

# West End First School Newsletter



20 December 2017



## End of Term

As usual we will be closing for the Christmas break at 2:00pm this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please make sure that you have arranged to collect your child at the earlier time. Term dates for the Spring and Summer are below.

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring Term	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Break up for Easter holidays	2:00pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank holiday	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for the Summer holidays	2:00pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April are staff training days.

## Attendance

Schools must promote good attendance for all pupils and it is always our aim to be above the national average for attendance. Our target for 2017-18 is 96.5%. To help you to monitor your child's attendance we are sending out a letter with a print out of your child's attendance for the term up to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If your child's attendance is above our target of 96.5% he/she will also receive a certificate. We know that children cannot help becoming ill and this can have a big impact on their attendance figures early in the school year. If your child's attendance is below 96.5% he/she will have an opportunity to receive a certificate next term for improved attendance. If you choose to take holidays during term time this will affect your child's attendance and his/her ability to achieve our school target.

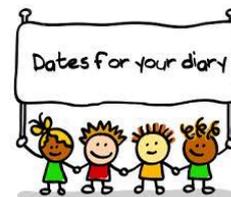
## Reception Places September 2018

Just a reminder that the portal for applications for Reception places for 2018 closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Parents requiring a school place for their child must apply through the admissions portal on the Northumberland County Council website at [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk). This is the only way that your child can receive an offer of a school place.

## Diary Dates

We are already making plans for the new term. More information will be sent out in the new year.

Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Holly Class Multi-skills
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sycamore Class Multi-skills
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hazel Class assembly 9:00am
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hazel Class Beatrix Potter day



## And Finally...

On behalf of the children, staff and governors of West End First School may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Bushell**  
Headteacher

