

West End First School Newsletter



7 September 2018

Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome the children back in to school on Tuesday and to meet lots of new faces from other schools. It was lovely to see our new Reception and Nursery children settle so well on their first day on Thursday. All of the children have already been working very hard and have come in to school eager and ready to learn. We are looking forward to another great year.



Summer Reading Challenge

**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**

We have already received a number of completed reading challenge booklets and we are delighted that so many children have enjoyed reading lots of books during the summer holidays. Every child who completes the challenge will receive a certificate and a prize. If your child hasn't completed the challenge yet it's not too late, we will still accept completed booklets until the end of September.

Flu Immunisations

Parents of children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have already received a letter and consent form for their child to receive a flu immunisation at school on Wednesday 17th October. The consent form **must be returned by 18 September 2018** otherwise your child will not be given the immunisation. Unfortunately any forms returned after the deadline will not be accepted by the school health team.



Meet the Teacher



Parents and carers are invited to meet their child's new teacher and to learn about what will be taught in their child's new class at our Meet the Teacher meetings on the following dates:

Wed 12 th Sept	Year 3
Thurs 13 th Sept	Year 1
Fri 14 th Sept	Year 2
Wed 19 th Sept	Reception

All meetings take place at **9:00am**. Please note that Year 4's meeting has already taken place and that Nursery parents will be invited to meet their child's teachers more informally later in the term.

Dos and Don'ts

With this letter you will receive a list of dos and don'ts. These are rules we have put in place to ensure that the children have a happy and safe experience at school. Some of them are there for health and safety reasons, some for data protection and others as a result of our Poverty Proofing audit and action plan. Please take the time to look at them and ensure that you and your child follow them so that school is a safe and happy place for all of the children.



Term Dates 2018-2019

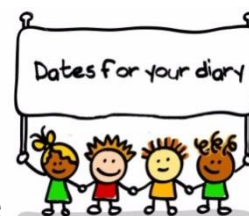
Friday 26 th October	School closes for half term 3:20pm
Monday 5 th November	School re-opens - 8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Friday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas holidays - 2:00pm
Tuesday 8 th January	School reopens - 8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half term 3:20pm
Monday 25 th February	School reopens - 8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Friday 5 th April	School closes for Easter holidays 2:00pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens - 8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Monday 6 th May	School closed for bank holiday
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term 3:20pm
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens - 8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer holidays 2:00pm



Monday 7th January and Monday 3rd June are staff training days

Diary Dates

Here are our first diary dates of the new academic year. As always we will be adding to the list regularly so keep checking your child's bag for more letters.



Mon 10 th Sept	Year 4 Cragside trip
Wed 12 th Sept	Year 3 Meet the teacher 9:00am
Thurs 13 th Sept	Year 1 Meet the teacher 9:00am
Fri 14 th Sept	Year 2 Meet the teacher 9:00am
Tues 18 th Sept	Year 1 nature walk
Wed 19 th Sept	Reception Meet the teacher 9:00am
Thurs 20 th Sept	Year 4 Multi-skills event (12 pupils only - details to follow)
Mon 24 th Sept	Year 1 local walk
Tues 25 th and Wed 26 th Sept	School photographer
Thurs 27 th Sept	Year 3 Woodhorn Museum trip
Thurs 27 th Sept	Cherry Class Multi-skills event
Tues 2 nd Oct	Harvest Festival St. Cuthbert's Church (children only)
Wed 3 rd Oct	Parent consultations 2:30 - 6:00pm
Thurs 4 th Oct	Year 1 hand hygiene lessons with school health service
Tues 9 th Oct	Parent consultations 2:30 - 6:00pm
Tues 16 th Oct	Year 4 Victorian Day
Wed 17 th Oct	Reception to Year 4 Flu immunisations

Thurs 18th Oct
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Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct
Wed 24th Oct
Fri 26th Oct

Elm Class assembly 9:00am
Chestnut Class assembly 2:45pm
Health and well-being week
Year 1 Jobs day
Fire Service assemblies

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher