



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School

Use of Facebook to share information: I would like to apologise to those parents who did not get the message about the rescheduled World Book Day due to not being on Facebook. An email should have been sent out too but this was overlooked.

Whilst we will endeavour to not let this happen again, Facebook is by far the quickest, easiest and most cost effective way for the school to share information with you. It is possible for parents/carers to follow the school page only, without having a public profile of their own on Facebook. If this is something you would like assistance in setting up, please pop in and let us know. Alternatively, perhaps non-users could pair up with another parent who is on Facebook and ask them to share our relevant posts with you by text.

Year 3 Trip to Gibside Wed 6th – Fri 8th June 2018: Thank you to all those parents and carers who have now paid all or part of the cost of this trip. The deadline for signing up for the trip is tomorrow, Friday 9th March 2018 – if your child would like to go please contact the school office to reserve their place. The cost of the trip is £65 and we require a £20 deposit. The deadline for payments to be made in full is Wednesday 28th March 2018.

Robinwood: Due to a child dropping out of this trip; a space has become available. If you would like your child to go to Robinwood in May please contact the school office for more information.

World Book Day: Thank you to those of you who made a huge effort to dress your children in some amazing costumes yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book based activities on offer in class. Each child was given their £1 book token which can be redeemed against a book of their choice, or exchanged for a special WBD book at participating shops.

Reception Mothers' Day Assembly Reminder – Tomorrow, Friday 9th March 2018: The Reception Mothers' Day assembly will take place at 1.30pm and the share and stay from 2.00 – 2.50pm. Bring tissues!

Mothers' Day Gifts: The PTA have been in school today selling mothers' day gifts to the children. They will be back in school again tomorrow, Friday 9th March 2018. 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'.

Prudhoe West in the Chronicle: Last Thursday (1 March 2018), Prudhoe West was the school featured in the 'Our School' pull out of the Chronicle. All of our children were involved, working hard to write articles about what we get up to in school, with our children on the school council taking a lead on the editorial elements. There are lots of interesting stories from sporting stars, to terrific trips and even an interview with our very own Headteacher, Mrs Davison! Copies are still available from the office, normal cost price (75p). Don't miss out!

Applications for Reception places at Prudhoe West: Parents who have applied for a place in Reception for September 2018 will be informed by Northumberland County Council - by letter or email - on **16th April 2018**.

Shining Stars Terms and Conditions: I would like to remind parents of the system we have in place when Shining Stars bookings are cancelled or if children do not attend their session due to illness or other circumstances. As stated in the contract which the majority of parents should have signed by now; unless we receive 24 hours notice, parents and carers will be charged for any cancelled bookings or any sessions not attended. This is in line with what any other childcare provider or childminder would do in such circumstances.

Early Years Outdoor Area: Please see the attached letter regarding plans for the outdoor area in FSU.

Toy Donations to Little Stars Toddler Group: Thank you all very much for your generous donations of toys, games and books - without them, we would not have been able to start the toddler group. We would love to take more but unfortunately, we have no space to store them, so please do not bring anything else in until we have cleared another cupboard!

Coming Up

OPAL: Our school recognises the value of playtime for our children. To acknowledge this, we are embarking on a programme called OPAL 'Outdoor play and learning' and we will be looking to develop both our outdoor space and the play opportunities we offer. Please take the time to view the link below and let us know what you think. A huge thank you to the PTA who have funded this project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7lfAEsiqI&t=115s>



Parent Helpers: Children in Class 9 are going to Highfield Middle School on the morning of Tuesday 13th March 2018 and need a parent helper to accompany the children on the visit. Please contact Mr Mullick if you are able to help.

Children in Class 10 are going to Highfield Middle School on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th March 2018 and need a parent helper to accompany the children on the visit. Please contact Mrs Huddleston/Mrs Towers if you are able to help.

2 Year Old Provision at Prudhoe West Nursery: I wrote in a previous newsletter that we hoped to start nursery provision for two year olds at Prudhoe West moving forward. I can now confirm that this will be happening and our new 2 year old room (alongside a fully revamped Year 1 Learning Zone) will be ready to open in September 2018. This will be completely separate from our existing Nursery, and designed/built specifically for this age of children.

We are now accepting applications from parents for places in the 2 year old room. We will offer both funded places from the term after a child's 2nd birthday, and privately paid for spaces from a child's 2nd birthday.

Funded spaces

Funded spaces will be offered over 5 days, with children attending either 5 mornings (8.30am – 11.30am) or 5 afternoons (12.15 – 3.15pm). Your 2-year-old can get free early education and childcare if you live in England and get one of the qualifying benefits. A child can also get free early education if any of the following apply: they're looked after by a local council ('in care'), they have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan, they get Disability Living Allowance, they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order.

Privately Paid Spaces

Childcare will be available between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm, term time only. Sessions (half days) can be booked according to parents' requirements, but must be the same each week. ie. Child could come for just 1 morning a week, or child could come for 3 full days, or child could come for 2 mornings and 3 full days etc.... The exact cost is still to be determined, but will be in line with other providers locally and is likely to be something in the region of the following (all drinks/snacks included):

Full day – 7.30am-6pm - £40 (including lunch and tea)

School day – 8.30am – 3.15pm - £27 (including lunch)

Full morning – 7.30 – 1pm - £22 (including lunch)

Full afternoon – 12.30 – 6pm - £22 (including tea)

3 hour Early Education session – 8.30 – 11.30am or 12.15-3.15pm - £12

If you would like to reserve a place for your child for September 2018, or in fact any point in time moving forward, please contact the school office asap, indicating whether you require a funded or paid for place, and giving an idea of the sessions you would like. Places will be allocated on a 'First Come, First Served' basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, or make an appointment to speak with Mrs Davison.

Congratulations to Classes 3 and 10 who had 100% attendance last week.

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

Last week our overall attendance was **92.4%**.

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	93.75	84.78	100	93.18	96.43	91.07	98.08	77.97	89	100

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

Karate Fees: A reminder that there are still outstanding payments for this half term. These fees but be paid immediately - £25.00 for the half term.

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School Meals Menu
Next week will be the
Week 2 Menu.
Please see the school website for more details