



# What's On at West

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## This Week in School

### Harvest Festival:



Thank you all very much for your kind donations for our Harvest Festival this week; they will be collected by representatives from the West Northumberland Food Bank who are always very grateful for your contributions. Thanks also to those of you who came along to watch the performance – I am sure you will agree the children were all brilliant!



**Booster Seats:** In line with new health and safety regulations; if staff in school are transporting children in their cars, they are required to use a booster seat with a back on it. If any parents or carers have these seats at home which they no longer use, we would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.

**Old Pound Coins:** A reminder that banks will no longer accept old pound coins after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. In order to ensure we are able to bank all monies received in school, we will be unable to accept these coins as payment for meals and trips etc. from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Please check before sending cash into school as we will return all old pound coins received.

### Coming Up:

**Year 1 Moon Party:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Year 1 children can come to school dressed as monsters or aliens on that day.

**Reception Class Photo in Courant:** This photo will be taken on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Thank you to those parents who have reminded us that they do not wish their child to be on the photograph.

**Let's Move it!** (Healthy lifestyles day) Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Reception children will be taking part in a range of activities to support their understanding of good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene and how they can contribute to good health. We will have lots of fun activities to do during the day, including a keep fit class, creating smoothies and fruit juices and making healthy snacks. It would be much appreciated if parents could donate fruit or vegetables to help us when making the drinks. Thank you

**Nursery Share a Story:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Parents of nursery children who are normally collected at 11:30am are invited to attend the morning session 11:00-11:30am. This will be an opportunity to have a look around nursery with your child, take part in a range of activities and share a story. Parents of nursery children who are normally collected in the afternoon are invited to attend the afternoon session 2:30-3:00pm.

**Teacher Training Days:** A reminder that as stated on the recent holiday dates list we sent out with the newsletter dated 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 are teacher training days so school will be closed to all children. Shining Stars Kids' Club will be open over those two days (7.30am – 6.00pm) - £12.00 for half a day and £20.00 for the full day. Please book online as normal or contact the school office if you require more information. Children attending Kids' Club will require a packed lunch.  
**School will close for the half term break on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

### Parent Meetings:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017, 3.50 – 6.50pm	Whole School (including nursery)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017, 9.00 – 3.50pm	Nursery only
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017, 3.50 – 6.50pm	Whole School (including nursery)

Booking of appointments is being done online and the system will open tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 12.00 noon. Last time most parents were able to access the system and were impressed at how easy it was to use. A few parents did have problems, 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. 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. An instruction sheet has been attached with this newsletter. 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.

**Winter Menus:** Please find copies of next term's menus attached. The menus have also been uploaded to the school website and paper copies are available from the school office.

**Dinner Money:** Next half term is eight weeks long. Dinner money will be £10.00 per week or £80.00 for the half term.

**Swimming Money:** Swimming money for next half term will be £4.25 per week or £34.00 for the half term.

**Middle School Admissions:** The portal for online admissions for Year 4 children moving up to Highfield next September (2018) closes on **31<sup>st</sup> 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 schools 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>

**Fancy Dress Disco:** The disco will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 3.00 - 5.00pm and will be supervised by school staff and PTA volunteers. 'Tickets' will be bought in advance and will include for the price: a drink, a packet of crisps, some sweets, a raffle ticket and some finger lights. Children will get changed in class after school (fancy dress on this occasions if desired – NO MASKS), attend the disco, then be **collected by parents from their usual exit point at 5.00pm**. 'Tickets' will cost £4.00 and can be reserved by sending the money into school in a named envelope. We will not actually issue paper tickets but the children will be added to the ticket list to be used on the day. Nursery children are welcome to attend.

This event is held for the purpose of fundraising. All money raised will go into PTA Funds and be used to fund or part fund events and activities for children throughout the year as well as purchase much needed learning resources.

Please note there will be no KS2 gymnastics club on that afternoon.

**As stated on Facebook earlier this week; if parents have not paid for the disco by tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 we will not accept any late payments on Monday. This is to allow the PTA to cater for the correct amount of children on the day. Please do not send ticket money to school on Monday as it will be returned to you.**

**Karate Camp:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. £15.00 per day, £60.00 per week or £80.00 for the week and grading. The camp will run every day from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Everyone will need a packed lunch. Children can come along in their normal clothes with their karate kit in a bag to keep it clean. On Friday afternoon (27<sup>th</sup> October) there will be a grading for anyone who is ready to move on to the next belt. For more information; call or text Peter 07912 533 164 [www.seikenryu.co.uk](http://www.seikenryu.co.uk)

**Congratulations to Class 7 who had 100% attendance last week.**

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

Last week our overall attendance was **94.93%**.

Please make every effort to ensure your child gets to school each day to help us improve even more.

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<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>94.17</b>	<b>96.09</b>	<b>98.64</b>	<b>97.83</b>	<b>98.21</b>	<b>98.81</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94.07</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>98.46</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 1 Menu.**  
 Please see the school website for more details

