



West Park Academy

Date: July 2023

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. Children are still catching up from missed learning and it makes such a difference working in partnership together to do this.

It has been a very busy year but it has been great to get back to a full itinerary of trips, visits and visitors.

Some of the things we are most proud of this year are:

- School Games Mark – Gold Award
- Opal Play Award – Gold
- A fantastic STEM week
- WPA Race Day
- Year 1 phonics results put us in the top 20% of schools nationally
- All of our amazing children who have represented us over the year in sporting events, charity events, science events, the Mayor's song contest, Dance Festivals, the Jubilee, the Kings Coronation
- Our brilliant Year 6 students who are leaving us this week to undertake their next stage of education – we wish them the very best.

None of this would have been possible without the whole West Park Academy community pulling together. Children, parents and staff all working together to achieve good things.

Have a wonderful Summer Break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hirst

Forthcoming Events:		
Thurs 20th July	2:00 PM	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 20th July	3:30 PM	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Tue 5th Sept	8:45 AM	School re-opens for new term 8:45 AM

Uniform: As the summer has progressed we have noticed increasing numbers of children not wearing uniform. **From September School uniform must be worn at all times:**

- Grey or black trousers/skirt
- Yellow or purple polo top
- Green jumper/cardigan - no hoodies allowed except Y6 Leavers Hoodies
- Green Gingham dresses

PE Kits:

- Black shorts
- Purple or white 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.

Flu Vaccinations: Flu Vaccinations for all children in primary school will take place in school on **Friday 13th October 2023**. The information and consent forms will be sent electronically early September.

School Meals: We have a delicious new menu for September 2023, 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 has now increased to **£2.30 (£11.50 per week)**, 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.



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 £3.00 per day.



Water and Snacks: 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, crisps or chocolate. Children can bring in a named water bottle. We do not allow energy drinks or fizzy drinks to be drunk during the school day.



Outdoor Play: We continue to play outdoors at lunch times and playtimes whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear each day and that they **are clearly named.**



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 kept till the end of the school term only.

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 20th July 2023:



Miss Ferguson, Miss Curtis, and Mr Grant are moving on to pastures new.

Back to School: All staff and children will return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023. School bell is at **8:45am**. children go straight into class for registration. Late marks, arriving after 8:50am are recorded on the register and impact on attendance.