



# What's On at West

growing future stars

Well, what a year! From our new roof, to the opening of our extended Nursery... from being crowned winners in the 'Choir of the Year' competition at the Metrocentre to being hailed the 'School of the Year' by Newcastle United Foundation... from success for our footballers, our athletes, our gymnasts to some of the best academic results we've ever had... from our first Christmas production including the entire school to our very own pop video... from Prudhoe West First School to Prudhoe West Academy! I say it time and time again, but I honestly could not be prouder to be Headteacher here at Prudhoe West. I walk around school each day and see smiling, confident, polite children, supportive parents and carers and a staff team who are entirely committed to raising the aspirations of and making memories for our children. I look at what we've achieved this year and wonder how we could possibly better it... but deep down I know we will... somehow!

To all of our Year 4 children and families: I can tell you now I'll need tissues tomorrow (as will you!). These are the children I've known since they were bumps, and when I took a sneak peak at the Leavers' Assembly this morning I could not believe how amazing they were! We all have some amazing memories of them which range from hilarious conversations over lunches, to them racing their teacher in Gateshead Stadium, from wiping tears on trips to hospital, to being there when they had that light bulb moment with something they were learning! I ask nothing more of them than to continue to grow into the gorgeous, intelligent, considerate little people they have become and to keep on giving 100% in everything they do... oh, and to remember us and keep in touch!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank staff members Mrs Fearby, Miss Bertin, Mrs Sutcliffe, Miss Taylor and Mr Baxter who are leaving us at the end of this term. We wish them every success in whatever they do next.

Thank you to you all for the support you have given our school over the year. We appreciate all feedback and those comments and emails of thanks and appreciation we receive from time to time really do make a difference to us all.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

Mrs Davison

**Leavers' Assembly:** A reminder that our Year 4 children will present their Leavers' Assembly tomorrow, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 at 9.00am in the hall. Whilst this is predominantly for the families of our Year 4 children, anyone is welcome to attend. **Reminder: there will be no Year 4 swimming tomorrow.**

**100% Attendance:** We look forward to presenting 100% Attendance Rewards to around 45 children in assembly tomorrow. Unfortunately, there has been a last minute problem with the delivery of our attendance prizes. We hope to still have them in time for tomorrow's assembly (after lunch) but if they do not arrive we will have to present them in September. The children will still receive their wristband and a certificate tomorrow if they do not receive their prize. We apologise for this but it is due to circumstances beyond our control. If you have any queries about your child's attendance, please speak to the school office.

**Reports:** Thank you for returning your comment slip after reading your child's report. We welcome all comments and value the opinions and views of all parents and carers. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that the photograph on the front of your child's report must not be shared on any social media sites. Parents who live separately from their children will have received a copy of their child's report by email; we are happy to post out a paper copy too by request.

**Overpayment/Refunds:** Several parents are in credit by small amounts due to unused dinner money, or swimming payments. Any credit for children in Nursery-Year 3 will simply be carried forward to next year and can be used to pay for school trips/lunches/swimming etc.

**Year 4:** Those parents who have paid via Schoolcomms will have their money refunded back onto Schoolcomms. Due to the financial systems now that we are an academy, all cheques (to refund any cash or cheque payments) have to be raised via Head Office and this takes a number of days. We often find that cheques for such small amounts are never actually cashed by parents anyway and we are therefore asking that if you want a cheque refund for any overpayment, you request this from us via email by no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and this will be sent to you in due course. Any 'unrequested' overpayments will be transferred into school fund after this date and we will ensure they are used to help us to continue creating memories for future generations, as we have for your children. Thank you in advance.

**FSU Trip:** Staff in FSU would like to extend a huge a thank you to all parents and carers who helped on the trip to Wallington Hall last Friday. The children were extremely well behaved as always, and we all had a brilliant time. Thank you also for all the gifts that have been sent into Nursery this week – it is much appreciated.

**Medication held in school for Year 4 children:** Inhalers, epipens etc. should be collected from the school office by an adult at the end of tomorrow, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017. These will need to be signed for. Any medication which has not been collected by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be disposed of via the chemist.

**Uniform Reminder:** Please ensure that in September all children are wearing full school uniform at all times, and also have their PE kit and book bag in school from the first day back.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey school trousers (not leggings or jeans)/shorts/skirt/dress, white long or short sleeved blouse/shirt/polo shirt, bright red jumper/ sweatshirt/ cardigan, white, grey or black socks, red/white/grey tights, plain black school shoes or trainers (which your child can put on and fasten independently), a red and white gingham dress may be worn in summer.

#### **PE Kit**

Plain black shorts, red, round neck t-shirt (no buttons or fastenings), alternatively, a grey school tracksuit is also available, sandshoes, a drawstring bag

Can I please remind all parents that extreme hairstyles (dyed hair, shaved patterns, braids with beads etc.) and earrings are not permitted in school, so please take this into account when having hair styled or ears pierced during the holidays. All earrings must be removed for school (NOT covered with elastoplasts). If you are getting your child's ears pierced during the holidays, please ensure this is carried out in the first couple of weeks, to allow time for the ears to heal. There will be no allowances made for earrings to be worn in September.

**Pencil Cases:** Whilst we obviously have stocks of equipment for the children to use, we are more than happy for them to bring in their own pencil case if they wish, **provided it fits into their desk drawer**. Items which are useful for children to have include: writing pencil, pencil sharpener (preferably one which collects the shavings), felt tip pens, coloured pencils, ruler. It is especially helpful if children can be provided with a Glue Stick to keep in their drawer. For safety reasons we ask that children do not bring scissors, or any other sharp items such as compasses.



**Dinner Money: Only applicable to children in Nursery and Years 3 and 4.** Dinner money for next half term will be: £2.00 per day; £10 per week; £64 for the half term (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017/Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reading during the Holidays:** Reading is a vital part of the curriculum and it is extremely important that children continue to read, not only up to the holidays, but also during the six weeks holiday period. We would appreciate if all parents would take the time to listen to their children read regularly over the summer break.



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

## PTA



**PTA:** I would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of children, staff and parents to all members of the PTA who do such an amazing job in Prudhoe West. Thank you for all your time and fundraising efforts over the past year, we really appreciate it. Thank you also to the parents and carers who have given up their time over the past year to help with various events and to all the money you have donated to fundraising events. Thank you again – you are all amazing!

## School Clubs

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

There is a charge for this club which will be confirmed in September.

**Guitar:** Lessons will start again on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 in September.

### Congratulations to Class 7 who had 100% attendance last week.

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

Last week our overall attendance was **96.6%**.

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
<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>98.56</b>	<b>89.42</b>	<b>98.41</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>95.65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>97.46</b>	<b>93.91</b>	<b>99.26</b>

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