

# What's On at West

growing future stars

## This Week in School:

**Goodbye and Thank You to Miss Mowat:** Our Nursery Teacher, Miss Mowat will be leaving us tomorrow. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time with us at Prudhoe West. We wish her well for the future.

**Academisation Update:** It is now 'almost' confirmed that our academisation will happen on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. This means our celebration event will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Due to the fact that we already have Sports Day and the Summer Fair scheduled for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which parents generally attend, we have altered the arrangements for the 'Carnival' event, so that children will not be disadvantaged and disappointed if parents are unable to attend this and they then miss out.

The children will now attend the Carnival with their teacher and class from 1.15pm until 2.00pm. The formal assembly will then follow at 2.15pm, which parents of children in the choir are invited to attend (arrive from 2.05pm). The children will then be dismissed as normal at 3.00pm when the Carnival will recommence so children and parents/carers can enjoy this event together until 3.45pm.

NB: Any Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Friday are welcome to join us for the afternoon on this day. They should be dropped off at Nursery at 1.00pm and collected at 3.00pm. Alternatively they could come along from 3.00pm with an adult. If it is your intention to bring your child in for the additional afternoon session then please let the school office know directly (email, phone or in person) by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 so that we can ensure the correct adult:child ratio.

Due to the fact that the academisation is happening so close to the end of the year, Year 4 children will not receive the free jumper or cardigan previously mentioned. They will instead receive a Prudhoe West Academy gift when they leave at the end of the year. All other children will receive their jumper or cardigan at the event on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Donations:** If any children have jigsaws at home which they no longer use (particularly age 2-5) they would be very much appreciated at Shining Stars Kids' Club. Good quality board/card games are also always appreciated. Thank you in advance.

## Coming Up:

**Class Reorganisation:** We have made the decision that in September 2017 all of our year groups will be re-mixed to form 'new classes'. This is common in many other schools but not something we have done at Prudhoe West for a number of years. Doing this is not a decision we have arrived at without a considerable amount of thought, and there are a number of reasons behind it, but the overarching factor is that we feel this is in the best interests of all of our children.

The current class teachers are currently working on establishing the new class groupings, taking into account their in-depth knowledge of children's friendships, ability, and behaviour.

If any parents have any specific concerns about their child being mixed into a class with another specific child, I would ask that they make this known to me at the earliest opportunity by email so that this can be taken into consideration. We will communicate the 'new classes' to children and parents, along with confirmed new class teachers, before Transfer Day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Prudhoe West Art Gallery:** A few years ago our children painted beautiful flower themed pictures; these pictures were framed and displayed in school. Parents were then invited to school to view our art gallery and given the opportunity to buy their child's artwork. We are holding another art gallery event on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 after school (please note dates corrected from last week's newsletter). Each class has chosen their own theme this time. The pictures will be available to buy and multiple copies ordered if required. More details will be sent out nearer the time. **Salto**, our uniform supplier, will also be present on these nights for anyone wanting to try on or order uniform.

**Dinner Money:** Dinner money for next half term will be £70.00 for the full half term or £10.00 per week. Several Year 4 children have dinner money credits which will need to be used up before the children move up to Highfield in September. There may also be days when Year 4 children are not in school (transfer day, trips etc) so please try to avoid over-paying and check with the school office if you are uncertain about what you owe.

**Year 3 Swimming Payments:** Year 3 children will not swim on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 due to the Gibside trip; they will swim on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June instead (in the morning). There will be no Year 3 swimming on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 due to a swimming gala being held at Waterworld. The cost of swimming for next half term will therefore be £22.50 for the half term or £3.75 per week.

**Year 4 Swimming Payments:** Year 4 children will swim on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June instead of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 due to the Year 3 Gibside trip. They will not swim on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 due to another event at Highfield Middle. The cost of swimming for next half term will therefore be £22.50 for the half term or £3.75 per week. Again, if you think you have credits please check at the school office before paying.

**Half Term:** School will close tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for spring half term and will reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Talk Homework:**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the Community Fair takes place in Prudhoe. What do you love about Prudhoe? What don't you like? What do you think could be better and how?

**Congratulations to Class 6 who had 100% attendance last week!**

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

Last week our overall attendance was **96.7%**.

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
<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>99.3</b>

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

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