



# West Park Academy

**Date: Sept 2022**

**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 29th September 2022 at 2:15pm–3:15pm and 5:00–6:00pm**, they will share with parents our approach and things you can do to best support your child.

**Open Event:** Starting Reception is a big step in a young child's life, and we aim to help you with your choice of school as much as possible. We would love to meet you all in person and show you around our early years provision and answer any questions you may have. During the Autumn term we have organised an information session for prospective parents on **Thursday 6th October 2022** starting at **4:00pm at Nursery entrance**. Please contact the school office on 01325 380792 to book a place.

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 3rd October 2022 at 3:00 PM**. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.



**Parents Consultation** will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday week commencing 17th October 2022, there will be more information to follow shortly.

**Individual School Photographs** will be taken on **Monday 21st November 2022**. 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.



**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**.



### Forthcoming Events:

Mon 19th Sept	ALL DAY	School Closed due to Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Thurs 29th Sept	2:15 PM & 5:00 PM	Current Reception Parents - Phonics/Maths meeting letter to follow
Fri 30th Sep	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Macmillan Coffee Morning - opportunity to meet other parents
Fri 30th Sep	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Yr 3 Educational Visit to Dolphin Centre
Mon 3rd Oct	3:00 PM	Harvest Festival Collection 3:00 PM
Thurs 6th Oct	4:00 PM	Open Event for Prospective Parents for Reception starters for Sept 2023
W/C Mon 17th Oct	Various	Parents Consultation - various dates and times to follow
Fri 21st Oct	All Day	Training Day - School Closed
Mon 24th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 31st Oct	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Mon 21st Nov	All Day	Individual School Photos
Tues 29th Nov	All Day	Influenza Immunisation Programme

You can also look on the school website: [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://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.



**Home School Family Support:** Mrs Louise Conroy is our new Home School Support.

"I've had a lovely first week at West Park; the children have been so welcoming. Modern life can be hectic and challenging for us all at times. Sometimes, we can be struggling to keep up without even realising it! Any problem, no matter how big or small, is easier to face once shared. In my role as Home School Family Support, I am here to offer help and support in anyway I can. Please contact me [l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk) or the school if you feel you or your child/ren need support.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** We would like to invite you all to our Macmillan Coffee morning. On **Friday 30th September 2022 at 9:00am -11:00am**. We will have cakes and raffle prizes which we hope will help to raise money to support a great cause. If you are unable to attend but would like to purchase a ticket, please let me know. Hope to see you all on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Take care, Mrs Conroy.



**Attendance and Punctuality** -Evidence shows that those children who attend school regularly develop better social skills, have better mental health and achieve higher in their education. Children need to be on the school yard or by their classroom doors by 8:45am. We expect children's attendance to be above 96%. If your child's attendance drops below this and there is not a satisfactory reason for this, you will be asked to attend a meeting with Mrs Conroy. If your child's attendance continues to decline further, regular meetings will be needed and it is possible that you will receive a fine, if attendance does not improve.

**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:00am, the doors will close at 8:30am. The daily cost is £2.50. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. No need to book just come along to the hall doors.



**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. School Meals cost £2:10 per day £10:50 per week

**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.



**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.

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**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.



**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. **NO** dogs allowed on school premises.



**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.



**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. At the end of play/lunchtime all items are returned to the child, this can only happen if the clothes are clearly labelled.

**Wellies:** As the weather changes children will need wellies in school so they are still able to access the school field without getting muddy and wet.



**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.