



What's On at West

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This Week in School

School Gates: We have had a few problems with the new school gates – we hope these will be sorted out by next week. Can I ask that parents remind children not to press the intercom button as they are entering or leaving the premises if the gates are already open.

Swimming: We have had 150 children from across Years 2-4 sign up for swimming lessons for the year ahead. The children have now been sorted into groups for their initial session tomorrow, during which they will be assessed to ensure they are working with others at a similar level. All children will swim on a Friday morning. The children have already been given a sticker with their swimming group name. The groups are: Stingrays, Turtles, Sharks and Dolphins. There will be 4 classes within each group. The swim times for the groups are as follows:

Stingrays 9.30am-10.00am, Turtles 10.00am – 10.30am, Sharks 10.30am – 11.00am, Dolphins 11.00am – 11.30am. The weekly cost of lessons will be £4.25 which can be paid via Schoolcomms, cheque (made payable to Wise Academies Ltd) or cash. **Please note if paying by Schoolcomms the minimum amount you can pay is £8.50 – 2 week's lessons.** Please also note: there may be some movement between groups following the initial lesson, and also as the children progress through the year. Parents will be notified if this is the case.

We do require parent helpers to assist with taking the children on the bus. We would ideally like 2 parents with each group. Parents would be needed from 25 minutes prior to the lesson start time, until 25 minutes after. If you can be available to help, either on a regular basis, or a one off basis, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already kindly volunteered to help – it is much appreciated.

Junk Modelling Materials: We are getting very creative in the Early Years Unit and urgently require small boxes (tissue boxes, toothpaste boxes etc), cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and any other interesting craft materials. No large cereal boxes as we have limited storage space. Thank you in advance.

Coming Up

List of Events: A list of school events up to the end of January 2018 is at the end of this newsletter. Events up to the end of July 2018 will be available as soon as we have finalised certain dates for next year.

Grandparents' Afternoon – In recognition of Grandparents' Day, we are inviting grandparents of children in years Reception – Year 4 to come and work with their grandchild in class on the afternoon of Friday 29th September 2017. Apologies in advance, but for safety reasons we will only be able to admit a maximum of 2 grandparents per child. Nursery Grandparents Day will be held later in the year. Further details next week.

School Clubs

Guitar: Lessons will start again on Wednesday 20th September 2017. We have had a few children expressing an interest this year; 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 by Richard Dudley, the guitar tutor, when your child has their first lesson.

Lingotots: Have fun learning Spanish at Prudhoe West Academy with Lingotots!

We are delighted to be continuing our Lingotot Spanish sessions this year. This course will be available for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 initially. Sessions will run on **Tuesdays** straight after School for 12 weeks, starting on Tuesday 19th September 2017. Payment is £51 for the 12-week course. Booking is online at www.lingotot.com -please enter the School's postcode (NE42 6HR) in the location box. For further information please contact Michelle at michelle@lingotot.com Tel 07852 132 604



In the Community:

Prudhoe in Bloom Presentation: Judging took place at Prudhoe West in July. The presentation for the competition will be held on Saturday 16th September 2017. As in previous years, this will be part of the Parish Hall Coffee Morning, (opposite Barclays on Front Street) open from 9.00am. There will be a slide-show of photographs prior to the presentation which will begin at 11.00am. This will include Schools, Churches, Business Entries and Residential front and rear gardens. Home baked refreshments will be served. It would be wonderful if children and parents could go along on Saturday morning to support this event.



Vacancies:

We are currently advertising for a Lunchtime Care Assistant (1 hour 5 minutes daily) and a full time Caretaker (37 hours per week).

If you are interested, please contact please contact Recruitment Team, WISE Academies Head Office, Borodin Avenue, Sunderland SR5 4NX, telephone 0191 5536996 Ex 4 or e-mail recruitment@wiseacademies.co.uk to whom completed applications must be returned.

Congratulations to Classes 1, 3, 4 and 5 who had 100% attendance last week. Well done KS1!

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

Last week our overall attendance was **97.98%**.

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 |
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| % Attendance | 100 | 96.74 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 97.41 | 94.44 | 99.54 | 96 | 96.15 |

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 3 Menu**.

