



West End Primary School

Newsletter

25 May 2021

Term Time Holidays

We are receiving a number of requests for leave of absence for term time holidays. Despite the fact that Covid has disrupted everyone's holiday plans we are still not able to authorise absence for holidays except in exceptional circumstances - this is a direct instruction from the Government. As we have all been impacted by Covid it does not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

It is a legal requirement for schools to record pupil absence and to ensure good attendance, therefore it is essential that we are informed if you are planning a term time holiday. It is also important that we know where the children are for safeguarding reasons. All absences over 5% of the academic year are considered low and absences over 10% are considered to be persistent absenteeism and are discussed with the Education Welfare Officer. These percentages do not include Covid-related absence, e.g. class or individual isolation periods. If you are planning a term time break you must inform us in advance so that we know where the children are and can record their absence accurately, failure to do so could trigger the involvement of the Education Welfare Service.



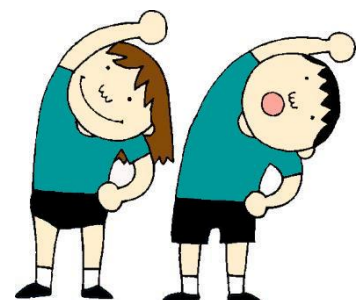
Parent Consultation Meetings



On Wednesday 26th May we will be opening the online booking portal for parent consultation meetings. We will send out an email with details of how to book an appointment and how to log on to your online meeting with your child's class teacher. Please keep a look out for this in your inbox.

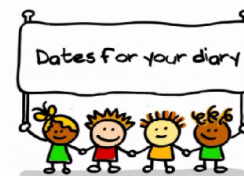
Year 5 PE Kit

We have sent out information to Year 4 parents about the PE kit their children will need in September in Year 5. As we have no changing facilities and the children are getting a little older we allow Year 5 and 6 children to wear their kit on PE days, which is why we ask that you buy the jogging pants - it's cold playing outside in shorts in the winter - and the breathable PE tops. Please place your orders via School Money or via the office.



Dates for your Diary

We will have more dates for your diary after half term. Please keep an eye out for information via email or letter.



Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th May	'Yes I can!' Theme Week
Wed 26 th May	Year 2 Whitehouse Farm trip
Wed 26 th May	Year 5 Eden Camp trip
Thurs 27 th May	Year 1 Plessey Woods trip
Fri 28 th May	Break up for half term
Mon 7 th June	School re-opens
Thurs 24 th June	Year 3 Whitehouse Farm trip
Fri 25 th June	Year 4 St. Mary's Lighthouse trip
Thurs 1 st July	Nursery Northumberland Country Zoo trip
Thurs 1 st July	Beech and Willow Classes Plessey Woods trip
Fri 16 th July	School closes for the Summer holidays



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2021/2022

Tuesday 7 th September	2021 School opens for 2021/2 academic year
Friday 22 nd October 2021	School closes for half term
Monday 1 st November 2021	School re-opens
Friday 17 th December 2021	School closes for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	School re-opens
Friday 18 th February 2022	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th February 2022	School re-opens
Friday 8 th April 2022	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	School re-opens
Friday 27 th May 2022	School closes for half term
Monday 6 th June 2022	School re-opens
Friday 22 nd July 2022	School closes for Summer holidays

School is closed on Monday 6th September 2021, Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Monday 25th April 2022 for staff training.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Bushell
Headteacher