



West Park News

Dear parents/carers,

I'd like to start by welcoming you all back after the summer holiday. I hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready to start the new academic year. We have had a great start to the school year so far. New children have settled in really well and everyone is quickly getting used to their new entrances, exits, classrooms and teachers.



I'd also like to thank you for your support with our renewed efforts to ensure that our uniform policy is followed: the children have come back to school looking really smart. However, there are a small number of children who are missing some items of uniform so have had to borrow ties/blazers etc. We will be contacting the parents of these children this week.

If there is anything you need to talk to us about please don't hesitate to contact us. We can be contacted through Dojo or you can ring the school office. Teachers will respond to messages on Dojo as soon as they can but please be mindful that they will only be able to respond within working hours (8am to 5pm). If you are contacting school about something urgent, please also be mindful that the teachers are teaching, so may not see your message until after the children have been dismissed. In these instances, ringing the school office is the best option.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you all for the very best outcomes for your children.

Sarah Baldwin

Head of School

LABELS!

A reminder to please label **all** of your child's property: uniform—including shoes, PE kit, book bag, coat, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. It is amazing how quickly lost property builds up. Mrs Faulkner works hard to ensure items are returned to their owners but if they are labelled with a name it is a much easier job.

POLITE REMINDER

As I mentioned on Dojo last week, please be considerate of others and follow the rules when it comes to parking around school. Vernon Road can get very congested at drop off and pick up times, so please try to park further away or walk to school if you can to help ensure the safety of our pupils and members of the public.





ClassDojo

Please ensure that you are connected to Class Dojo. It is even more important that you are connected as we are trialling the use of Dojo to keep you informed of school events, rather than relying on the paper document which becomes outdated very quickly.

We are also using Class Dojo as part of the changes we have made to the behaviour and reward systems we have in school. You can now see when your child has received a 'values' point, and we hope that you can then ask them what they got it for and praise them for their efforts. This link between home and school will help support the improvement of behaviour and allow you more opportunity to celebrate your child's successes.

As with any changes, we will keep this under review and we welcome your feedback on this or any other part of school life.

Diary dates for this half term

September

Wednesday 11th September Year 1 and 2 Meet the team

Tuesday 24th September F2 Books and Biscuits

Wednesday 25th September F1 Books and Biscuits

Thursday 26th September Ashfield Open evening for Y5/6 parents

October

Thursday 10th October Y5 and 6 Books and Biscuits

Tuesday 15th October Year 1 and 2 Books and Biscuits

Friday 18th October Break up for half term

Please keep an eye on the calendar on Class Dojo, as more events are likely to be added here.



School Holidays
September 2024 to July 2025

August 2024						
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School Holidays

Public Holidays

INSET WEEK

Autumn Term

2nd September - 18th October 7 weeks
4th November - 20th December 7 weeks

Spring Term

6th January - 14th February 6 weeks
24th February - 4th April 6 weeks

Summer Term

22nd April - 23rd May 4 weeks 3 days
9th June - 29th July 7 weeks 2 days

