



Date: Sept 2024

Autumn Term 1

Welcome back to school to all children and staff especially all new starters. The morning bell rings at 8:45am, all children need to be in class for registration at this time. Collection time is at 3:30pm - this is for all children.

Early Halloween Themed Lunch: On Thursday 3rd October 2024 for one day only our kitchen elves are being replaced by Goblins! So why not join us if you're brave enough for an early Halloween menu of:

- Spooky stew, with Monstrous Mash & Freaky Dumplings

Or

- Ghoulish Gruesome Pasta Bake

Followed by a selection of sweet tricks and treats including Scary Sponge and Creepy Custard!

If your child is on packed lunch but would like a school lunch on this special day please contact the school office. The cost of a school meal is £2.40 per day unless you are Universal Infant Free School Meal (Rec - Yr2) or you are eligible for Free Meals.

Open Event: We are holding an Open Event for prospective parents for Reception Sept 2025 starters. This will be on **Tuesday 8th October 2024** at **5:00pm**, just come along no need to book.

Parents Consultation will take place **w/c 14th October 2024**, there will be more information to follow shortly.

Eco Day: To celebrate Eco Day we will be having a non uniform day, children can come into school wearing clothes with a green theme and a small contribution towards an Eco based charity. This is being organised by our Eco Ambassadors who have helped West Park Academy gain a green flag award for the schools contribution to the environment and green spaces. This will be the last day of term, Thursday 24th October 2024.

Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 3rd Oct	Lunchtime	Early Halloween Themed School Meal
Fri 4th Oct	All Day	Yr6 Education Visit – Hamsterley Forest
Tues 8th Oct	AM	Yr2 Education Visit - Acorn Dairy
Tues 8th Oct	5:00 PM	Open evening for potential Reception 2025 starters
W/C 14th Oct	3:30 PM onwards	Parents Consultation - information to follow
Thurs 24th Oct	All Day	Eco Day - green themed clothes
Fri 25th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School closed
Mon 28th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	All Day	Training Day - School closed
Wed 13th Nov	All Day	Rec - Yr6 children Nasal Flu Vaccination
Mon 18th Nov	All day	Individual Photos

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. **Correspondence:** Please check that school has an up to date email address as we are now sending most correspondence via email. These emails will come from **West Park Academy.**



You can also look on the school website: 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, Twitter and information is also updated on Class Dojo.



As part of **The Harvest Festival** we will be having a collection in school of food such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, cereals, tinned meat, rice and UHT milk. This will be collected by King's Food Store, which is a food bank. King's Food Store are coming to collect **w/c 14th October 2024**. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations. As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, we are offering the nasal flu vaccine in school. This will take place in WPA on **Wednesday 13th November 2024**. There will be information sent out via email out to parents once we receive it from the NHS.

Individual School Photographs will be taken on **Monday 18th November 2024**. If your child has siblings who **do not** attend West Park Academy, they may come into school from 8.30am onwards, a ticket will be given on arrival for a place in the queue. **All** children who attend West Park Academy will have their photographs taken throughout the school day.



Meal Pattern: If you would like to make a change to your child's current meal pattern: i.e changing from Packed Lunch to School Meal or vice versa then please inform the school office.

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.

PE Kit Requirements: PE is a compulsory subject in school and too many children are coming to lessons without appropriate kit.



Please provide your child with a sensible PE kit. This kit should preferably be in the school colours, (however, this is not mandatory) or plain colours – **NO** football kits allowed.

The kit must consist of the following items:

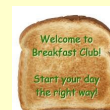
- Plain yellow/purple or white t-shirt
- Black/green shorts
- Trainers (outdoor)
- Jogging bottoms/track suit for outdoor use and for the cold weather

PE days may change to fit in with the needs of the school, therefore it is important that your child has appropriate PE kit in school with them **every day** to ensure that PE can be taught consistently and in line with the National Curriculum.

Healthy Eating: At West Park Academy we encourage healthy eating and want lunchtime to provide a nourishing break within school, therefore can we remind parents that **sweets** and **chocolate bars** are not allowed in children's packed lunch or as a break time snack.



Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:00am, the doors will close at 8:30am. The daily cost is £3.00. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. No need to book just come along to the hall doors.



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. No electric bikes or scooters are allowed on the premises.



Lost Property: We are trying to reduce the amount of lost clothing in school, therefore we no longer have a lost property box. Please help us by **clearly labelling all** clothing. Children are responsible for their coats, jumpers, cardigans etc. At the end of play/lunchtime all items are returned to the child, this can **only** happen if the clothes are clearly labelled.

Names written on the label will help school reunite lost clothing with their owners. Labels can be purchased from Elizabeth Embroidery.

Future Events: Before the end of the Autumn 2 term we will be having a Christmas Fayre, date will follow. Leading up to the fayre there will be a request for Hamper donations. Raffle tickets will then go on sale for Christmas Hampers.

Keep checking the school website:
www.westparkacademy.org.uk