The cost is £2:50 per day.



Forthcoming Events:		
Wed 20th Jul	1:45 PM	Yr5 & Yr6 (C9,10,11&12) Sports Day
Thurs 21st July	9:00 AM	Yr1 & Yr 2 (C1,C2,C3 & C4) Rearranged Sports Day
Thurs 21st July	2:00 PM	Yr6 Leavers assembly
Thurs 21st July	3:30 PM	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Mon 5th Sept	8:45 AM	School re-opens for new term 8:45 AM

Uniform: School uniform must be worn at all times:

- Grey trousers/skirt
- Yellow or purple polo top
- Green jumper/cardigan - no hoodies allowed

PE Kits:

- Black shorts
- Purple round neck t-shirt
- Plimsoles
- Trainers
- Tracksuit/joggers for outdoor use for cold weather

To support families with the cost of buying uniform you can buy uniform from most local supermarkets. The logo is optional, this can be added by a local business if you wish, which is less expensive than buying branded uniform.

You can also take a look at the School Uniform Exchange site where you can find out more about pre-loved uniform. See the link below :

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/support-for-parents-and-pupils/school-uniform-exchange/>

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name on.

Snack: Children can bring in a healthy snack for morning break which should consist of fruit or a cereal bar. Please do not send in sweets or chocolate.



School Meals: We have a delicious new menu for September 2022, which is on the website, that is not only nutritious but tasty with different options available each day. The salad bar has been re-introduced and has proved to be extremely popular with the children. The daily cost of a school meal is **£2:10**, if you would like your child to have school meals please contact the school office on 01325 380792.

Healthy Lunch: We all want our children to feel good about themselves. A healthy lunch every day will give your child the energy and nutrients they need to grow, develop and learn. Our school dinners provide children with healthy, tasty and nutritious food but are also designed to appeal to their tastes. If you do choose to send a packed lunch, please can you ensure that there are **no sweets or fizzy drinks**, whilst also being mindful of children with nut allergies.



Nursery: At West Park Academy nursery we offer both 15 hour and 30 hour funded places spread across the week, Monday to Friday. This can be either morning sessions, afternoon sessions or 4 and a half days if you are entitled to 30 hours.

Our nursery is teacher led with all staff taking the time to understand individual children and consider the whole child. Our children are encouraged to explore their own interests whilst engaging in open-ended activities that will give them a love of learning which will promote curiosity to explore, investigate, discover and promote independence.

If you would like to come and see the wonderful opportunities that we can offer children then please contact the school for a visit or have a look at our Facebook page: West Park Academy Early Years.

Outdoor Play: We continue 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**.



During the hot weather please can you ensure that your child has either had sun cream applied or brings a bottle with them into school. **Named** sun hats or caps are also recommended.



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 or check junk/spam folder.



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: Each day we find we have quite a lot of sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans/coats/shoes/hats that are left in the playground/field or outside classrooms. All named items can be returned to the rightful owner, but we have a lot of **unnamed** items waiting to be claimed.



Please can you ensure **ALL** items are clearly named.

These items will be put outside the main school office every day until the end of term.

All unclaimed items will then be given to charity or the Uniform shop in Queen Street, Darlington. Please take a look and retrieve anything that belongs to your child.

Goodbye: We say a fond farewell to the following who will be leaving West Park Academy on Thursday 21st July 2022:



Mrs Pressdee-Rudd, Miss Dillon and Miss Grey-Stamford are all moving to new schools to start new positions.

Back to School: All staff and children will return to school on Monday 5th September 2022. School bell is at 8:45am, children go straight into class for registration. Late marks are recorded on the register and impact on attendance. Have a lovely summer break.