

What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School:

Internet and Digital Technology Event: Tuesday 4th April 2017, Highfield Middle School, Main Hall, 5.00pm: You will have received a letter about this event earlier this week. I cannot stress enough how valuable each and every one of you will find this meeting and I urge as many of you as possible to attend. There have been very recent online safety concerns regarding children in our own school (incidents that happened while the children were on IT equipment at home). As well as information sharing, there will be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a place.

Reception Trip to House of Objects: This trip will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Please complete the consent form if you have not already done so – remember to also indicate whether your child will bring their own packed lunch or if they would like one from school. We need this information well in advance so we can pass on numbers to our cook. The cost of the visit is £9.00.

Robinwood: A meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2017, 3.00 – 4.00pm for all parents of children who are going to Robinwood this year. Letters were given to the relevant children this week along with two forms for parents to complete. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the paperwork – if you have not already done so; please complete the forms and return to school immediately.

Fruit Payments: Fruit letters were sent out last week to all children in Years 3 and 4. The cost is £7.10 for the summer term, and the deadline for payment is Friday 24th March 2017.

Milk Payments: Letters were sent out last week to all children from Reception upwards. The cost is £12.70 for the summer term, and the deadline for payment is Friday 24th March 2017.

Holiday Clubs: Several parents have been asking if there are any other holiday clubs in the local area since we are no longer running Shining Stars during school holidays. Below is a list of local establishments who run holiday clubs. Additionally there may be local child-minders who have spaces during school holiday periods, or sports clubs running holiday 'camps'. Whilst we can point parents and carers in the direction of these childcare providers we are not able to recommend them as our knowledge of them is very limited.

Badger Club - Ovingham <https://ovingham.cylex-uk.co.uk/company/the-badger-club-17895028.html>

Di and Jim's - Prudhoe <http://www.diandjims.co.uk/>

Fern Hollow - Stocksfield <http://www.fernholownursery.com/#section-support-for-you>

Mid Tyne Club - Broomley <https://northumberland.fsd.org.uk/kb5/northumberland/fsd/service.page?id=PRWQDs61its>

St Agnes Day Nursery – Crawcrook <http://www.stagnesdaynursery.co.uk/>

Coming Up:

Academisation: Unfortunately due to delays with the legal side of our conversion to academy status, this change will not happen now until 1st May 2017 (originally 1st April). We are beginning to plan an event for children, parents, and the community to mark the closure of Prudhoe West First School prior to the opening of Prudhoe West Academy. This is likely to take place on the afternoon of Friday April 28th 2017. We will of course update you further as soon as more details are known.

Whole School Photo: To mark the academisation of Prudhoe West we have organised a whole school photograph to be taken on **Wednesday 24th May 2017**. We have chosen Wednesday as this is the day on which we have all children in school. Advance warning: any children who are in Rabbit nursery session – the session will start at 11.00am on that day so the children can be on the photograph. Class photos will not be taken this academic year.

Share and Stay Writing: As I explained in a previous newsletter (16-3-17): following discussions with some parents and members of staff we feel it would be more beneficial to parents and carers to come along to this session at an earlier date in the school year. These sessions will take place as follows:

Friday 24 th March 2017	9.30am – 10.30am Reception Share and Stay (Classes 1 & 2) Please note this session will take place after the Reception Parents' Mothers' Day assembly at 9.00am
Tuesday 28 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 1 Share and Stay (Classes 3 & 4) This will be followed by a 'Pirate Performance'.
Wednesday 29 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 2 Share and Stay (Classes 5 & 6)
Thursday 30 th	9.00am – 10.00am Year 4 Share and Stay (Classes 9 & 10)
Friday 31 st	9.00am – 10.00am Year 3 Share and Stay (Classes 7 & 8)

First Aid Friday: Further to my recent post on the school's Facebook page, and subsequent comments from parents, we are planning to have a whole school 'First Aid Friday' on Friday 5th May 2017. One parent who works in this field has already agreed to lead First Aid sessions on this day for the children in Years 1-4, in which the children will learn some basic first aid and what to do in an emergency. If there are any other parents with medical/first aid knowledge who would be available to enhance the day further, especially by offering something for our Nursery and Reception children, please get in touch as soon as possible. Any ideas or assistance will be gratefully received.

Mother's Day Messages in the Courant: Every child in school has written a short Mother's Day message which will be printed in next week's Courant (Friday 24th March 2017). The messages will be displayed in class order and have your child's first name only at the end. If there is more than one child in the class with the same forename I am sure your child will be able to identify their message.



Applications for places at Prudhoe West: We are currently allocating places for Nursery for September 2017. If you or any friends have any children who will be 3 before 31st August 2017 please contact the school office for an application form.

Parents who have applied for a place in Reception for September 2017 will be informed by Northumberland County Council on Tuesday April 18th 2017.

We still have a small number of places in other year groups. If you know of anyone who may be interested in their child coming to Prudhoe West, please encourage them to make an appointment to visit by contacting the school office.

PTA:

Mothers' Day: The PTA will be selling Mothers' Day gifts next week, Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th March 2017 from 9.00am-1.00pm. Items will range from £1.00-£3.00. If your child would like to buy something please send money to school in a named envelope marked 'mother's day'.

Easter Egg Raffle: We would like to ask for donations of Easter eggs - big or small - for our raffle. The eggs will be on display in the final week of term and children will be able to buy tickets priced at 20p each. The winners will be announced on the last day of term, Thursday 6th April 2017. Thank you in advance.

Talk Homework:

On Monday it is **World Oral Health Day**. Why do we need to keep our mouths healthy? What happens if we don't? Who helps us do this important job well?

Congratulations to Class 6 who had 98.6% attendance last week!

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

Last week our overall attendance was **92.5%**.

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	90.9	93.9	86.1	90.7	97.8	98.6	91.2	92.7	92	91.3

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 4 Menu
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