

West End First School

Newsletter - 8th March 2017



Dear Parents,

Winning House

Simonside were our winning house last half term and will be having a onesie/pyjama day and a movie afternoon (they chose it!) on Friday 17th March as their reward.



Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day. As usual we will be supporting this important cause by holding a 'come as you want' day. For a small donation (may we suggest a 50p minimum) the children can wear whatever they want for school on the day, as long as it is suitable for the weather and safe to play outside in (so no high heels please). We will also be selling Red Noses from the school office from Monday 13th March - first come first served.

Nursery 2017

We will be sending out letters to all parents who have children on our waiting list for nursery places in September 2017 later this week. If you are not on the waiting list and have a child who will be three years old before the 1st of September 2017 and would like a place in our nursery class please contact the school office for more information. Working parents may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare from September 2017. If you would like to know more about this please contact the office or look on the school website for further information. Please pass on this information to any friends or relatives who may be looking for nursery places and have not yet made any arrangements.

West End Twitter account

We are in the process of setting up a Twitter account for parents to access. We will be sending out more information in the near future. In the meantime please don't send us follower requests or be offended if we have declined them; we will be accepting them as soon as we are fully set up and ready to go.



Change of date

Please note that the PTFA Easter disco is now on Wednesday 29th March and not Tuesday 4th April as stated in the last newsletter. Unfortunately this was the only date on which the venue and the Disco were available. Year 4 pupils will just have returned from the residential and will probably be too tired to attend, but will be able to buy tickets on the door if they are up to it. The PTFA will send out a letter about tickets next week.

PTFA bake sale

Thank you so much for supporting last half term's bake sale both with your fantastic donations and your purchases. The total raised on the day was £296.07 which will be used to provide activities and resources, such as the recent E-safety workshops, which otherwise could not be afforded.

School Lunch Money

May we remind you school lunch money should be paid weekly in advance, unless you have signed up to pay by direct debit. This only affects children in year 3 and 4.

Term dates

Fri 7 th April	School closes for Easter holiday	2:00pm
Mon 24 th April	School re-opens for Summer term	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Mon 1 st May	School closed for May Day bank holiday	
Fri 26 th May	School closes for half term	3:20pm
Mon 5 th June	School re-opens	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Fri 21 st July	School closes for Summer holiday	2:00pm
Tues 5 th September	School re-opens for Autumn term	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Monday 4 th September is a staff training day		

Diary dates

As usual we will up-date you on all school events regularly via newsletters and on the school website at www.westend.northumberland.sch.uk. New dates are always being added, and appear in bold, and you will receive separate letters about trips and special events. **Please check your child's bag every day.**

Thurs 9 th Mar	Reception heights and weights	
Thurs 9 th Mar	NSPCC assemblies	
Thurs 9 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Tues 14 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Wed 15 th Mar	Nursery parents Stay and do session	10:30 - 11:45 (please note change of time)
Thurs 16 th Mar	Apple Class new parents' meeting	9:00am
Thurs 16 th Mar	Y3/4 netball competition	
Fri 17 th Mar	Simonside House onesie/pyjama day	
Wed 22 nd Mar	Poplar class assembly	2:45pm
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Elm Class Dance Festival (information to follow)	
Fri 24 th Mar	Red Nose Day	
Mon 27 th to Wed 29 th Mar	Year 4 Robinwood residential	
Wed 29 th Mar	PTFA Easter disco (please note change of date)	
Fri 31 st Mar	International Kindness Day (information to follow)	
Wed 5 th Apr	Receptions classes - Stay and read	8:55am
Wed 5 th Apr	Apple Class taster session	9:45 - 11:15
Thurs 6 th Apr	Y3 Charlie Day	
Thurs 6 th Apr	Beech Class assembly	9:00am
Thurs 6 th Apr	Apple Class taster session	9:45 - 11:15
Fri 7 th Apr	Willow Class assembly	9:00am
Fri 7 th Apr	Reception Fairytale Ball (information to follow)	
Fri 7 th Apr	Y4 Meadowdale visit - Poisson D'Avril	
Fri 7 th Apr	School closes for Easter holidays	<u>2:00pm</u>



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher