



West End Primary School

Newsletter

20 October 2020

New Build

I am aware that some of you might be alarmed that there appears to be very little action on the building site where our new building is going to be. Please don't worry. Our new build is modular, so it is currently being built elsewhere and will arrive in pre-constructed pieces to be fitted together over the course of one weekend.

Think Lego, but much bigger and stronger and not quite as colourful! We are expecting the building itself to arrive on Friday 6th November and so far we are advised that we are still on track for the latest target date for completion of 4th December. We can't wait to see it all take shape.



Harvest Collection

Thank you so much for your kind donations to our Harvest collection. The grand total now stands at £201, which we will be giving to the Co-op so they can provide much needed items for the Bedlington Food Bank.

Show Racism the Red Card

The children really enjoyed their Wear Red Day last Friday and we were extremely impressed by their mature attitude to this difficult subject. On the day we raised £158.60 for this important cause. Your donations will be used by the Show Racism the Red Card programme to support their work in education to ensure that our children grow up in a world where everyone is treated equally and with respect regardless of the colour of their skin - thank you.

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School Dinners



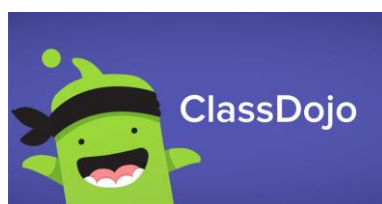
We can't wait to get into our new kitchen to start serving proper school dinners again, but in the meantime we have made arrangements for the children to choose from a new menu of hot meals. We are still not able to offer our usual full range of choices but at least we can offer some old favourites such as chicken dinner and pasta bolognaise.

Please go to Live Kitchen to pre-order your child's meals as this will help things to work much more smoothly. We will let you know when the new menu is up and running on Live Kitchen so you can order your child's school meals.

If Your Child has to Isolate

We have been very fortunate so far that we have only needed to close one bubble due to a positive Covid case. The children affected were all asked to isolate for 14 days to prevent the spread of the virus. We know this can be very inconvenient but it is essential to keep the spread of the virus under control. Unfortunately we have been made aware that a small number of children who should have been isolating at home have been out and about attending sports clubs and going shopping with their parents.

It is essential that your child isolates properly if their bubble is closed, even if they are not symptomatic themselves. We know that children can have the virus without showing any symptoms, so if your child is out in the community when they should be isolating they could be spreading the virus to your family, friends and acquaintances and the general public, which could have a devastating impact for someone. Please consider everyone else if your child is asked to isolate.



Homework via Class Dojo

We have been very pleased with the success so far of our new remote learning platform for Key Stages 1 and 2, Class Dojo. Year 4 have been accessing the platform whilst they are isolating and it has been great to be able to set work which we can then give feedback on directly to the children.

So that everyone else can get used to the platform we will set a homework challenge for pupils in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the half term holiday. If you have not yet logged on to Class Dojo please do so as soon as possible so that your child can access this homework. If you have any technical difficulties please let us know so that we can help you to access the platform.

Poppy Appeal

As usual, we will be supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. We will be selling merchandise as usual, but instead of the children or parents coming to the office to buy we will post a picture of what we are selling on Facebook and on the school website at the start of next half term and you can send in your donation and a note of what your child would like in an envelope. We only have a small amount of merchandise so we will limit it to one item per child and it will be strictly first come first served.



School Photographer

The photographer will be visiting school on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. Unfortunately we will not be able to have children who do not attend West End on site for family photographs as we have done in the past. We will let you know the arrangements for the children in school as soon as possible.

Parent Consultations

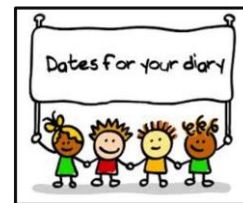
We plan to hold parent consultations next half term and are deciding the best way to do this whilst managing to keep everyone safe. We will inform you of our plans as soon as possible.



A Few Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd November
Tuesday 3rd November
Friday 6th November
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 10th November
Friday 13th November
Friday 4th December
Monday 7th December
Friday 18th December

School closed for staff training
School re-opens
Our new building arrives
School photographs
Year 4 Victorian Day
Children in Need day
Our new building is completed! (Fingers crossed)
Flu immunisations
Term ends 2:00pm



Yours sincerely

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