Please see the school website for more details

| Date | Event |
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| September 2017 | |
| 29 th | 9.00 – 9.30am Year 1 Grandparents Assembly + craft session |
| | 1.45 – 2.45pm Grandparents Afternoon (R, 2, 3, 4) |
| October 2017 | |
| Share and Stay Sessions – READING - these sessions give a parent or carer the opportunity to come into class to work alongside their child and their child's teacher, gaining knowledge about how subjects are taught and how you can help your child at home. See below for your child's sessions. | |
| Mon 2 nd | 8.45am – 9.45am Year 4 Share and Stay (Classes 9 & 10) |
| Tues 3 rd | 8.45am – 9.45am Year 1 Share and Stay (Classes 3 & 4) |
| Wed 4 th | 8.45am – 9.45am Year 2 Share and Stay (Classes 5 & 6) |
| Thurs 5 th | 8.45am – 9.45am Year 3 Share and Stay (Classes 7 & 8) |
| Fri 6 th | 8.45am – 9.45am Year Rec Share and Stay (Classes 1 & 2) |
| Thurs 12 th | 9.00am Harvest Festival Classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 2.00pm Harvest Festival Classes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 |
| Mon 16 th | 3.00 – 5.00pm PTA Disco |
| Wed 18 th | 11.00 – 11.30am Nursery 'Share a Story' 2.30 – 3.00pm Nursery 'Share a Story' |
| | School closes for half term |
| Mon 30 th | School Reopens |
| November 2017 | |
| Wed 1 st | 3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 2 nd | 3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening |
| Fri 10 th | 9.00am – 9.30am - Year 3 Remembrance Assembly for parents |
| Wed 15 th | Individual Photographs |
| Wed 22 nd | Class Photographs |
| Tues 28 th | Afternoon Trip to Theatre Royal Years 1, 2, 3, 4 (return 5.30pm approx.) |
| December 2017 | |
| Thurs 7 th | 3.00 - 5.30pm PTA Cinema Night |
| Tues 12 th | 9.15 -10.15am Christmas Show - Classes 1,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 1.30 – 2.30pm Christmas Show - Class 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 |
| Wed 13 th | 9.15 -10.15am Christmas Show - Classes Nur A,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 1.30 – 2.30pm Christmas Show - Class Nur B,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 |
| Thurs 14 th | 9.15 -10.15am Christmas Show Class 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 1.30 – 2.30pm Christmas Show Class 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 |
| Tues 19 th | 9.15 -10.15am Carol Service 1 |
| | 2.00 – 3.00pm Carol Service 2 |
| Wed 20 th | EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Party Day |
| Thurs 21 st | Christmas Party Day Years 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Fri 22 nd | School closes for Christmas / New Year |
| January 2018 | |
| Mon 8 th | School Reopens |
| Share and Stay Sessions – MATHS | |
| Mon 15 th | 9.00am – 10.00am Year 1 Share and Stay (Classes 3 & 4) |
| Tues 16 th | 9.00am – 10.00am Year 2 Share and Stay (Classes 5 & 6) |
| Wed 17 th | 9.00am – 10.00am Year 3 Share and Stay (Classes 7 & 8) |
| Thurs 18 th | 9.00am – 10.00am Year 4 Share and Stay (Classes 9 & 10) |
| Fri 19 th | 2.00am – 3.00pm Rec Share and Stay (Classes 1 & 2) |

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017/18

| HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE | DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE | TEACHER TRAINING DAY | DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Summer 2017 | Friday 21 July 2017 | Monday 4 September 2017 | Tuesday 5 September 2017 |
| October Mid-Term 2017 | Wednesday 18 October 2017 | Thursday 19 October 2017 Friday 20 October 2017 | Monday 30 October 2017 |
| Christmas/New Year 2017/2018 | Friday 22 December 2017 | | Monday 8 January 2018 |
| Spring Mid-Term 2018 | Thursday 8 February 2018 | Friday 9 February 2018 | Monday 19 February 2018 |
| Easter 2018 | Wednesday 28 March 2018 | Thursday 29 March 2018 | Monday 16 April 2018 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Friday 4 May 2017 | | Tuesday 8 May 2018 |
| Summer Mid-Term 2018 | Friday 25 May 2018 | | Monday 4 June 2018 |
| Summer 2018 | Friday 20 July 2018 | Monday 3 September 2018 | Tuesday 4 September 2018 |