



West Park Academy

Date: January 2023

Spring Term 1

We are welcoming the slightly lighter mornings and evenings in school. January seems always to be the longest month but there is a sense of Spring being just around the corner. We hope you and your family are staying safe and well.



The Eco Ambassadors are very keen on recycling and reusing and would like the school to take part in the Big Battery Hunt which is a nationwide campaign. Used batteries can be brought into school where there is a school recycling container for batteries.

Safer Internet Day will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.



In school the children will take part in an assembly and classroom activities around 'Talking about life online'. This will also link to Children's Mental Health Week and we will discuss the impact online activities can have on their mental health.

For any advice about keeping safe online visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 6th -12th February 2023. This year's theme is **Lets Connect**. The Mental Health Team will be leading assemblies and we will be completing work in class about connecting. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connect is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely - which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Forthcoming Events:		
Mon 30th Jan	5:00 PM	SATs Meeting for Yr 6 Parents - School Hall
Tues 14th Feb	5:00 PM	SATs Meeting for Yr 2 Parents - School Hall
W/C 13th Feb		Parents Consultation - Complete online form sent via Text message
Fri 17th Feb	3:45 PM	School closes for half term
Mon 27th Feb	8:45 AM	School Re-opens
Tues 28th Feb & Wed 1st March		Dance Workshop West End in Schools Yr 1—Yr 6
Thurs 2nd March		World Book Day
Tue 7th - 13th March		Bookfair see opening times
Tues 14th March	ALL DAY	Tempest Class Photographs
Fri 31st March	3:45 AM	School Closes for Easter Hols
Mon 17th Apr	8:45 AM	School Re-Opens

School uniform: We have collected a lot of lost property due to things being unnamed. Please can we ask you to name everything including, drinks bottles, lunch bags/boxes, hats, gloves, scarves, and shoes. We understand that some of the children are too young to be fully responsible for their belongings and this is something we are teaching them every day, but it does help us to return them to you.

School Uniform and PE kit:

We expect all children to be in school uniform and have a PE kit in school for their PE lessons. Children should bring their PE kit in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

Our uniform consists of:

Grey/black trousers, pinafore or skirt

Yellow/purple polo shirt

Green sweatshirt or cardigan

In Summer, grey/black shorts may be worn, or a green, yellow or purple gingham dress.

World Book Day is fast approaching!

Thursday 2nd March 2023. To celebrate World Book Day this year, children in Years 1 to 6 will take part in a dance workshop, on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March with West End in Schools. During the dance workshop, the children will work alongside a professional choreographer to explore their chosen story book in order to create a dance that retells the story from beginning to end.

World Book Fair: The bookfair will be in school from Tuesday 7th March 2023 until Monday 13th March 2023.

The Bookfair will be open the following times:

7 th March	3.30- 4.15pm	
8 th March	8:30-9:00am	3:30-4:30pm
9 th March	8:30-9:00am	3:30-4:30pm
10 th March	8:30-9:00am	3:30-4:30pm
13 th March	8:30-9:00am	3:30-4:30pm

Our annual bookfair will be returning as normal back to the hall. Where you can browse the book cages and purchase some lovely books for you to enjoy with your children at home.

These books can be purchased in the hall on the day (cash only) but if the book is not available, we can order these at the end of the fair and they will be delivered to school.

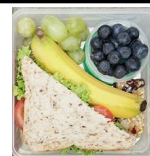
Vouchers (£1) will be given out to the children on Monday 6th March 2023 these can be used when you purchase a book.

Remember when a book is purchased you are supporting school as we can buy books to help the children's learning. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Board of Trustees: We are always looking for Trustees to sit on our Board. Being a school trustee is a hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country. If this is something you would be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hirst for further information.



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, tastes and nutritious food but are also designed to appeal to their taster. We offer taster sessions throughout the year so that children are familiar with any new additions and there is always 3 options to choose from. If you do choose to send a packed lunch, please can you ensure that there are **no sweets or fizzy drinks.**



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 £2:50 per day. There is no need to book your child in.



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.



We have had a number of complaints from nearby residents about parking and the amount of cars blocking driveways, double-parking etc.



Dangerous parking is also an issue around school, putting the safety of children and others at risk. Please be considerate when bringing/or collecting your child to school. We are working with the Council and Safer Streets to find possible solutions to this.

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.**

