



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School

Walk to School: At Prudhoe West we are committed to children living a healthy lifestyle. To help promote healthy choices, we are now participating in a walk to school programme to reward children who are active throughout the month. Everyday your class teacher will log how your child gets to school. If it involves exercising like riding your bike to school or walking, then your child can earn a special walk to school badge to celebrate their healthy choices. We would love it if parents could support us with this initiative.

Parking on West Road: A reminder to all parents and carers that they must not park on double yellow lines on West Road. Parents parking illegally here are putting our children at risk. We have again contacted the police regarding this issue and we will be working with them to determine who the culprits are and issuing fines accordingly. **THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN MUST BE OUR PRIORITY** – though it is not actually illegal to 'drop off' on double yellow lines (as someone pointed out to us this morning), it IS illegal to obstruct a path or road in a way that puts others in danger. In order for the police to take action, a complaint must be received, and I therefore ask that we all work together to put an end to this. The thing that will have the biggest impact on the parking and car park issues is people walking their children to school.

Reception Outdoor Explorers: Spring is in the air! We will once again be working outdoors on Fridays. Please send your child in suitable clothing that you don't mind getting muddy. School jumpers as usual. If your child has waterproofs and wellies please send in a **named** carrier bag. Thank you.

Sponsored Spell: Thanks to the generosity of parents, carers, family members and friends; our children raised £1,290.01 for their Harry Potter sponsored Spellarama. This money will go towards buying some more fantastic books for our reading scheme. Thank you as always for being so generous and supportive of these fundraising events.

Cheques: A reminder that when making payments to school by cheque; please make the cheque payable to **WISE ACADEMIES**.

Year 3 Trip to Gibside Wed 6th – Fri 8th June 2018: Thank you to all those parents and carers who have now paid all or part of the cost of this trip. There are still a few places remaining – if your child would like to go please contact the school office to reserve their place. The cost of the trip is £65 and we require a £20 deposit. The deadline for payments to be made in full is Wednesday 28th March 2018.

Coming Up

World Book Day: Thursday 1st March 2018. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. We very much encourage that characters are from books and not comics/cartoons/films. If not dressing up, children need to attend in normal school uniform. Every child will receive a £1 book token on the day.

Children in Class 9 are going on their university trip that morning. Those children need to come to school in their uniform and can change clothes when they return from the trip if they wish to dress up on that day.

Reception Mothers' Day Assembly: Due to our Little Stars Toddler Group now being held in the hall on Friday mornings, we have had to change the time of the Reception Mothers' Day assembly and share and stay on Friday 9th March 2018. The assembly will now take place at 1.30pm and the share and stay from 2.00 – 2.50pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The time of the Year 2 Fathers' Day assembly on Friday 15th June 2018 will also change from 9.00am to 2.30pm.

Prudhoe West in the Chronicle: Next Thursday (1 March 2018), we will be the school featured in the 'Our School' pull out of the Chronicle. All of our children have been involved, working hard to write articles about what we get up to in school, with our children on the school council taking a lead on the editorial elements.

There are lots of interesting stories from sporting stars, to terrific trips and even an interview with our very own Headteacher, Mrs Davison! We hope to get a delivery of copies to school and if so, these will be sold in the yard after school, normal cost price (around 75p). We will update further on Facebook when we know if this is possible. Don't miss out!

The Great Big School Clean: We will be taking part in this event on Friday 2nd March 2018 between 1.45pm and 2.45pm (1.15pm-2.45pm for Year 4). This national event is part of the Great British Spring Clean (2-4 March 2018) campaign run by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. Off the back of Blue Planet 2, the aim is that schools across the country help in the biggest school clean up ever, inspiring their local communities by showing them how it's done. **The event will involve a litter pick of the school grounds and local community.** We need your help to make this event a success.

Firstly, please supply your child with a pair of gardening or rubber gloves for them to wear during the litter pick, and ensure they have a warm coat and a hat to wear on that day. We would also suggest all children wear trouser or tracksuit bottoms and sturdy shoes/trainers/wellies.

Secondly we need parents, grandparents or other family members to volunteer to come along and help on the day (also wearing gloves!), times as above. If you or another family member are available to help, please let the school office know asap, but by the end of Tuesday 27th February at the latest to allow staff to plan the organisation of the event. Thank you in advance.

Times Tables Rockstars at Prudhoe West! We have recently introduced Times Tables Rock Stars across years 2-4. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations in other subjects. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star children need to be able to answer any multiplication fact in less than 3 seconds. Each day children in years 2-4 will practise their assigned tables whilst rocking away to music! Check it out on Youtube!

Share and Stay Writing w/c 5th March 2018

Mon 5th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 3 Share and Stay (Classes 7 & 8)
Tues 6th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 4 Share and Stay (Classes 9 & 10)
Wed 7th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 1 Share and Stay (Classes 3 & 4)
Thurs 8th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 2 Share and Stay (Classes 5 & 6)
Fri 9th	1.30 – 2.00pm Reception Mothers' Day Assembly followed by Reception Share and stay 2.00 – 3.00pm

2 Year Old Provision at Prudhoe West Nursery: I wrote in a previous newsletter that we hoped to start nursery provision for two year olds at Prudhoe West moving forward. I can now confirm that this will be happening and our new 2 year old room (alongside a fully revamped Year 1 Learning Zone) will be ready to open in September 2018. This will be completely separate from our existing Nursery, and designed/built specifically for this age of children.

We are now accepting applications from parents for places in the 2 year old room. We will offer both funded places from the term after a child's 2nd birthday, and privately paid for spaces from a child's 2nd birthday.

Funded spaces

Funded spaces will be offered over 5 days, with children attending either 5 mornings (8.30am – 11.30am) or 5 afternoons (12.15 – 3.15pm). Your 2-year-old can get free early education and childcare if you live in England and get one of the following benefits: Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit - if you and your partner are on a low income from work (this usually means a combined income of less than £15,400 a year after tax), tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit). A child can also get free early education if any of the following apply: they're looked after by a local council ('in care'), they have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan, they get Disability Living Allowance, they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order.

Privately Paid Spaces

Childcare will be available between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm, term time only. Sessions (half days) can be booked according to parents' requirements, but must be the same each week. ie. Child could come for just 1 morning a week, or child could come for 3 full days, or child could come for 2 mornings and 3 full days etc.... The exact cost is still to be determined, but will be in line with other providers locally and is likely to be something in the region of the following (all drinks/snacks included):

Full day – 7.30am-6pm - £40 (including lunch and tea)
 School day – 8.30am – 3.15pm - £27 (including lunch)
 Full morning – 7.30 – 1pm - £22 (including lunch)
 Full afternoon – 12.30 – 6pm - £22 (including tea)
 3 hour Early Education session – 8.30 – 11.30am or 12.15-3.15pm - £12

If you would like to reserve a place for your child for September 2018, or in fact any point in time moving forward, please contact the school office asap, indicating whether you require a funded or paid for place, and giving an idea of the sessions you would like. Places will be allocated on a 'First Come, First Served' basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, or make an appointment to speak with Mrs Davison.

Congratulations to Class 8 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 95.2% .										
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	96.35	94.57	88.64	90.91	99.11	95.54	93.27	100	99	94.5
Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for all other pupils.										

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 Next week will be the
Week 3 Menu.
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