

West End First School

Newsletter - 14th February 2017



Dear Parents,

PTFA bake sale

Don't forget our bake sale is tomorrow - **Wednesday 15th February** at **2:45** in the Dining Hall. Please send in donations of cakes or savoury baking in the morning - home-made or shop bought, all donations are welcome. We will not be taking the children to the sale during lesson time so please do not send your child with money unless he/she walks home alone in which case they may visit the sale before leaving school at 3:20.



Champions again!

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics team who were winners of the Blyth/Bedlington Sports Partnership Gymnastics competition last week - this is the third year running that West End has won this competition! The team represented the school extremely well, with fabulous effort and sportsmanship. The highest scoring individual members of the team will now represent the Blyth/Bedlington area at the Northumberland Games in the summer term.



School crossing

Here is the latest information we have regarding the Pelican crossing outside the school from Northumberland County Council Highways and Neighbourhood Services.

The issue we have with this site is that our investigations with regard to the fault shows it needs a new traffic signal controller, as the existing one is old and we cannot get the parts to repair it. We have instructed Newcastle Traffic Signals, who carry out this work on our behalf, to install a new controller. The issue we have is that these items are 6 week delivery, so they are reviewing their programmes of work to see if they have an existing one they can move from another project. Notwithstanding it may take a number of weeks to install the new controller, the temporary signals are a direct replacement and used when issues of this nature arise.

Writing week

If you have not already done so please send a Stamped Addressed Envelope, addressed to your child, so that we can send out the secret half term challenge for our Writing week.

Winning House

Congratulations to Simonside, our winning house for Spring Term A. Their reward is yet to be decided and they will receive it at the start of next half term.



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.**

Wed 15th Feb

Beech class Stay and phonics

9:00am

Wed 15th Feb

Willow class Stay and phonics

9:30am (please note change of time)

Wed 15th Feb

Year 1 Beamish trip

Wed 15th Feb

Oak class assembly

2:45pm

Thurs 16 th Feb	Year 2 Beatrix Potter day	
Thurs 16 th Feb	Hazel class assembly	9:00am
Thurs 16 th Feb	Cherry class assembly	2:45pm
Mon 27 th Feb to Fri 3 rd Mar	Writing week	
Tues 7 th Mar	KS1 E-safety drama workshops	
Wed 8 th Mar	KS2 E-safety drama workshops	
Thurs 9th Mar	Reception heights and weights (information to follow)	
Thurs 9 th Mar	NSPCC assemblies	
Thurs 9 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Tues 14 th Mar	Parent consultations	2:30 - 6:00pm
Wed 15th Mar	Nursery parents Stay and do session	9:00am
Thurs 16th Mar	Apple Class new parents' meeting	9:00am
Wed 22 nd Mar	Poplar class assembly	2:45pm
Fri 24 th Mar	Red Nose Day	
Mon 27 th to Wed 29 th Mar	Year 4 Robinwood residential	
Wed 5 th Apr	Receptions classes - Stay and read	8:55am
Wed 5 th Apr	PTFA Easter disco	
Thurs 6 th Apr	Beech Class assembly	9:00am
Fri 7 th Apr	Willow class assembly	9:00am
Fri 7 th Apr	Reception Fairytale Ball (information to follow)	
Fri 7 th Apr	School closes for Easter holidays	<u>2:00pm</u>



Term dates

Fri 17 th February	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Mon 27 th February	School re-opens	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Fri 7 th April	School closes for Easter holiday	2:00pm
Mon 24 th April	School re-opens for Summer term	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Mon 1 st May	School closed for May Day bank holiday	
Fri 16 th May	School closes for half term	3:20pm
Mon 5 th June	School re-opens	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Fri 21 st July	School closes for Summer holiday	2:00pm
Tues 5 th September	School re-opens for autumn term	8:55am (doors open from 8:45am)
Monday 4 th September	is a staff training day	

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher