



# West Park Academy

**Date: March 2023**

**Spring Term 2**

**Easter Raffle:** We have a parent group in school who are keen to develop activities for children. They are currently raising money for an end of year disco and are organising an Easter raffle in school. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the front of school from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 50p per ticket.

Winners will be announced by the end of the school day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

As part of our celebration of tradition we welcome back our

**Easter Egg Competition:** Decorate an egg there is no theme. If you require any resources please collect some from Mrs Conroy, Home School Family Worker.

Please bring in decorated eggs on the morning 29th March 2023 to be judged. Eggs can then be taken home at the end of that school day.



**Book Fair:** Last week we held a book fair in school. We considered as to whether to hold this this year but decided to go ahead as it gives parents the opportunity to buy books and utilise the book vouchers without having to travel into town.

We can also offer a selection of books if you were unable to purchase a book from the book fair, just call and see Mrs Conroy.

We also encourage children to select care and share books from our library to share with an adult at home. This is in addition to their reading book.

By hosting the book fair we have also been able to purchase new books for the library.

Many thanks for your support.



**Great British Spring Clean:** This year as previously, we will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. This is our opportunity to contribute to our community and make a difference by taking part in a litter pick of the area. This will happen throughout the week, commencing 27th March 2023.



## Forthcoming Events:

Tues 14th March	All Day	Tempest Class Photographs
Mon 20th March	All Day	Easter Raffle Tickets on sale 50p per ticket
Mon 20th March	Every Mon morning	Family Drop in Monday mornings cuppa and a chat
Thurs 23rd March	All Day	Yr 4 Educational Visit - Life Centre
Fri 24th March	All Day	Escape Room Yr 1 & Yr2 in school
W/C Mon 27th March	Throughout the week	Great British Spring Clean
Wed 29th March	All Day	Yr1 Educational Visit—Tweddle Farm Blackhall Colliery
Thurs 30th March	2:00 PM	Yr2 parents invited to attend Bridge Building Event in school
Fri 31st March	3:45 AM	School Closes for Easter Hols
Mon 17th Apr	8:45 AM	School Re-Opens
Mon 17th Apr	All Day	Nursery Educational Visit - Adventure Valley
Tues 18th Apr	All Day	Nursery Educational Visit - Adventure Valley
Mon 1st May	All Day	School closed - May Day
Tues 2nd May	8:45 AM	School open
Mon 8th May	All Day	School closed - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 9th May	8:45 AM	School open
Tues 9th May - 12th May	All Week	Yr6 SATs
15th May - 26th May	All Week	Yr2 SATs last two weeks May

**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.**



## Care About Your Air!

Protect the environment and children's health, switch off your car engine when parked.

- An idling car generates enough emissions to fill 150 balloons every minute. This can lead to poor local air quality, particularly around schools at drop off and pick up times.
- Children breathe more rapidly than adults absorbing more of these harmful emissions.
- Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution, which can aggravate conditions such as asthma and can be linked to other lung conditions including respiratory infections.

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/careforcleanair>

## Safer Parking from Darlington Borough Council:

We want everyone to have a safe journey to school, however they choose to do it, which is why we are asking you to follow this advice: if you choose to park illegally, then schools can pass your vehicle registration to us and we will provide you with either advice or possibly issue a fixed penalty notice if you continue to ignore advice. We hope you choose to follow the advice.

### Rule 238 of the Highway Code States:

'You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking one) - see 'Traffic Signs' and 'Road Markings'. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see 'Road Markings') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping'

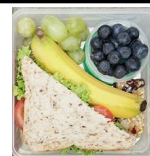
See the Highway Code:

[www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/waiting-and-parking](http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/waiting-and-parking)  
or scan the QR using your smartphone camera

More information about car parking in Darlington Borough can be found at [www.darlington.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/car-parking](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/car-parking)



**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.



**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.



Hope everyone has a enjoyable Spring break.

