



West Park Academy

Date: March 2024

Spring Term 2

Welcome back to school. We have lots of fun activities during this term, please check all the information on this newsletter.

World Book Day: On **Thursday 7th March 2024**, all staff and children at West Park Academy will come together to celebrate World Book Day.

We invite you to come to school wearing your comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas and snuggle down to enjoy some of our most loved stories.



Reading is something we can do anywhere!

We would like to set a challenge to see who in our school has been reading in the most unusual places!

All you need to do is encourage your child to read and take a photograph of them reading in the most unusual place. You could read upside down, with your pet, in the garden...the possibilities are endless.

Send your entry via your class Dojo page or you can print your photo and bring into school by World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024.

Winners will be announced during Friday Celebration Assembly.

We can't wait to see your entries. Look out for photographs of staff from school reading in unusual places popping up around school too!



Good luck and happy reading.



Support your child to read for pleasure...

Listen to books being read aloud

Take books home to read

Choose the books YOU want to read

Ask for ideas on what to read next

Find your reading superpower

Have fun reading!

Make time to read

World Book Fair: The bookfair will be in school from Tuesday 12th March 2024 until Monday 18th March 2024.

The Bookfair will be open at the following times:

12th March 3.30- 4.15pm
13th March 8:30-9:00am 3:30-4:30pm
14th March 8:30-9:00am 3:30-4:30pm
15th March 8:30-9:00am 3:30-4:30pm
18th 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 and online payments) 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 11th March 2024 these can be used when you purchase a book.

Remember when a book is purchased you are supporting school, we get money back so we can buy books to help the children's learning.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Forthcoming Events:

Tues 5th Mar	All Day	Glow Day - Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
Wed 6th Mar	All Day	Yr6 Educational Visit – STEM Festival Mowden Park Rugby Club
Thurs 7th March	All Day	World Book Day - come to school in PJ's
Tues 12th March	All Day	Tempest Class Photographs
Tues 12th - Mon 18th Mar		Bookfair - see overleaf for opening times
Fri 15th Mar	All Day	RED NOSE Day - wear something red or own clothes for a contribution
Tues 19th Mar	All Day	Yr1 Educational Visit - Tweddle Children's Farm, Hartlepool
W/C Mon 25th	All Week	Great British Spring Clean - Annual Litter Picking
Wed 27th Mar		Easter Egg Competition
Thurs 28th March	3:30 PM	School closes for Easter Hols
Mon 15th 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 Pop-Up: West Park Academy have some new and used good condition, clean uniforms, P.E kits and shoes available for parents/carers. There is no charge but any donations are welcome but not compulsory.

Please call at the shed between 2.45pm – 4:00pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 20th March
- Wednesday 17th April
- Wednesday 22nd May
- Wednesday 19th June

If you are unable to visit on these dates, please see Mrs Conroy or email on l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk

Red Nose Day: On Friday 15th March 2024 we are celebrating Red Nose Day. Our school council are keen to make a positive contribution so have asked that we wear something red or own clothes for a donation to Comic Relief. On that day we are looking to raise a smile and some cash for a good cause.



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 18th March 2024, 50p per ticket. Winners will be announced by the end of the school day on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

As part of our celebration of tradition we welcome back our **Easter Egg Competition:** Decorate an egg at home (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 27th March 2024 to be judged. Eggs can then be taken home at the end of that school day.



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**.



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 £3:00 per day. There is no need to book your child in.



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**.



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

E-Scooters - E-Scooters are banned from school premises due to safety reasons Please do not bring them into school at all.



Lates: The school day starts at 8:45am. Being on time is important for your child's wellbeing, achievement and wider development. Coming in late to a lesson that has already started can mean missed learning and can leave your child feeling anxious. Late marks affect the overall attendance and may result in a fine.

