

West End First School Newsletter



19 September 2018



Harvest Festival

Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be visiting St. Cuthbert's Church on the morning of Tuesday 2nd October for our annual Harvest Festival celebration. We will be walking to and from the church and will be back in time for lunch. The children will need to wear school uniform as usual and suitable outdoor clothing for whatever the weather may bring.



You do not need to complete a permission slip for this event as it is covered by the local walk permission you gave when your child joined the school.



Harvest Collection

As usual we will be collecting donations of tinned and packet food as part of our Harvest celebrations. We think it is important that the children learn to share what they have with others less fortunate than themselves but, as a Poverty Proofing school, we are aware that this can be an extra strain on family finances, so please only give if you are able. We will place collection boxes in the dinner hall all of next week (Monday 24th to Friday 28th September) so that you may drop off your donations before or after school. All donations will go to local people in need.

Parking

Once again local residents have been in touch to request that parents and carers park considerately when dropping off and picking up their child. We appreciate that the parking situation is very difficult but please make sure that you do not park across driveways or block pavements.



Photographs

Don't forget that the school photographer will be in school next **Tuesday 25th** and **Wednesday 26th September**. We have brought the date of photographs forward this year as part of our poverty proofing measures to spread the cost of events over the term. Please remember that you are under no obligation to buy your child's photograph.



Flu Immunisations

Most parents have returned their child's form regarding the flu immunisations on Wednesday 17th October. If you have not already returned your form, school health will not accept any late forms.



School Lunch Money



Year 3 and Year 4 children are required to pay for their school meals unless they are entitled to free school meals through receipt of benefits. Please ensure lunch money is sent into school on Monday mornings in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount detailed on the front. The cost for a school lunch is £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) and lunch money should be paid in advance.

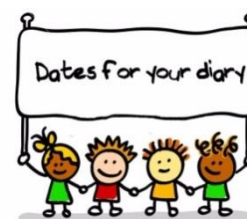
Parent Consultations

We will be sending out letters soon for parents to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher for a parent consultation. Please keep an eye out for this letter and return it as soon as possible to have the best chance of an appointment at a time which suits you. Please be aware that teachers will do all they can to accommodate your wishes, but they cannot make appointments for evenings after 6:00pm other than on parent consultation nights.



Diary Dates

Please keep an eye out for letters with information about our activities and events and check your child's bag every day. We are always adding to this list and new events appear in bold. We will send out information about our Christmas events nearer the time.



Thurs 20th Sept

Mon 24th to Fri 28th Sept

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Tues 25th and Wed 26th Sept

Thurs 27th Sept

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Tues 2nd Oct

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Wed 3rd Oct

Thurs 4th Oct

Tues 9th Oct

Tues 16th Oct

Wed 17th Oct

Thurs 18th Oct

Fri 19th Oct

Fri 19th Oct

Year 4 Multi-skills event (12 pupils only - details to follow)

Harvest collection

Year 1 local walk

School photographer

Year 3 Woodhorn Museum trip

Cherry Class Multi-skills event

Harvest Festival St. Cuthbert's Church (children only)

PTFA bake sale

Parent consultations 2:30 - 6:00pm

Year 1 hand hygiene lessons with school health service

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Year 4 Victorian Day

Reception to Year 4 Flu immunisations

Year 4 Football Team competition (information to follow)

Elm Class assembly 9:00am (Please note change of date)

Chestnut Class assembly 2:45pm (Please note change of date)

Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th Oct	Health and well-being week
Tues 23 rd Oct	PTFA Hallowe'en Disco
Wed 24 th Oct	Year 1 Jobs day
Thurs 25 th Oct	Year 4 Tag Rugby Team competition (information to follow)
Thurs 25 th Oct	Year 3 Skipping Festival (15 children only - information to follow)
Fri 26 th Oct	Fire Service assemblies
Mon 29 th Oct to Fri 2 nd Nov	Half term holiday
Fri 9 th Nov	Year 4 Be safe workshops
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need day
Wed 5 th Dec	Reception Northern Stage trip
Wed 12 th and Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Mon 17 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Carol concert
Tues 18 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Wed 19 th and Thurs 20 th Dec	Reception Nativity
Thurs 20 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Fri 21 st Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Yours sincerely

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