

# West End First School

## Newsletter



2 October 2017

### Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that our parent consultations are on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of October. If you have not already made an appointment please contact the school office. Teaching staff are very keen to meet with parents and have tried to give everyone an appointment within the time slots requested but, as you will understand, when a large number of parents ask for an appointment on the same day and time slot it becomes impossible to fit everyone in. The teachers will do their best to make an alternative arrangement if you are unable to make the allocated appointment times, but their time is precious as they also need time to plan and prepare lessons for the children as well as having some time for their own families, so requests for later evening appointments on nights other than parents evenings cannot be granted.

### Attendance

Once again our attendance target for the year is 96.5%. This is both a whole school and an individual target for the children. We do understand that the cost of holidays during school holiday times is more than during term time but as this is the case for everyone it is not an exceptional circumstance. Also, our school policy states that if parents must take holidays during term time because of work commitments written evidence is required from the workplace; if

none is supplied then the request will not be authorised. Please do inform us of any holidays you plan to take by completing a leave of absence request form. Although your holiday is unlikely to be authorised it helps us to keep an accurate record of your child's attendance; taking holidays without informing us is more likely to result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service. I hope this clarifies the school's position. The attendance policy is on the school website if you need further information.



### Ramp Bell

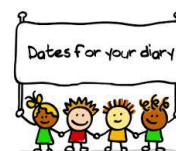
A number of children are ringing the intercom bell at the top of the ramp into the playground when they leave school at the end of the day. This causes disruption in the school office. We will be reminding the children that this bell is not for their use. Please could you also ensure that your child and any younger or older siblings do not play with the bell.

### Harvest Festival and Collection



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October we will be visiting St. Cuthbert's Church for our Harvest Festival celebration. This event is for the children only. We will walk to and from the church during the morning. We do not require permission slips as this visit is covered by your local walks permission. We will also be collecting non-perishable food to give to the Salvation Army who use the donations to support local families and individuals in need via their food bank.

We will be collecting donations during the week of 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October. Any child bringing in a donation will receive two housepoints (per whole donation, not per item). Please do not send fresh food items and check best before dates on any items you donate.



## Diary Dates

There are a lot of new dates for your diary below and we will be adding more all the time. We will send out more detailed information nearer each event. Information will also appear on the school website and we will put some reminders on our Twitter feed and via text messages, however we will still need you to complete permission slips so you will receive separate letters about some of these events. **Please check your child's bag every day. New dates are printed in bold and information about all of our Christmas events will be sent out nearer the time.**

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent consultations
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 3 local walk</b>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Hazel Class parent consultations (instead of Wed 11<sup>th</sup>)</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival St. Cuthbert's Church AM
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Victorian day
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 2 Lifeboat station trip (information to follow)</b>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA Hallowe'en disco
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 Jobs day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chestnut Class assembly 9:00am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Elm Class assembly 2:45pm
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>British Arts week (information to follow)</b>
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Flu immunisations Nursery to Year 4 (information to follow)</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Reception vision screening (information to follow)</b>
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children in Need (information to follow)</b>
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>PTFA fun day (information to follow)</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Year 4 be Safe workshops</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception theatre trip</b>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 1 theatre trip</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Nursery panto company visit</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 theatre trip</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Years 1 and 2 nativity AM and PM</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Years 1 and 2 nativity AM</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas lunch</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas jumper day</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>House Christmas craft event</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 2 theatre trip</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas party</b>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Years 3 and 4 carol concert AM and PM</b>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas party</b>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception nativity AM</b>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 4 India day</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception nativity AM</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 2 Christmas party AM</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 3 Christmas party PM</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception Christmas party AM</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 4 Christmas party AM</b>