



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School

Grandparents' Afternoon: We were delighted at how many grandparents came to school in support of our 'grandparents' afternoon'. We hope they all enjoyed the experience and will come along to future events.

Share and Stay sessions for Parents/Carers

These sessions give a parent or carer the opportunity to come into class to work alongside their child and their child's teacher, gaining knowledge about how subjects are taught and how you can help your child at home. We hope you have found the sessions this week useful - the final one will take place tomorrow. Tea and coffee will be available in the main hall before the session starts.

Fri 6 th October	8.45pm – 9.45am Reception Share and Stay (Classes 1 & 2)
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Swimming on Fridays: To make it easier for the children to get changed before and after swimming on Fridays; they can come to school wearing jogging pants (either plain black, plain grey or school PE ones) and trainers which they can take off and put on independently. These can be worn all day but school jumpers and polo shirts must still be worn.

A number of children are wearing swimming caps for their lessons and we are very much in favour of this.

Gifted and Talented Children: All schools are required to keep a register of 'gifted and talented' children. 'Gifted' refers to children who academically perform significantly above the norm for their age. 'Talented' refers to those who take part in a hobby or interest at which they show exceptional skill. Whilst we are generally able to identify 'gifted' children from their work in school, identifying 'talented' children for us is more difficult as we are sometimes unaware of what the children do out of school. If you believe your child should be included on our register of 'talented' children, please contact Mrs Davison by email, outlining what skill it is your child has and the level they are working at, and we will consider adding them to the register. Examples of the level of talented required for inclusion in the register include such accolades as competing at a national level in a sport or activity, playing sport for a professional team (eg. Football Academies), working at a high grade level on a musical instrument etc. Thank you in advance.

Pupil Premium: Pupil Premium is money given to the school to provide additional support for children fulfilling certain criteria. This includes children who are **registered** for free school meals or have been in the past 6 years (but not just through the universal free school meals offered to all Key Stage 1 and Reception children), children who have parents currently in the armed forces or who have been in the armed forces during the past 4 years, and children who have been adopted from care. If you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding but is not registered for it, or think we may not be aware that your child falls into one of the categories above, please do advise us a.s.a.p. by email or via the school office. This year we will be using some of this funding to subsidise residential visits and courses for families which qualify. For families with children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 this can also save you up to £10 per week for the cost of meals.

Coming Up

Harvest Festival: Thursday 12th October 2017.

We will be collecting donations from Monday 9th October 2017, which will then be gifted to the West Northumberland Food Bank. **This organisation was originally** a project hosted by Hexham Community Partnership and is now an independent charity set up specifically to help people in hardship across West Northumberland, including the Prudhoe area. They are grateful for any items but particularly need tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, longlife milk, tinned custard and rice pudding, washing powder/cleaning materials, squash, toothpaste and soap.



The times for our **Harvest Festival** performances on **Thursday 12th October 2017** are:

9.00am for Class 1, Class 3, Class 5, Class 7 and Class 9

2.00pm for Class 2, Class 4, Class 6, Class 8 and Class 10

Both performances include all the children so parents with children in different classes need only attend one performance.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that unless we have a signed photograph consent form for every child in school we will not allow any photographs to be taken during the performances, and also that if photographs are allowed to be taken, they MUST NOT be uploaded onto any website or social media forums. You will be advised on the day if photographs are allowed.

Nasal Flu Spray: Monday 13th November 2017. This is for pupils in Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Letters and consent forms will be sent out nearer the time. Please note: any children with a severe egg allergy will not be able to attend school on this day. We do not believe this currently applies to any pupil, but if so, please speak to the office asap.

Teacher Training Days: A reminder that as stated on the recent holiday dates list we sent out with the newsletter; Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2017 are teacher training days so school will be closed to all children. Shining Stars Kids' Club will be open over those two days (7.30am – 6pm) - £12.00 for half a day and £20.00 for the full day. Please book online as normal or contact the school office if you require more information. Children attending Kids' Club will require a packed lunch.

PTA



Fancy Dress Disco: The disco will take place on Monday 16th October 2017, 3.00 - 5.00pm and will be supervised by school staff and PTA volunteers. 'Tickets' will be bought in advance and will include for the price: a drink, a packet of crisps, some sweets, a raffle ticket and some finger lights. Children will get changed in class after school (fancy dress on this occasions if desired – NO MASKS), attend the disco, then be **collected by parents from their usual exit point at 5.00pm.**

'Tickets' will cost £4.00 and can be reserved by sending the money into school in a named envelope. We will not actually issue paper tickets but the children will be added to the ticket list to be used on the day. Nursery children are welcome to attend.

This event is held for the purpose of fundraising. All money raised will go into PTA Funds and be used to fund or part fund events and activities for children throughout the year as well as purchase much needed learning resources.

Please note there will be no KS2 gymnastics club on that afternoon.

Vacancies:

We are currently advertising for Lunchtime Care Assistants to cover on a casual basis when we have staff absences.

Term Time Only 12:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. daily

Lunch time supervision offers an ideal opportunity for you to begin working with children in both a formal and informal setting, supporting their social and physical development. This work entails supervising the children during their lunchtime whilst eating their lunch, during play which includes outdoor supervision and to ensure the well-being and safety of pupils, in line with the academy's policies and procedures.

To find out how to apply, please contact the school office.

Congratulations to Class 7 who had 98.52% attendance last week.

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

Last week our overall attendance was **94.93%**.

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
% Attendance	92.5	93.91	97.27	91.3	94.29	93.79	98.52	91.48	97.6	96.15

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 3 Menu.
Please see the school website for more details