

What's On at West

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This Week in School:

Red Nose Day: Tomorrow, Friday 24th March 2017. We are very aware that over the past year we have asked you all for donations towards a number of charities and you have always been very generous. For this reason we are not asking parents and carers to send in money for Red Nose Day; however, children are welcome to wear any red nose merchandise (noses, boppers etc.) they have bought to support this cause.

Reception Trip to House of Objects: After waking up to rain (and in some cases, snow!) yesterday, children in Reception ended up having a fantastic time at the House of Objects and Rising Sun Park. We explored the woodlands, and enjoyed time working with the open ended materials in the workshop; making music and playing with shadow puppets; dressing up and creating weird and wonderful designs to take home. We all left with some amazing ideas - children and staff included! A big thank you from the Early Years staff to all of the volunteers who came along on the trip, the children loved having you along and you were a huge help.

Mother's Day Messages in the Courant: Every child in school has written a short Mother's Day message which will be printed in tomorrow's Hexham Courant (Friday 24th March 2017). The messages will be displayed in class order and have your child's first name only at the end. If there is more than one child in the class with the same forename I am sure your child will be able to identify their message.

Fruit Payments: Fruit letters were sent out last week to all children in Years 3 and 4. The cost is £7.10 for the summer term, and the deadline for payment is tomorrow, Friday 24th March 2017.

Milk Payments: Letters were sent out last week to all children from Reception upwards. The cost is £12.70 for the summer term, and the deadline for payment is tomorrow, Friday 24th March 2017.

Dog Fouling Issue: We have had several complaints from parents and carers who have seen local residents allowing their dogs to foul on the grass around the car park particularly the grass next to the disabled bays without clearing the mess up. Can I remind all of you that this is a finable offence and anyone spotted allowing their dogs to do this will be reported to NCC using a form we have been issued with for this purpose. The problem has also been reported to the police. The children use these grass verges to assemble during fire drills so it is very important that they are kept clean as it is a health and safety hazard for all. Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

Coming Up:

Share and Stay Writing: As I explained in a previous newsletter (16-3-17): following discussions with some parents and members of staff we feel it would be more beneficial to parents and carers to come along to this session at an earlier date in the school year. The first session will take place tomorrow. Please see below for dates:

Friday 24 th March 2017	9.30am – 10.30am Reception Share and Stay (Classes 1 & 2) Please note this session will take place after the Reception Parents' Mother's Day assembly at 9.00am
Tuesday 28 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 1 Share and Stay (Classes 3 & 4) This will be followed by a 'Pirate Performance'.
Wednesday 29 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 2 Share and Stay (Classes 5 & 6)
Thursday 30 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 4 Share and Stay (Classes 9 & 10)
Friday 31 st	9.00am – 10.00am Year 3 Share and Stay (Classes 7 & 8)

Fire Engine Visit to Nursery: Children in Nursery are looking forward to having the Fire Service visit on Wednesday 29th March 2017. The children will have an opportunity to learn about the job of the Fire Service and how they help us. They will also explore the Fire Engine and the equipment used in emergencies.

Internet and Digital Technology Event: Tuesday 4th April 2017, Highfield Middle School, Main Hall, 5.00pm: You will have received a letter about this event last week. I cannot stress enough how valuable each and every one of you will find this meeting and I urge as many of you as possible to attend. There have been very recent online safety concerns regarding children in our own school (incidents that happened while the children were on IT equipment at home). As well as information sharing, there will be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a place.



Applications for places at Prudhoe West: We are currently allocating places for Nursery for September 2017. If you or any friends have any children who will be 3 before 31st August 2017 please contact the school office for an application form.

Parents who have applied for a place in Reception for September 2017 will be informed by Northumberland County Council on Tuesday April 18th 2017.

We still have a small number of places in other year groups. If you know of anyone who may be interested in their child coming to Prudhoe West, please encourage them to make an appointment to visit by contacting the school office.

PTA:

Mothers' Day: Members of the PTA have been in school this week selling gifts. They will be in school again tomorrow, Friday 24th March 2017 from 9.00am-1.00pm. Items will range from £1.00-£3.00. If your child would like to buy something please send money to school in a named envelope marked 'Mother's Day'.

Easter Egg Raffle: We would like to ask for donations of Easter eggs - big or small - for our raffle. The eggs will be on display in the final week of term and children will be able to buy tickets priced at 20p each. The winners will be announced on the last day of term, Thursday 6th April 2017. Thank you to all of you who have already donated.

Talk Homework:



Tell your mum, grandma or carer how much you love them and why. Spend some time with them talking about favourite memories, special times together or looking at photos. Ask questions to find out more about why your grown up thinks you are so special.

Congratulations to Class 10 who had 99.3% attendance last week!

Well done to all the classes who achieved our 95% target.

Last week our overall attendance was **95.5%**.

Please make every effort to ensure your child gets to school each day to help us improve even more this year.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
% Attendance	97.4	92.9	93.9	96.8	96.3	90	97.6	96.9	94	99.3

Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for all other pupils.

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School Meals Menu

Next week will be the

Week 1 Menu

Please see the school website for more details

Lost Property:

Caitlin Kelly in Class 7 lost her book bag after football club on Tuesday afternoon. Please check your child's book bag to make sure they have not picked the wrong one up by mistake.