

# What's On at West

growing future stars

## This Week in School:

**Academisation Consultation:** Our consultation period ended on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Governors of the school met on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to consider questions raised by parents and the community at the public consultation meetings and drop in session (no written comments were received) with a view to making a final decision regarding academisation.

The Governing Body made a unanimous decision that joining the WISE Academies Trust was in the best interests of the school, and therefore our conversion to academy status will go ahead as proposed.

I will keep you all fully informed over the coming weeks of any updates, progress or information you need to know.

This is an exciting time for the school and we look forward to the positive changes becoming Prudhoe West Academy will bring.

**Shining Stars Wrap Around and Holiday Clubs:** We have now been running our wrap around and holiday clubs for almost a year and on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the school Governors discussed the future of these clubs at a governing body meeting. We are delighted that the breakfast and after school clubs, and the nursery wrap-around care have gone from strength to strength and increased in numbers over the year. These clubs are self-sustaining financially and therefore will continue to run as they do now.

Unfortunately, due to low numbers, the holiday provision is running at a significant loss. The staffing of the holiday club alone costs almost £250 per day and we would therefore require at least 12 children to attend each session to go anywhere near breaking even. On average we only have around 4 children attending each day. For this reason, sadly we have made the decision that we will no longer be able to run Shining Stars during school holidays. We appreciate that this may cause problems for some parents but continuing would put the future of all the clubs in jeopardy as Shining Stars needs to be self-financing. We will continue to run the provision on Teacher Training Days.

If any parents would like details of alternative holiday clubs and child-minders in the area that may have holiday spaces, please contact the school office.

**Robinwood:** The deadline for payments for this trip was **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017** and we are still awaiting payment from a very small number of parents. To ensure your child does not lose their place on the trip please pay this amount immediately. You can pay by Schoolcomms, cheque payable to NCC or cash. Please contact the school office if this is a problem or if you are unsure how much you owe.

**Crystal Conundrum:** This week Key Stage 2 children have participated in a Maths Challenge with consultant Liz Bailey. The children worked in groups to solve a series of mathematical problems to complete the challenge and win a crystal. The day was a huge success and we are very grateful to the PTA who funded the event. Look out for photographs on our website! Key Stage 1 children will take part in this activity later in the school year.

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

## Coming Up:

### Parent Meetings:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9.00am – 2.50pm	Nursery only
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, 3.50pm – 6.50pm	Whole School (including nursery)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, 3.50pm – 6.50pm	Whole School (including nursery but excluding Class 6)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, 3.20pm – 5.50pm	Class 6 only

Booking of appointments is being done online again and the system opened on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 12.00 noon. A few parents did have problems last time, mainly because the contact email/mobile number we hold in school had changed. Please ensure you keep us updated with any changes to contact details - this includes your title –Mrs, Miss, Ms etc. If you think you have entered the correct information on the parents' evening booking system and still are unable to book an appointment, or if you do not have access to a computer, please contact the school office. If any parents do not live with their child and are unable to book online; please contact the school office and we will be happy to book an appointment for you.

If you are unable to attend on these dates, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative.

**Year 3 Swimming:** We urgently need volunteers to help with swimming. Class 7 require a helper from 1:30pm and Class 8 from 2pm. Year 3 swim on a Wednesday. If we have several volunteers we can put adults on a rota system so it will not be every week. If no volunteers come forward we will have to use teaching assistants to help which will unfortunately mean that some small teaching groups will not be able to go ahead.

**Parking on West Road:** A reminder to all parents and carers that they must not park on double yellow lines on West Road. Parents parking illegally here are putting our children at risk and also preventing the swimming bus from pulling up to the railings to allow the children to leave the bus safely. We have again contacted the police regarding this issue and they will be carrying out spot checks and issuing fines accordingly.

**School Clubs:**

**Football Club:** As always this club is very popular and the spaces filled up almost immediately after being advertised on our last newsletter. Due to demand Chris Hill from Magpie Sports has made a few more places available. All children who were on the reserve list will now be allocated a place and there are a limited number of spaces left. Please contact the school office if your child would like to take part.

**Talk Homework:**

Next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 is International Women's Day. Do you know any inspirational famous women? What did they do to become famous? Who is the most inspirational woman in your life?

**Congratulations to Class 10 who had 98.7% attendance the last week of term!**

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

The last week of term our overall attendance was **96%**.

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>93.1</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>94.7</b>

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 2 Menu**

Please see the school website for more details

**Karate Club:** Every Friday, 3.00 – 4.00pm at Prudhoe West First School. Open to all children in Year 2 and above. Please contact Wayne Bond for more information: 07787 145 497.