



West End Primary School

Newsletter

8 October 2020

Important - Change of Training Day Dates

Due to a change in circumstances we have had to change our training days in November. School is still closed for staff training on Monday 2nd November 2020 but not on Tuesday 3rd November. There will now be a staff training day on Monday 4th January 2021. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



Wear Red Day 2020



This year, to show our support for the Show Racism the Red Card programme, we are participating in the Wear Red Day 2020, which takes place on Friday 16th October. The children simply need to wear something red to support the cause. We are also accepting donations to support the work of Show Racism the Red card in tackling racism, not just in football, but in our society. If you would like to make a donation please send it with your child on 16th October. Many thanks.

Remote Learning

We have been very fortunate so far that none of our pupils or staff has tested positive for Covid 19 but we need to be prepared for this circumstance. The Government has made it law that schools must provide high quality remote learning if a child has to self-isolate or school has to close a bubble.

We are doing this via Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Class Dojo (Years 1 to 5). If you have not yet signed up to your child's platform, please do so as soon as possible so that we can continue to offer your child education should he/she not be able to attend school for a period of time. The work packs we have sent home can also be used but our main learning will come through the online platforms, so it is important that you check the platform daily as this is where teachers will be able to mark your child's work and give feedback to help your child to continue to make progress.



Autumn Party

In these difficult times we think it is important that the children get to have some fun and have something to look forward to, so, to celebrate a successful return to school and all of the children's hard work and positivity, each class or year group bubble will hold an Autumn party on Friday 23rd October. The children may wear what they would like to school on that day. It could be autumn colours, fancy dress or the Hallowe'en costume that they may not get another opportunity to wear this year. We will provide snacks and the children will play some games.



Pick Up Times



Yesterday Mr. Shepherd, Head of St. Benet Biscop's, Mrs. Worrall, Head of St. Bede's, and I observed Ridge Terrace at home time to see if we could make any improvements to our arrangements to minimise the amount of people on the street, particularly around 3:15. Although there were a lot of people about at that time we were satisfied that the majority of young people and parents/carers were behaving sensibly and moving quickly away from the front of the school.

We will continue to monitor this situation but please continue to support all of the schools' efforts by social distancing as much as possible, arriving at your child's time rather than early and leaving promptly. Thank you.

Parking

Just a reminder that residents of Ridge Terrace need access to their property 24 hours a day. If you must park there, please be considerate and do not block driveways. Please also only arrive in time for your child's drop off and pick up and not a long time before, as this causes additional problems for residents. Thank you.



Term Dates

Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	School re-opens
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5 th January	School re-opens for Spring term
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 22 nd February	School re-opens
Friday 26 th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April	School re-opens for Summer term
Friday 28 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 7 th June	School re-opens
Friday 16 th July	School closes for Summer holidays



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Yours sincerely

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Headteacher