



What's On at West

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Welcome back to you all! We hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. Our children have settled back amazingly quickly and are already showing us they haven't lost their love of learning and thirst for knowledge.

This Week in School

Tapestry Workshop for Parents: Tonight, 6.00 – 7.00pm in the FSU (Reception classroom) and tomorrow, Friday 8th September, 2.15pm. These are for the parents of children in Reception and Nursery.

Nursery and Reception Parents: Can I remind these parents that we need to see your child's birth certificate if they are new to the school. Thank you to those parents who have already brought them to the school office or shown them to the class teacher.

School Gates: From tomorrow, Friday 8th September 2017 electric gates will be in operation around the school. Between 8.50am and 3.00pm these gates will be locked and parents will need to speak to someone in the office through the intercom system in order to be admitted into school.

Headlice: We have already been informed by a parent that her child has picked up headlice since returning to school. Can I ask that all parents check their child's head at the earliest opportunity and treat any infestations appropriately if found. If your child does have lice, it is important to check/treat if needed all others who have had close contact with them (parents, siblings, grandparents etc.) as many re-infestations occur from such people.

LONG HAIR MUST BE FULLY AND SECURELY TIED BACK FOR SCHOOL.

Lost Property: This will be set out in the main yard on Monday 11th September 2017 at 3.00pm. There is a huge amount so please all come and look.

Coming Up

Parent Welcome Meetings: These meetings, which are an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out about their new year group, will take place at 8.45am on the following days: Years 1 and 2 – Tuesday 12th September 2017, Years 3 and 4 – Thursday 14th September 2017. We do hope parents (or a representative) will be able to attend.

A full list of the year's events will be on next week's newsletter.

Swimming: We have had 150 children from across Years 2-4 sign up for swimming lessons for the year ahead. The children have now been sorted into groups for their initial session next Friday, during which they will be assessed to ensure they are working with others at a similar level. All children will swim on a Friday morning. The children will come home either today or tomorrow wearing a sticker with their swimming group on. These are Stingrays, Turtles, Sharks and Dolphins. There will be 4 classes within each group. The swim times for the groups are as follows:

Stingrays 9.30am-10.00am, Turtles 10.00am – 10.30am, Sharks 10.30am – 11.00am, Dolphins 11.00am – 11.30am.

Please note: there may be some movement between groups following the initial lesson, and also as the children progress through the year. Parents will be notified if this is the case.

We do require parent helpers to assist with taking the children on the bus. We would ideally like 2 parents with each group. Parents would be needed from 25 minutes prior to the lesson start time, until 25 minutes after. If you can be available to help, either on a regular basis, or a one off basis, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Dinner Money: Only applicable to children in Nursery and Years 3 and 4. Dinner money for this half term will be: £2.00 per day; £10 per week; £64 for the half term (Monday 4th September 2017/Thursday 19th October 2017 and Friday 20th October 2017 are Teacher Training days). You can pay via Schoolcomms (our preferred option), or by cheque or cash. Please make cheques payable to WISE Academies Ltd.; **all money must be sent to school or brought to the school office in a named envelope.** If you believe you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive free school meals; packed lunch is not an option for these children.

Old Pound Coins: A reminder that banks will no longer accept old pound coins after 15th October 2017. In order to ensure we bank all monies received in school, we will be unable to accept these coins as payment for meals and trips etc. after 6th October 2017. Please check before sending cash into school.

Schoolcomms: Because Schoolcomms does not now link directly with the school's database your child's class and year group may not be correct when you go online to pay. This will not affect your payments at all.

School email Address: A reminder to everyone that the new contact email address for the school is prudhoewest@wiseacademies.co.uk Please do not contact school using the old address as we are unable to access those emails.

School Clubs

Gymnastics: KS1 (Years 1 and 2) classes began yesterday, Wednesday 6th September 2017, 3.00 – 4.00pm. KS2 (Years 3 and 4) classes will begin on Monday 11th September 2017, 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Guitar: Lessons will start again on Wednesday 20th September 2017. If your child would like to start guitar lessons; please contact the school office. Tuition is available to all children in Years 2-4. There is a charge for this club which will be confirmed by Richard Dudley, the guitar tutor when your child has their first lesson.

Multiskills: Multiskills will not take place this year. We plan to start a basketball club on Tuesday afternoons in the near future – we will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Karate: For children in Year 2 and above. Any child who would like to join the Karate club can come along to the main hall tomorrow, Friday 8th September 2017 at 3.00pm. Beginners can wear their PE kit/tracksuit bottoms. For new and existing members: please ensure your child's teacher knows they are going to karate. A parent/carer must attend a short briefing at 4.00pm at the end of the session. The briefing will provide information about the class, fees, gradings and safety. Class fees are due on the first day (Friday 8th September 2017) of the class. Please pay £25.00 cash or cheque payable to Wayne Bond and this should be given to the instructor or handed in to the school office (not the child). Any questions call Wayne on 07787 145 497.

Lingotots: At present we are not sure if Lingotots is starting next week or the week after. As soon as they let us know we will inform parents.

Congratulations to Class 2 who had 100% attendance the last week of term.

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

The last week of term our overall attendance was **95.66%**.

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

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% Attendance	92.75	100	94.55	94.35	97.24	96.79	98.52	91.48	92	98.4

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 2 Menu**.
 Please see the school website for more details

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017/18

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	TEACHER TRAINING DAY	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Monday 4 September 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
October Mid-Term 2017	Wednesday 18 October 2017	Thursday 19 October 2017 Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
Christmas/New Year 2017/2018	Friday 22 December 2017		Monday 8 January 2018
Spring Mid-Term 2018	Thursday 8 February 2018	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2018	Wednesday 28 March 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 4 May 2017		Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer Mid-Term 2018	Friday 25 May 2018		Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Monday 3 September 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018