



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School

Non-Uniform Days – OPAL Project: As part of our Outdoor Play and Learning Project, we will be holding non-uniform days each half term in return for donations to enhance our outdoor play provision. Children will come to school in their own clothes and, in return, should donate a bag of items (it doesn't need to be a full bag!) which can be played with in the yard. We have already started to collect donations and the play and children's ideas in the yard have been amazing! The types of things we are looking for are as follows:

- pots and pans, plastic cups, bowls, plates, picnic hampers
- anything with wheels (or even wheels themselves not attached to anything!)
- handbags, briefcases, suitcases
- dressing up outfits, hats, props
- buggies (full size or toy size)
- small world toys (cars, trains, character toys, McDonalds type plastic characters)
- sheets and blankets
- rugs
- crates and planks of wood
- old keyboards/phones
- garden chairs
- tents
- instruments
- anything that children could make a game from using their imagination

Moving forward – before you throw anything out, please consider whether we could free-cycle it for you first! Parents can donate items any time (we understand you won't want to keep it stored at home once you've decided to get rid), but the two dates for non-uniform days this term are as follows:

Tomorrow, Friday 11th May 2018 and Monday 18th June 2018.

Coming Up

Gibside Meeting: Tuesday 22nd May 2018, 3.15-4.00pm for the parents of all Year 3 children who are going to Gibside (6th – 8th June 2018).

Sports Day: Friday 25th May 2018, 9.30 – 11.00am at Highfield. Reception – Year 4. Further details to follow next week.

Nursery Sports Day: Wednesday 13th June 2018, 10.30 – 11.30am and 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Parent Questionnaire: As you are aware, we welcome parent feedback at any time in the year and we regularly receive emails and have conversations with parents that help us improve what we do. Once a year, we formalise this and invite all parents to give us their views. We use an electronic system to make this process simpler and quicker for parents.

The link for the parent questionnaire will be sent out early next week to the email address we have as your child's first contact. Please help us by completing this and giving us as much detail as possible where the questions request a more 'full' response. If you do not have access to the internet to complete this; let us know and we will provide a paper copy.

In the past, the responses to the parent questionnaire have led to improvements to our school such as the installation of the new fences and electronic entry system; the introduction of the mini-written report you receive at your termly parent meetings so you have an accurate understanding of your child's progress and targets; changes to the homework given to our children; termly Share and Stay sessions for key curriculum areas; the introduction of the Facebook and Twitter pages and changes to the school website (about to be launched) to keep you more informed about what we do in school on a day to day basis; the wider use of text messaging to parents and parent e-safety sessions.

Similarly, feedback from the pupil questionnaire has led to the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project that we have just begun to use to develop our break and

lunchtimes; changes to how the children are served lunch, and the revised behaviour management system introduced last year which has contributed towards us now grading behaviour and behaviour for learning in school as Outstanding.

Welcome Meeting for Reception and Nursery New Starters: Thursday 21st June 2018 in the Foundation Stage Unit (FSU). 6.00 – 7.00pm for Nursery parents and 7.30 – 8.30pm for Reception parents. This will give you the opportunity to meet the staff; look around the Unit; try some school meal samples and browse our school uniform. We have a number of places left in Nursery and Reception for September 2018 – if you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact school.



Congratulations to Class 6 who achieved 98.93% attendance last week.

Well done to all the classes who achieved our 97% target.

Last week our overall attendance was **96.8%**.

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	97.6	93.04	96.82	98.18	94.29	98.93	95.93	97.31	97.69	98.46

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

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Week 2 Menu.

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