



West Park Academy

Date: Nov 2022

Autumn Term 2

Anti-Bullying week commences Monday 14th November - 18th November 2022. We start the week wearing odd socks to school on Monday 14th November 2022.

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 17th November 2022** starting at **4:00pm at Nursery entrance**. Please contact the school office on 01325 380792 to book a place.

Children in Need will take place on **Friday 18th November 2022**. Children may attend school wearing pyjamas for a donation. As some PJ's can be made of fine material please ensure that children have warm items to wear at playtimes.

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.



Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 7th December 2022** the cost is £2:10 per child. If you wish your child to have Christmas Lunch please complete the form online, this form will close on Friday 25th November 2022 we cannot add any more meals after this time. If your child does not want Christmas lunch please provide a home packed lunch. On this day children may wear something Christmassy ie: Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories, tinsel, bow etc

Flu Nasal Spray will take place on Tuesday 29th November 2022. This is for the whole school except Nursery children, and will take place in school throughout the day.

Forthcoming Events:		
Thurs 17th Nov	4:00 PM	Open Event for Prospective Parents for Reception starters for Sept 2023
Fri 18th Nov	All Day	Children in Need - Pyjama Day
Mon 21st Nov	All Day	Individual School Photos
Tues 22nd Nov	All Day	Taskivator Day - KS2 Yr3 – Yr6 come into school in PE Kit
Wed 23rd Nov	AM	Yr1 Education Visit - Darlington Fire Station
Tues 29th Nov	All Day	Influenza Immunisation Programme
Wed 30th Nov	PM	Yr2 Educational Visit - St Matthews & St Luke's Church, Darlington
Mon 5th Dec	All Day	Yr3 Educational Visit - Bowes Museum
Tues 6th Dec	All Day	Wellie Walk whole school during school time
Wed 7th Dec		Christmas Lunch - book online before 25th November 2022.
Thurs 8th Dec	2:15 AM	Nativity Performance Reception 1 & 2
Mon 12th - 14th Dec	8:00 AM	Robinwood Residential Visit Yr5 & Yr6 Return approx. 4:00PM
Mon 12th Dec	PM	Christmas Party Yr3 & Yr4 - bring in party clothes. School providing food
Wed 14th Dec	PM	Reception 1 & 2 Hullabaloo show
Thurs 15th Dec	PM	Yr6 Pantomime Darlington Hippodrome
Thurs 15th Dec	PM	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Thurs 15th Dec	PM	Hub Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Fri 16th Dec	PM	Yr5 & Yr6 Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Fri 16th Dec	AM	Reception Christmas party - come in party clothes, school
Fri 16th Dec	8:45AM - 11:45AM	Nursery Christmas party - come in clothes, school providing food
Fri 16th Dec	3:45 PM	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Wed 4th Jan	8:45 AM	School re-opens

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.



Christmas Hampers: We are raising money for Home Reading Books. Our Christmas Hampers are always popular so we are politely asking for donations. Hamper tickets will be on sale from **Monday 21st November 2022** at the front of the school **£1.00** per ticket.

Nursery Bottles please take to office
Reception Bottles please take to office
Year 1 Biscuits
Year 2 Chocolates
Year 3 Tins
Year 4 Christmas Novelties
Year 5 Christmas Novelties
Year 6 Smellies



Please bring all donations to school by **2nd December 2022**. Winners will be announced on Thursday 16th December 2022.

Thank you for your kind donations.

OPAL - Shout out for any of the following items for our OPAL playtime:

- bikes/scooters that are in good working order
- Prams
- Small world items
- Large pieces of fabric for den building

The children enjoy their playtimes especially with extra fun items to play with whilst using their imagination.

Thank you to all who attended the Macmillan Coffee morning, it was a lovely morning, and an opportunity for parents to chat together the amount raised was £124.26. A big thank you for all your contributions.

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.



Uniform: We want everyone to feel part of the Academy and wearing uniform is a big part of our identity. The uniform expectations are:

- Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt
- Yellow or purple polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- In summer grey shorts may be worn, or a green, yellow or purple gingham dress

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.

- Yellow or purple or white t-shirt
- Black or green shorts
- Plimsolls
- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms or tracksuit for outdoor use

WPA Logos can be purchased via Elizabeth's Embroidery. Please ensure **ALL** items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



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.



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.



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.