



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School:



West Factor Show: Well done to all of those who took part, especially our winners George, Hannah, Amy and Cam, and runners-up Maddie, Phoebe and Sophie. The show was very entertaining as always, and all money raised will be put towards future productions in school. Huge thanks again to Wayne Bond for being our host. The show really wouldn't be the same without him! Thanks also to Logo Logic who sponsored the winners' hoodies and to Jump Arena Gateshead who provided the prize for first place!

Sports Day: Unfortunately we are unable to reschedule sports day due to various events taking place up to the end of term. We plan to hold an activities morning or afternoon in school for the children only before the end of term.

Nursery Sports Day: This will take place on Tuesday 18th (Hedgehogs) and Thursday 20th (Rabbits) July at 2pm. These events will take place in the hall if the weather is poor so will definitely go ahead. Children should come on this day dressed in 'sporty' clothes and trainers. They may wish to wear their new PE kit if you have already purchased this ready for September.

Academisation Carnival: I'm sure you will agree our carnival was a huge success and the children all had a great time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, PTA members and parents who gave up their time not only to help on the day, but also in the week leading up to the carnival. Your help is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without you!

Beauty and the Beast at Highfield Middle School: Years 2, 3 and 4 will be visiting Highfield Middle School tomorrow, Friday 6th July 2017 to watch their production of Beauty and the Beast. We will leave Prudhoe West at approx 9.15 and return before lunchtime. **Please note: Year 4 will not swim tomorrow.**

Dropping Off Children: Can I remind parents that they must **not** drop off children outside school at any time. We have recently had a situation where a child was found wandering in the school yard as the doors had closed and parents were unaware as they had not escorted the child into the yard. In another situation children had to be crossed over the road by a parent not known to them as they has been left when the lollipop lady was not present. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Clothing Donations: Thank you all very much for recent donations of underwear. Reception and Nursery classes would now be grateful for donations of boys' and girls' socks that you no longer need.

Coming Up:

Uniform: New school uniform can now be ordered from Salto. Alternatively if parents wish to purchase uniform items from other shops and have these embroidered this can be done by Salto, or by Jill at Logo Logic who can be contacted by email at jill@logo-logic.co.uk. The cost for embroidery only is £4.50 per item.

Athletics Club: The final session will be on Tuesday 11th July 2017 – Miss Gray will run this last session as a 'mini athletics festival' in the school hall rather than us sending a selected team to the Partnership festival. This will allow all children in this club to participate.

100% Attendance: We look forward to presenting 100% Attendance Rewards to children in assembly on the last day of term. Please be aware that we look at each child's attendance individually and make allowances where the only time a child has been off during the full school year is for a medical appointment or other exceptional circumstance, such as a funeral. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

Reports: Reports will be sent out to parents on Monday 17th July 2017. Test results (phonics, SATs etc.) will also be sent out with reports. As always, if there are any parents who do not live with their children and would like a second copy of their child's report; please contact the school office. We can then send reports out by post or by email – please tell us which you would prefer.

Leavers' Lunch: Our Year 4 children have chosen the menu for their Leavers' Lunch which includes some of their favourites - burger, chicken goujons, fish fingers, chips, peas or beans followed by chocolate brownies or ice cream. All children are welcome to join them for a one off school meal on this day if they wish.



This will take place on Thursday 20th July 2017. If children in years 3 and 4 who normally bring a packed lunch, wish to have a Leavers' Lunch, then please send in £2 in a named purse or envelope no later than **Monday 17th July 2017**. All children in Reception, years 1 and 2 and any children who receive Free School Meals will receive a free lunch on this day as normal. **Please note the cook needs to order the food in advance and we will be unable to take any late orders for any reason.**

Leavers' Assembly: A reminder that our Year 4 children will present their Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21st July 2017 at 9.00am in the hall. Whilst this is predominantly for Year 4 parents, grandparents and any other family members etc are welcome.

A note to the parents of Year 4: I recently spoke to the Headteacher of another school where the parents of their leavers arranged a 'breakfast' for after the children's final assembly. Parents donated breakfast items (croissants, fruit juice, pastries, crepes etc.) and following the assembly the parents, family members and children enjoyed time with the staff and their friends sharing memories of their time at the school. If this would be of interest to parents and anyone would be willing to volunteer to organise it, then please get in touch.

Big Picnic: This annual event will take place on the last day of term (Friday 21st July 2017) for all children in Nursery to Year 4. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and any children who receive Free School Meals will receive a picnic lunch from the kitchen. Other children are invited to bring a packed lunch or can purchase a school picnic lunch at a cost of £2. The school picnic will consist of a sandwich (ham, cheese or tuna), sausage roll, crisps, a biscuit or cake and a drink.



Children will be asked in class which type of sandwich they would like before the event. If you wish to order a school picnic for your child, please send in £2 in a named purse or envelope **no later than Monday 17th July 2017**. **The cook needs to order the food in advance and we will be unable to take any late orders for any reason.**

Nursery Hedgehogs: Children will have their picnic on Tuesday 18th July 2017

PTA:

Leavers' Disco: Thursday 20th July 2017 3.00 – 5.00pm. Theme: Beach Party! 'Tickets' must be bought in advance, by no later than Monday 17th July 2017 and will include for the price a drink, a packet of crisps, some sweets, and a raffle ticket. Children will get changed in class after school (beach/summer wear!), attend the disco, then be collected by parents at 5.00pm **from their usual pick up points in the yard**. 'Tickets' will cost £4.00 and can be reserved by sending the money into school in a named envelope. Please note: we will not actually issue paper tickets but the children will be added to the ticket list to be used on the day.

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

School Meals Menu
Next week will be the **Week 1 Menu**

In the Community:

Prudhoe High School Performance of 'Alice': This performance will take place Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th July 2017. Doors open at 6.30pm and disabled access is available. Please ring Prudhoe High for more information.

Congratulations to Class 5 who had 99.2% attendance last week.

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

Last week our overall attendance was **95.7%**.

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

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% Attendance	96.5	88.3	96.8	98.6	99.2	94.3	98.3	98.9	93.2	98.7

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

Vacancies

Caretaker: Sadly Mr Baxter has recently resigned from his role as Caretaker with effect from 31st August 2017. Within the next 24 hours an advert for a replacement caretaker will be posted on the Jobs North East website. This would be an ideal job for someone living locally, so please keep an eye out for the advert if interested.