

West End First School

Newsletter - 22 May 2017



Nursery Places September 2017

Our nursery is proving very popular and there are only a few places left for September 2017. If you would like a nursery place for your child next academic year please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Tennis Competition

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 tennis teams who competed with fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship at the Blyth/Bedlington School Sports Partnership Tennis Tournament last week. They represented the school extremely well with their impeccable behaviour, good manners and positive attitude.

Lunch Prices

Just another reminder that the price of school lunches will go up by 10p per day starting on Monday 5th June. Lunches will be £2.10 each and £10.50 for the week.



Safe Week

Monday 5th June to Saturday 12th June is Safe Week. This is a north east initiative to raise awareness of how to keep children safe and how they can keep themselves safe across a range of situations, including road safety, sun safety, health and well-being and e-safety. Following our recent Road Safety week we will be tackling other safety issues in our classrooms during Safe Week. We will also be sending out information to parents about some aspects of how to keep your child safe. Please ask your child what he/she is learning about safety in school and look out for more information in letters, on our website and on Twitter.

Headlice

Many of you are becoming increasingly frustrated that children are continuing to suffer from headlice in school and so are we. Sadly the days of the nit nurse are gone and school has absolutely no power to do anything about this situation other than inform parents and ask that you check your child's hair regularly and, should you find headlice, treat them immediately and keep checking as any eggs left behind will hatch in 5 days and it will begin all over again.

Dogs on the Yard



Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the playground, even if they are small enough to carry. If you bring your dog to school please secure it outside the school and away from the school gates.

Library workshops

We have been informed there is a Lego Club at the Bedlington library on a Saturday morning for children and families. It encourages creative thinking with a subject featured every week e.g. space week. It is on from 10:30am until 11:30am and it's free! For more information visit the library.

Parent Workshops

With this letter you will receive a survey about parent workshops. Whether you have attended any of our workshops this year or not we would appreciate your views so that we can better meet your needs next academic year.

Road Safety Survey

Thank you to all those parents who have completed our road safety survey. We will collate the results and share them with the Road safety group. The winner of the prize draw will be notified this week.

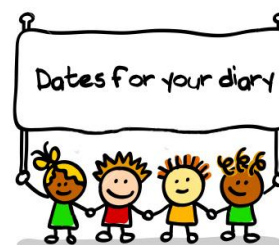
Sharing Learning

Please make sure you have the date of our Sharing Learning event in your diary. This is when we invite parents to come into your child's classroom and look through his/her work for the year. Class teachers and teaching assistants will be there for an informal chat. This event is for pupils in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 only as Reception and Nursery parents have already had lots of opportunities to come into school and have also received regular up-dates through Tapestry. The event takes place on Thursday 22nd June at 2:45pm. We hope to see lots of you there.

Diary Dates

There are a lot of new dates for your diary below (**in bold**) and we will be adding more before the end of term! We will send out more detailed information nearer each event.

Please check your child's bag every day.



Tues 23 rd May	PTFA fun day	
Wed 24 th May	Year 1 Alnwick Castle trip	
Wed 24 th May	Year 2 Whitehouse Farm trip	
Wed 24 th May	Year 3 Greek Day	
Fri 26 th May	Year 1 Medieval Market	2:30pm
Fri 26 th May	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Mon 5 th June	School re-opens	8:55am
Fri 9 th June	Year 4 show Racism the Red Card workshops	
Tues 13th June	Year 4 transition sports at Meadowdale Academy	
Fri 16th June	Year 3 Zoolab	
Thurs 22 nd June	Gymnastics team at Northumberland Games	
Thurs 22nd June	Sharing learning – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4	2:45pm
Thurs 22 nd June	New parents' meeting – Reception 2017	6:00pm
Fri 23 rd June	Year 4 Segedunum trip (information to follow)	
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th June	Yes I can week (information to follow)	
Mon 26 th June	Reception taster session	9:30 – 11:00am
Tues 27 th June	Reception taster session	9:30 – 11:00am
Tues 27 th June	PTFA fun bus (information to follow)	
Tues 27th June	Year 3 and Mini-band concert (information to follow)	
Tues 27 th June	New parents' meeting – Nursery 2017	6:00pm
Wed 28 th June	Reception parents' Stay and Write (information to follow)	
Wed 28 th June	Red Apple class assembly	11:20am
Thurs 29 th June	Green Apple Class assembly	11:20am
Fri 30 th June	Year 4 Orienteering competition (information to follow)	
Mon 3 rd July	Reception taster session	9:30 – 11:00am

Tues 4 th July	Reception taster session	9:30 – 11:00am
Tues 4 th July	Nursery lunch taster	11:30am
Wed 5 th July	Nursery lunch taster	11:30am
Thurs 6th July	Music tuition concert (information to follow)	
Thurs 6 th July	Nursery lunch taster	11:30am
Thurs 6 th July	Keyboard, violin, guitar and recorder concert	10:00am
Fri 7 th July	Holly Class assembly	9:00am
Fri 7th July	Year 2 Synagogue visit (information to follow)	
Fri 7th July	Reception Plessey Woods trip (information to follow)	
Fri 7 th July	Annual reports sent home (Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4)	
Mon 10 th July	Nursery reports sent home	
Tues 11 th July	Transfer day (information to follow)	
Tues 11 th July	Nursery taster session and parent drop-in	9:30 – 11:00am
Tues 11 th July	Nursery taster session and parent drop-in	1:30 – 3:00pm
Tues 11 th July	PTFA Summer disco (information to follow)	
Thurs 13 th July	Sports day (information to follow)	
Thurs 13 th July	Nursery parents reports drop-in	
Wed 19 th July	Year 4 Leavers' performance	6:00pm
Thurs 20 th July	Best of West End Awards	
Fri 21 st July	Break up for Summer holidays	2:00pm

Yours sincerely

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