

# West End First School Newsletter



## 23 September 2019

### School Photographs

The school photographer will be taking the children's photographs on Tuesday 24 September and Wednesday 25 September as follows:

**Tuesday 24 September:** Pre-school, Apple Nursery, Beech, Willow, Holly and Sycamore Classes.

**Wednesday 25 September 2019:** Cherry, Hazel, Oak, Poplar and Chestnut Classes.

**Sibling Photographs** will be taken throughout both days with the exception of children in Year 3 and Year 4 who will all have their sibling photographs taken on Wednesday.



### Harvest Festival



On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October we will be taking the children to St. Cuthbert's Church for our annual Harvest Festival celebration. We will walk to and from the church in the morning. You do not need to complete a permission slip for this activity as it is covered by the local walks permission you signed when your child started at West End. We would also like to invite parents and carers to make donations of food to our Harvest collection which we will pass on to the Salvation Army for their food bank.

There will be boxes in the dinner hall at the start and end of the day during the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September for any donations of tinned or packet food. Please do not donate fresh food as this cannot be stored. For more information please see the paragraph below from the Salvation Army:

*Emergency food parcels will contain breakfast, lunch and dinner for three days for each member of the family requesting assistance. We offer a balanced menu including one pasta-based meal, one rice based and one including tinned meat with vegetables. We include puddings such as tinned rice or fruit and custard whenever possible. Lunches are usually tinned soup, beans, or pasta with bread and breakfasts cereal or porridge with UHT milk. Anyone collecting a food parcel during the week will be invited for lunch at The Soup Spot on the Friday.*

### Bike and Scooter Racks

Thank you for your patience while we have been replacing our bike and scooter racks. We now have the bike racks in place but unfortunately the scooter racks were faulty and we are waiting for the company to replace them. Please only use the current racks for bikes as they are not made to support scooters and this could result in the scooters and bikes being damaged.





## Open Evening Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 6:00pm to 8:00pm

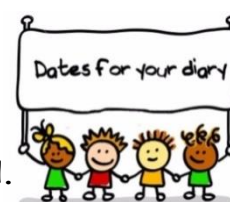
We are busy preparing our first open evening for parents and children. This event is not just for parents with children entering Reception in September 2020, it is also for parents of all children who currently attend West End and would like to see what we currently offer your child and how we plan to extend this provision when we become a primary school in September 2020.



There are still lots of things we need to do to make sure we are able to continue to provide the high quality education and caring ethos which parents appreciate into Years 5 and 6, so we won't have all of our plans on show, but there will be a chance to see some of our staff and children in action and to talk to staff about the future of West End and what it can offer your child. We hope to see you all there. We will send home a timetable of events as soon as possible.

### Diary Dates

As always, we will be adding lots more dates in the coming weeks. Please keep checking your child's bag for letters about the events below. **New dates in bold.**



Tues 24<sup>th</sup> and Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> and Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

Photographs  
**PTFA Bake sale 2:45pm**  
**Choir at Baedling Manor for BBC World Music Day**  
Apple Nursery and West End Pre-school Meet the teacher  
9:00am  
Year 1 local walk  
School open evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Harvest Festival St. Cuthbert's Church**  
Parent consultations 2:30pm - 6:00pm  
**Community police visiting nursery and pre-school**  
Year 1 Jobs day  
Chestnut Class assembly 9:00am  
STEM theme week  
**Parent and child K'nex workshop (information to follow)**  
Year 4 Tag Rugby team participating in tournament

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher