



What's On at West

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This Week in School

Prudhoe in Bloom Presentation: I am delighted to announce that once again we have won the Gold Award in the best school garden section of this competition. I am sure you will agree that our garden looks amazing all year round – we have so many people commenting about how lucky we are to have such a lovely garden. I hope you will once again join me in thanking our gardener, Mr Goodfellow, for the superb job he does in our school. Thank you Mr Goodfellow!



Swimming: We would like to kindly request that if parents / carers go to watch their children swim please remain in the coffee shop or designated swimming areas. Only parent volunteers who are recorded on our swimming register are permitted in other areas. It is important that children remain in lines with their allocated partner so staff can quickly do a head count and return them safely to school. The lessons are running on a very tight schedule to accommodate all groups. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Nursery and Reception Data Forms: Thank you to those parents who have returned all forms needed for your child starting in Nursery and Reception. Reminder forms have been given to those parents who have not already returned them. It is important these forms are completed even if your child has been at Prudhoe West over the past year. The forms have been updated to show photograph permissions and 'Walks in the Locality' – this is vital information needed for when children go on walks in the local area. We also need up to date photo permissions in time for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October 2017. If you have not already done so; please also bring your child's birth certificate to the school office – reminder slips will be sent to those parents who have not already done this. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Making Payments at the School Office: A reminder that all money taken over the school week is banked on Friday morning, therefore we have no change in the office between Friday morning and Monday afternoon. Could parents please bear this in mind when making payments which require change and always bring money to the office in a **named envelope**. Thank you.

Nuts Allergies: Can I remind parents that Prudhoe West is a nut free school due to certain children having nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school with any products containing nuts either as a snack or in their packed lunch box. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 to come and work with their grandchild in class on the afternoon of Friday 29th September 2017. Grandparents who have more than one grandchild in school can split the time across the children's classes. All grandparents need to come to the main entrance to sign in. 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.

Middle School Admissions: The portal for online admissions for Year 4 children moving up to Highfield next September (2018) closes on **31st October 2017**. You should have received a letter from the Local Authority informing you of this. If you are having difficulty accessing the online portal please contact the school office and we will give you a paper form to complete.

The Online Portal for Admissions to Reception in first and primary school will open on the **1 November 2017** and close on the **15 January 2018**. **Parents need to apply for a place at Prudhoe West Academy even if their children are already at Prudhoe West Nursery.**

Please use the link below for more information:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#onlineschooladmissionapplication>

School Clubs

Lingotots Taster Session: Last year we ran a free taster session for parents whose children may be interested in joining this club. There are 15 spaces available for Tuesday 26th September 2017 – please let the school office know if you would like to come along with your child.



The course will be available for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 initially. Sessions will run on **Tuesdays** straight after School for 11 weeks, continuing on Tuesday 26th September for current members. Payment is £20 for the first five weeks, then a further £24 due at the beginning of November. 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

In the Community:

CAP Job Club: The next 'Step Towards Employment' course will take place on Monday mornings at Prudhoe Methodist Church starting next week. We provide friendly, practical support to help you step confidently into employment, whether you have been unemployed for a short time, for years, or have never had a job. This eight session course will walk you through each step of the job hunting process, from identifying your strengths and skills, right through to writing a great CV and learning how to succeed in an interview. The course is run by trained volunteers from the local churches, is free to attend, and bacon butties and drinks are provided! For more information, ring CAP (Christians Against Poverty) on 0800 328 0006 or speak to our local Job Club Coach Neill Parker on 07706 035235

Vacancies:

We are currently advertising for Lunchtime Care Assistants to cover on a casual basis when we have staff absences.

Term Time Only 12:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. daily

Lunch time supervision offers an ideal opportunity for you to begin working with children in both a formal and informal setting, supporting their social and physical development. This work entails supervising the children during their lunchtime whilst eating their lunch, during play which includes outdoor supervision and to ensure the well-being and safety of pupils, in line with the academy's policies and procedures.

For an application form and further details please contact the school office.

Congratulations to Classes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 who had 100% attendance last week. Excellent!

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

Last week our overall attendance was **98.58%**.

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	100	95.65	100	100	100	100	98.52	100	96	98.29

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 1 Menu.

Please see the school website for more details

Date	Event
September 2017	
29 th	9.00 – 10.00am Year 1 Grandparents Assembly + craft session
	1.45 – 2.45pm Grandparents Afternoon (Rec, Y2, Y3, Y4)
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