



West End Primary School Newsletter

22 September 2022

Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome the children back into school for the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see our new Reception and Nursery children settle so well on their first day. All of the children have already been working very hard and have come in to school eager and ready to learn. We are looking forward to another great year.



Staffing Update

We would like to welcome our new members of staff who have recently joined our school team:

Miss Mackie - Teaching Assistant (various year groups)
Mrs Ritchie - Teacher (Year 1, 2 and 3)
Mrs Stewart - Teaching Assistant (Reception)
Mrs Thorne - Teaching Assistant (Nursery)



Year 6 Secondary School Applications



The portal for applications for secondary school places for our current Year 6 opened on 12 September 2022 at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>. To make sure you have the best chance of getting your preferred school you should complete the form before the deadline of **31st October 2022**.

You will receive notification from direct from Northumberland County Council on 1 March 2023 confirming the school your child has been allocated to.

Theatre Trips



You will notice from the diary dates below that we have arranged for Years 1 to 5 to visit Whitley Bay Playhouse and for Year 6 to visit the Theatre Royal to see this year's pantomime. We have also arranged for Nursery and Reception to have a Christmas Pantomime treat in school. More information will be sent out nearer the time for all of these trips.

Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception up to Year 6 are entitled to receive a free flu vaccination which is administered in school by NHS staff. The vaccine is an intra-nasal vaccine which is a simple spray up the nose. This will help prevent children getting the flu and protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Details of the on-line application were e-mailed out earlier this month, however if you require a further copy please contact the school office.



The children will receive their flu immunisation at school on **Tuesday 8 November**. The consent form must be completed before this date otherwise your child will not be given the immunisation.

Attendance

Please inform the school office by phone or e-mail if your child is not attending due to illness or for any other reason. The office is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm. If you are planning a term time holiday you must apply for authorisation in writing in advance, forms are available on the website or from the school office. Although term time holidays are not authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances, it is important that we know where your child is and why he/she is not attending.



Parking

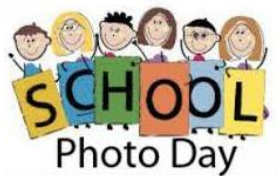


We have received concerns from local residents and parents about a small number of parents who are parking inconsiderately at drop off and pick up by parking close to the pelican crossing, including on the zig zag lines, which is illegal. If you are parking on the street please be aware of other road users and pedestrians and park considerately and safely. Please also make sure that you are not blocking access for residents.

You may have noticed that the Community Police have been present at the beginning and end of the school day to monitor parking and traffic, they will be continuing to carry out these patrols at various times during the school year.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 3 October and Tuesday 4 October. The children will have their individual and sibling photographs taken as follows:



Monday 3rd October: Sibling Photographs, Beech Class, Poplar Class
Tuesday 4th October: Nursery, Sycamore, Cherry, Hazel, Chestnut, Rowan, Maple, Cedar and Larch

On-Line Learning Safety

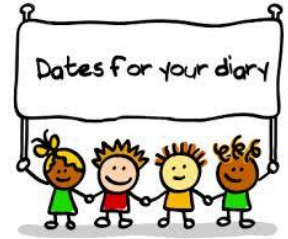
As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help your child stay safe online. The following website has advice and resources and can offer support to you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Diary Dates

There will be many more events and activities taking place this term so please watch out for further information.



Thursday 29 September:	Year 6 Cedar\Larch Trip to Discovery Museum
Monday 3 October:	School Photographer
Tuesday 4 October:	School Photographer PTFA Bake Sale (pm) Year 3 Poplar Class trip to Woodhorn Colliery
Wednesday 5 October:	Year 4 Chestnut Class trip to Woodhorn Colliery Year 5 Rowan\Maple trip to Eden Camp
Monday 10 October:	Harvest Festival Celebrations
Wednesday 19 October:	PTFA Halloween Disco, Netherton Club
Friday 21 October:	Break up for Half Term
Tuesday 8 November:	Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6
Thursday 10 November:	Year 3 Poplar Class - Skipping Festival, Blyth Sports Centre
Friday 4 November:	School Closed for Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 8 November:	Parent Consultations
Friday 11 November:	Remembrance Ceremony, Bedlington War Memorial
Wednesday 16 November:	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 30 November:	PTFA Winter Fun Day
Thursday 1 December:	Nursery and Beech Class - Goldilocks Pantomime in School
Wednesday 14 December:	Christmas Dinner Day\Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 15 December:	Year 6 Rowan\Larch Class - Newcastle Theatre Royal
Tuesday 20 December:	Year 1 & 2 Sycamore, Hazel and Cherry - Whitley Bay Playhouse
Thursday 22 December:	Year 3, 4 & 5 - Poplar, Chestnut, Rowan and Maple - Whitley Bay Playhouse

Term Dates

Friday 21 October:	Break up for half term
Monday 31 October:	Autumn Term B starts
Friday 4 November:	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Friday 23 December:	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 10 January:	Spring Term A starts



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Ward'.

Miss J Ward
Headteacher