

West End First School

Newsletter - 4th January 2017



Dear Parents,

Winning house

Congratulations to Bolam House, our winning house for Autumn Term B. The children will be rewarded with a non-uniform day and a visit from Animal Antics this **Friday 6th January**.



New arrival

I am sure you will want to join us in congratulating Mr. Allison on the safe arrival of Miles Henry, who arrived just in time to open his Christmas presents. Mother, father and baby are all doing well.



Apple Nursery

Our new nursery, known as Green and Red Apple Classes, is now open and we are thrilled to be welcoming West End's first three year olds. If you have a child who will be four between 1st April and 31st August 2017 he/she will be eligible for a place in our nursery after the Easter break. If you have not already requested a place for your child please contact the school office. We do not yet know what the final arrangements will be for our nursery in September but we will let you know as soon as possible.

Reception 2017

Just a reminder that the online portal for applications for Reception class places for 2017 is open at www.northumberland.gov.uk. This is the only application route for Reception places. Even if your child will be attending our new nursery class in January or April you must still apply for a Reception class place through the Northumberland admissions system. The portal closes on January 15th 2017.

Term dates 2017

Friday 17 th February	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 27 th February	Return to school	8:55am
Friday 7 th April	Break up for Easter	2:00pm
Monday 24 th April	Return to school	8:55am
Monday 1 st May	School closed for May Day Bank holiday	
Friday 26 th May	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 5 th June	Return to school	8:55am
Friday 21 st July	Break up for Summer	2:00pm

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.**

Fri 6th Jan	Bolam House non-uniform day and Animal Antics	
Wed 11 th Jan	Reception classes - Stay and play	8:55am
Thurs 19 th Jan	Year 1 Multi-skills event (information to follow)	
Tues 24 th Jan	Parent workshop - KS2 Maths	6:00pm
Tues 7 th Feb	Parent workshop - Handwriting	6:00pm
Thurs 9 th Feb	Parent workshop - Handwriting	9:00am
Wed 15 th Feb	Reception classes - Stay and phonics	8:55am
Wed 15th Feb	Oak class assembly	2:45pm
Thurs 16 th Feb	Year 2 Beatrix Potter day (information to follow)	
Thurs 16th Feb	Hazel class assembly	9:00am
Thurs 16th Feb	Cherry class assembly	2:45pm
Mon 27 th Feb to Fri 3 rd Mar	Writing week	
Thurs 9 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Tues 14 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Wed 22nd Mar	Poplar class assembly	2:45pm
Mon 27 th to Wed 29 th Mar	Year 4 Robinwood trip	
Wed 5 th Apr	Receptions classes - Stay and read	8:55am
Fri 7 th Apr	School closes for Easter holidays	<u>2:00pm</u>

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher

