

**Date: Nov 2023**

**Autumn Term 2**



## Christmas Fayre



**Where:** West Park Academy

**When:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Time:** 2:30pm – 4:00pm

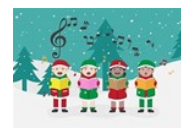
Come along and browse the various Christmas stalls

Enjoy the choir singing Christmas Carols

Have a hot chocolate/juice and biscuit

Buy your Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

Enjoy the festive atmosphere



Your child can be collected from the classroom, but they must be signed out before attending the Christmas Fayre more info to follow

**Stalls will be cash only as school does not have card facilities.**

**Christmas Lunch** will be on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**. If you have not already done so please inform the school office if your child would like to have Christmas lunch. 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

**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 20th November 2023** 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 **1st December 2023**. Winners will be announced on Thursday 14th December 2023. Thank you for your kind donations.

<b>Forthcoming Events:</b>		
Thurs 30th Nov	AM	Yr2 Educational Visit - St Matthew's & St Luke's Church, Darlington
Thurs 30th Nov	2:30 PM	Nursery Nativity Christmas Songs
Fri 1st Dec	10:30 AM	Nursery Nativity Christmas Songs
Wed 6th Dec	PM	Christmas Lunch - wear something Christmassy
Thurs 7th Dec	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Christmas Fayre - collect and sign your child out from class (info to follow)
Mon 11th - 13th Dec	8:45 AM	Robinwood Residential Visit Yr5 & Yr6 Return approx. 4:00PM
Mon 11th Dec	PM	Yr3 & Yr4 Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Tues 12th Dec	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Yr4 Educational Visit to Mima
Tues 12th Dec	PM	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Wed 13th Dec	ALL DAY	Nursery & Reception Workshop in school by Animal Story - The Christmas Nativity
Thurs 14th Dec	PM	Yr5 & Yr6 & Hub Christmas Party - bring in party clothes, school providing food
Thurs 14th Dec	10:30 AM 11:15 AM	Choir singing at West Park Hospital then Aldi
Fri 15th Dec	AM	Nursery Christmas party - come in clothes, school providing food
Fri 15th Dec	PM	Reception Christmas party - come in clothes, school providing food
Fri 15th Dec	3:30 PM	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 18th Dec	ALL DAY	Training Day
Tues 19th Dec	ALL DAY	Training Day
Wed 3rd Jan	8:45 AM	School re-opens

You can also look on the school website: [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk) and click on 'Key Info' for news & events throughout the school year. For individual class curriculums, click on 'Curriculum'. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.



**World Diabetes Day:** The total amount raised for World Diabetes Day was £451.11. Olivia Poulter raised £186.26 of that total. Well done Olivia. Just amazing thank you all so much for your donations.



**Friends of West Park Academy:** West Park Academy would like to invite parents, teachers and friends of West Park Academy to join Mrs Conroy to help organise events to raise funds to spend on memorable experiences for our children.

We would like to meet up once every half term to discuss ideas, plan events and decide how best to spend the funds raised so that all the children across the year groups benefit. Our aim is to enhance the learning opportunities for all our children.

Fund raising activities in the past have included Christmas and Easter raffles. The funds raised will be spent on a whole range of things to support our wonderful children and families.

We always welcome new ideas and any contributions are welcome. Please contact our Home School Family Support Worker, Mrs Conroy, on 01325 380792 or email on:  
[DWPL.Conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:DWPL.Conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk)

During the run up to Christmas, we are aware some parents may be struggling. However, in Darlington we have services which may be able to provide some support:

King's Foodbank, Bread and butter scheme, Too good to go, HAF fund, 700club

If you need any further information, please contact Mrs Conroy or the services directly.

**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.



## '10 Days of Christmas Attendance'

In it to win it!

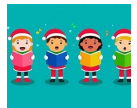
Every day from Monday 4th December 2023 until Friday 15th December 2023, you could be in with a chance of winning some magical Christmas goodies! All you have to do is to be here, on time and be ready to learn every day for our magical 10 days of Christmas!

Mrs Conroy will hold a grand prize draw, you could win one of our exciting Christmas prizes.

All children that have a **100% attendance** for all of the Autumn term will have a hot chocolate treat with Mrs Hirst in the Wilderness.



**School Choir:** The school choir will be singing at West Park Hospital and Aldi on Thursday 14th December 2023. The children will walk to West Park Hospital for 10:30am and then walk to Aldi for approx. 11:15am. Parents are welcome to support at Aldi.



**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.



**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.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



**We look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8:45am on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.**