

What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School:

Prudhoe West Academy: Please see text at the end of this newsletter. This information is for those parents who may not have received the update which was emailed to parents on Monday 24 April 2017.

Gymnastics Competition at Wentworth Leisure Centre: I am delighted to inform you that one of our fantastic gymnastics teams was placed first overall in the competition today. All teams were commended for their attitude and appearance; a special mention to Grace Simpson who won an additional award for scoring the highest marks in the Stage 1 routine. Well done to all of you, we are so proud!

Year 3 Trip to Gibside: As stated in the newsletter dated 6 April 2017, balances for this trip were due to be paid before Easter. There are still a small number of parents who have not paid their balance in full. This amount needs to be paid immediately to secure your child's place on the trip. Please contact the school office if you are unsure about how much you owe.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons: Can parents of Class 8 children who swim on Wednesday afternoons please collect them from the Key Stage 2 main door – the same door the children use in the mornings.

Coming Up:

Bank Holiday: A reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 1st May 2017** for the Mayday bank holiday.

PTA Cinema Night: Tuesday 2nd May 2017; film - Trolls. The children will enjoy a drink, snack and popcorn, and will receive a special gift at the end. Admission costs £5.00 per child; please send the money to school in order to add your child's name to the list. This event is for Prudhoe West children only (including nursery) and they will be supervised by school staff and PTA volunteers. The event will start immediately after school ie 3.00 pm and finishing time will be 5.15pm. Children will exit school at this time from their **usual classroom exit points**. **Please note:** There will be no rounders club on that afternoon.

Talk Homework:

What do you love about our school and why?

Congratulations to Class 9 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 **98.4%**.

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	97.8	98.9	99.1	96.6	99.1	98.2	97.9	96.6	100	99.6

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 4 Menu

Please see the school website for more details

Conversion to Prudhoe West Academy

I am writing to let you know that unfortunately our conversion to Prudhoe West Academy will not be going ahead on 1st May 2017 as planned. This is due to further delays with the legal transfer of the school from Northumberland County Council to WISE Academies Trust which are beyond our control, or that of the Trust. Consequently the event planned for tomorrow (Friday 28th April 2017) has had to be postponed.

We are doing everything we can to achieve conversion as soon as possible. Once a date is confirmed we will reschedule the carnival event.

We have been working as an 'adopted' member of WISE Academies now for a number of months and this will continue despite this delay. Staff will still be part of networking groups and share training opportunities with the staff from the other WISE schools. The children will still be part of any Trust events planned for the summer term whether the conversion has gone ahead or not. We are experiencing huge benefits already from the support we have received from being part of the Trust and things can only get better.

Uniform

Each child's 'gift' item will be given to them at the conversion event whenever that takes place. Salto are now taking orders for uniform but will not actually sell anything with the new logo on until the conversion date is confirmed. If people are in need of uniform immediately, Salto will sell non-logoed items which can be worn then returned to be embroidered once the conversion takes place. As we do not want parents to spend money on new blue summer dresses or new blue jumpers or cardigans, Nursery children may wear red or blue uniform for the summer term as desired.

May 2017

During May, our Year 2 pupils carry out assessments that are used to monitor their progress and set future targets. It is vitally important that these children are not taken out of school during this time.

Mon 1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
Tues 2 nd	5.00pm PTA Cinema Night
Fri 5 th	9.00am – 9.30am – Year 1 Assembly for parents
Wed 10 th – Fri 12 th	Robinwood Residential Visit – Year 4
Fri 26 th	School closes for Half Term

June 2017

Mon 5 th	School Reopens
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During June, our Year 3 & 4 pupils carry out assessments that are used to monitor their progress and set future targets. It is vitally important that these children are not taken out of school during this time.

Phonics Screening Week - Year 1 (and Year 2 resits)

During this week our Year 1 pupils carry out an external assessment that is used to monitor their progress and set future targets. It is vitally important that these children are not taken out of school during this time. The week for these assessments is set nationally and cannot be changed. If any children are not in school during the assessment window, they will have to take the assessment the following year.

Mon 5 th / Tues 6 th / Wed 7 th	Year 3 Residential Visit to Gibside (Class 7 Mon/Tues, Class 8 Tues/Wed)
tba	PTA selling Father's Day gifts in school
Fri 16 th	9.00am – 9.30am – Year 2 Assembly for parents
Tues 20 th	6.00pm Meeting for Nursery New Starters
Wed 21 st	Years 3 and 4 'Wise Games' at Gateshead Stadium – details to follow
	6.00pm Meeting for Reception New Starters
Mon 26 th	Years 1, 3 and 4 Assessment week
Thurs 29 th	Sports Day & Family Picnic and Summer Fair

July 2017

Tues 4 th	Transfer Day
Wed 5 th	6.00pm West Factor (Years 3 and 4)
Thurs 20 th	5.30pm – 7.00pm Leavers' Disco
Fri 21 st	9.15am – Leaver Assembly for Year 4 parents 3.00pm School closes for Summer 2017