

West End First School

Newsletter



5 September 2019

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come and meet your child's new teacher and find out a little about what she/he will be learning this year and how you can help. We would love to see you on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 th September at 9:00am	Year 1
Wednesday 11 th September at 9:00am	Year 3
Wednesday 11 th September at 2:45pm	Year 4
Thursday 12 th September at 9:00am	Year 2
Wednesday 18 th September at 9:00am	Reception
Monday 30 th September at 9:00am	Apple Nursery and West End Pre-school



Tour of Britain

On Monday 9th September the tour of Britain bike race will be passing through Bedlington. The organisers have invited schools to line the route to watch the cyclists and their entourages pass by.

We have been given a safe place behind barriers on Choppington Road to stand and cheer them on. We will walk the children to and from our designated place during the afternoon. You do not need to sign a permission slip for this event as it is covered by the local walks permission you signed when your child started at West End.

Nursery Building Open Day

On Saturday 21st September we are holding a joint open day event with West End Pre-school and Trinity out of school association. Our successful partnership is able to offer childcare and education for three and four year olds from 7:30am until 6:00pm and half day sessions for two year olds, all in our purpose built nursery building.

There is also wrap-around care for children up to the age of 13. If you would like to see what we can offer your child please come along and bring your little (or not so little) one. If you have friends, neighbours or relatives with young children please tell them about this event so they can come and see for themselves. A poster with more information will be sent home with this letter. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.



School Open Evening

On Wednesday 2nd October we will be holding an open evening for prospective parents for September 2020 and for parents who may wish to know more about our plans for primary. Please put this date in your diary and let any friends or relatives who may be interested in a place at West End next year or in the future know. We will send out more information nearer the date.

School Day Times

We open the school doors for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 at 8:45am and close them promptly at 8:55am. This is so we can register the children and start work at 9:00am. Once the doors are closed children will not be able to enter through those doors and will have to be brought to the school office and marked in the late book. Please make sure your child is in school on time so that he/she doesn't miss the first important learning of the day.



Dos and Don'ts

With this letter you will receive a list of our dos and don'ts. These are rules which help to keep the children safe and our school a calm and happy place for everyone. You will also find these on the school website and on our Facebook page.

Near Miss

We have had a report of a near miss outside the school. A parent reported that a driver of a large four by four was parked up on the kerb on the corner of Ridge Terrace and Cumberland Avenue and pulled off without looking, forcing the parent to have to pull back her child's buggy very quickly to avoid it being hit. Clearly this could have been a very serious accident.

Once again we urge parents to park considerately towards local residents and pedestrians and to be extremely careful when parking or pulling away. It is particularly difficult to notice small children and buggies from a high vehicle and younger children are less aware of dangers than adult drivers.



Diary Dates

As always, we will be adding lots more dates in the coming weeks. Please keep checking your child's bag for letters about the events below.



Mon 9 th Sept	Tour of Britain	PM
Mon 9 th Sept	Roots and shoots groups celebration event - Y4 Gardening group	
Tues 10 th Sept	Year 1 Meet the teacher	9:00am
Wed 11 th Sept	Year 3 Meet the teacher	9:00am
	Year 4 Meet the teacher	2:45pm
Thurs 12 th Sept	Year 2 Meet the teacher	9:00am
Fri 13 th Sept	Year 4 visit to Cragside	
Tues 17 th Sept	Year 1 local walk	
Wed 18 th Sept	Reception Meet the teacher	9:00am
Thurs 19 th Sept	Year 3 visit to Woodhorn Colliery Museum	
Fri 20 th Sept	Poplar and Chestnut classes Skipping Festival	
Sat 21 st Sept	Nursery building open day	11:00am - 2:00pm
Tues 24 th and Wed 25 th Sept	Photographs	
Mon 30 th Sept	Apple nursery and West End Pre-school Meet the teacher	
9:00am		

Tues 1 st Oct	Year 1 local walk	
Wed 2 nd Oct	School open evening	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wed 9 th and Tues 15 th Oct	Parent consultations	2:30pm - 6:00pm
Wed 16 th Oct	Year 1 Jobs day	
Fri 18 th Oct	Chestnut Class assembly	9:00am
Mon 21 st to Fri 25 th Oct	STEM theme week	
Fri 25 th Oct	Year 4 Tag Rugby team participating in tournament	

Term Dates

Fri 25 th Oct	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Tues 5 th Nov	School re-opens	
Fri 20 th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays	2:00pm
Tues 7 th Jan	School re-opens	
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Mon 24 th Feb	School re-opens	
Fri 3 rd Apr	Break up for Easter holidays	2:00pm
Tues 21 st Apr	School re-opens	
Fri 8 th May	School closed	
Fri 22 nd May	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Mon 1 st Jun	School re-opens	
Fri 17 th Jul	School closes for summer holidays	2:00pm



Please note Monday 4th November, Monday 6th January and Monday 20th April are staff training days. School will be closed on Friday 8th May for national commemorations of the end of WW2, this replaces the May Day Bank holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher