



West Park Academy

Date: May 2024

Summer Term 1

STEM WEEK: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) week commences 3rd June 2024. During this week we will have lots of fun and exciting sessions taking place with visitors from a variety of industries, universities and science centres. We are looking for resources to help the children make, build and learn during this busy exciting week. If you have any of the following please drop them off at school:

- Lego, Duplo
- Large plastic bottles
- Plastic pipes - all sizes, guttering
- Other parts that can be used to construct wood etc for engineering projects

We would like to provide as many opportunities for the children to speak to people working in these areas and experience a wide variety of STEM activities.

The children will experience various amazing science and technology activities throughout the week and will have the opportunity to work throughout school.

OPAL: We are looking for OPAL resources for the children to use and play with at lunchtimes, If you have any of the following please bring into school.

- Craft resources such as colouring pencils, cardboard boxes, lolly sticks
- Child-safe gardening equipment particularly for digging
- Scooters/Bike helmets/Old toys that are finished with

Summer Fair: School will be holding a summer fair on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 2:30pm, there will be lots of stalls, a bouncy castle, stocks and many more fun activities. There will be more information nearer the time.

Sports Days: The gates will be opening at 2:15pm to allow parents/spectators to buy refreshments before watching the children in their races.

We have some parent helpers already but could do with a few more! If you would be interested please contact Mrs Conroy on l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk

Please see over page for dates.

Forthcoming Events:		
Tues 21st May	All Day	Stem Club at Croft
Wed 22nd May	9.30 AM	Yr 1 Performance 'Jack & the Beanstalk' 2 people per child
Thur 23rd May	All Day	Yr 2 Education visit - Saltholme
Fri 24th May	3:30 PM	School closes at 3:30pm for half term
Mon 3rd June	8:45 AM	School re-opens
Mon 3rd June		STEM week in school
Tues 11th June	5:00 PM	Meeting for new Sept 2024 Reception starters - school hall
Wed 26th & 27th June	All Day	WPA Transition Days - Check website for secondary transition dates
Tues 2nd July	All Day	Yr 1 Education Visit - Saltburn
Wed 3rd July	All Day	Yr 3 Education Visit - High Force
Mon 8th July	2:30 PM	Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day parents invited
Tues 9th July	2:30 PM	Reception Sports Day parents invited
Wed 10th July	2:30 PM	Yr 3 & 4 Sports day parents invited
Thur 11th July	2:30 PM	Yr 1 & 2 Sports day parents invited
Thur 11th July	All Day	Yr 6 Education Visit - Whitby
Thur 11th July	PM	Yr 5 Education Visit - Hippodrome
Mon 15th July	AM	Yr 6 Bike ride to Archers
Mon 15th July	2:30 PM	Hub Sports Day parents invited
Tue 16th July	All Day	KS1 School Games Day - No parents
Wed 17th July	All day	KS2 School Games day - No parents
Wed 17th July	1:30 PM	Nursery Graduation info to follow
Thur 18th July	2:30 PM	School Summer Fair - parents invited
Thur 18th July	5 PM - 7.30 PM	Yr 6 Party Night in school
Mon 22nd July	2:00 PM	Yr 6 Leavers Performance
Tues 23rd July	PM	Yr 6 Leavers activities picnic etc
Tues 23rd July	3:30 PM	School Closes for Summer Hols
Wed 4th Sep	8:45 AM	School re-opens new term

School Uniform: We have collected a lot of un-named lost property, jumpers, cardigans and coats. Please, please can we ask you to put your child's name on everything including drinks bottles, lunch bags/boxes, hats, gloves, scarves, and shoes. All named items will be returned. Unclaimed un-named items will be taken to the School Uniform Shop in Queen Street, Darlington, however we would like to avoid this. So please **LABEL** all uniform



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.

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

- 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

Artsmark Silver Award: We are celebrating this term after receiving the prestigious Artsmark Silver Award for all our hard work in developing our arts and cultural offer throughout school over the past few years.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

Thanks to Mrs Telford for leading on this project over the last few years. We are already working hard to develop this further and we can't wait to begin our next Artsmark journey!



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

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 and there is always a choice. If you do choose to send a packed lunch, please can you ensure that there are **no sweets, chocolate 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: 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.**



As we progress through the term, hopefully the sun will continue to shine. Please can you ensure that your child has either had sun cream applied or brings a bottle with their name on into school. Please also ensure all sun hats and caps are named.



Jewellery: Reminder: children are only allowed to wear **stud earrings** in school. Earrings are not allowed to be worn on P.E days in school and when attending active after school clubs. Children are not permitted to wear any other items of Jewellery and will be asked to remove them. Watches are permitted. Also children are not allowed to wear false nails for school.

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.



School closes for half term on Friday 24th May 2024 and reopens again on Monday 3rd June 2024. Have a lovely break and we will see you all at 8:45am.