

West Park Post



UPDATE – SCHOOL PRIORITIES

- Visible Learning – a project that helps children become resilient learners who know when to seek help. Children know what they are learning and what they need to get better at and how to achieve this.
- Maths fluency/times tables/number bonds.
- Helping **all** pupils to be the best they can be, and getting children to the highest standards.
- Reading speed and stamina – reading longer texts quickly enough and not getting distracted.
- Finding information in a text to respond to retrieval questions.
- Expanding children's use and understanding of vocabulary and phrases in the English language;
- School attendance and punctuality.

Dates for the diary

Diwali shows – Thursday 8th November 2pm and Friday 9th November at 9.30am

Children in Need – Friday 16th November – children wear own clothes and donate to charity, and bring 50p for refreshments

School closed for staff training on Monday 19th November

Winter Fair 12/12/18 2-4pm

End of term Celebration assembly 14/12/18 9am

Year 2 performing Christmas play – 18/12/18 2pm and 19/12/18 at 9.30am **ALL WELCOME**

Christmas nativity (reception and year 1) – 21/12/18 9.30am

Science Fair

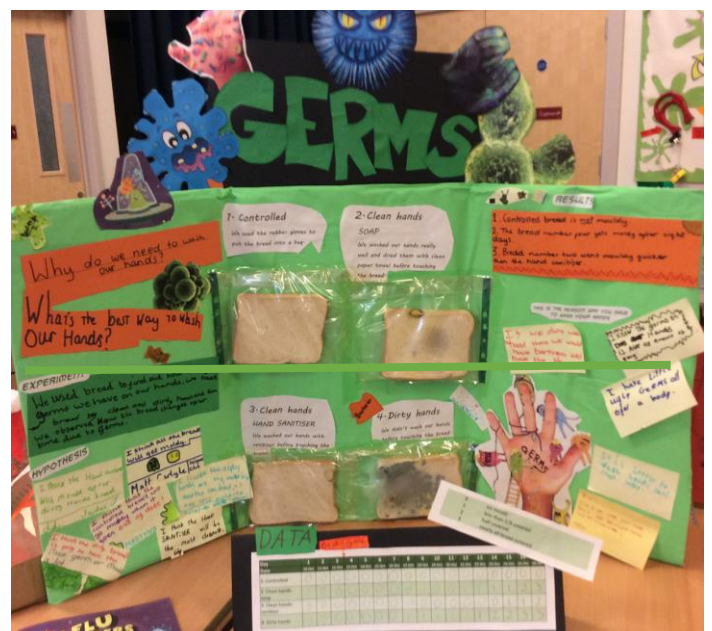
Thank you to everyone who supported their child to take part in the first ever Science Fair event at West Park.

Prizes will be announced soon! Have a look at other entries on the website.

<https://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/science>



This germs entry was from the school science club...



Attendance news

Here is a summary of attendance last half term:

Class	attendance	
YR	94.9%	😞
Y1	95.3%	😞
Y2	96.2%	😄
Y3	95.8%	😞
Y4	96.7%	😄😄
Y5	97.1%	😄😄😄😄
Y6	97%	😄😄😄😄
School total	96.36	



Target for school
is 97%

We are really pleased with attendance this term so far. Well done to you all and thank you for your support with this. We have lots of healthy children at the moment - let's hope it lasts as winter approaches.

Well done to **Year 5** for topping the attendance charts for this half term!

We realise that setting a **97% target** for attendance is really ambitious, but at West Park we really do believe attendance and achievement are closely linked and that for a child to make their best possible progress they must be here unless they are really poorly.

Don't forget

Please remember that if your child is unwell and not coming to school then you must ring (558238) before 9am to let us know why they will not be in. School take this very seriously as if we do not know where children are, and why they are not here, it alerts us to the fact that they may be a safeguarding risk. You may find that you have Mrs. Dovydaitis or the Education Welfare Officer knocking on your door if we do not know why your child is not in school.

Don't forget

At the end of term in December we will be awarding certificates to all children with 100% attendance for the Autumn term and there will be prize draw which all children with attendance over 97% and no late marks will be entered into.

Don't forget

The Government consider any child with attendance below 90% as a persistent absentee (unless there is a genuine long term documented illness). Our Education Welfare Officer is monitoring all children who fall below 95% attendance closely to try and avoid persistent absence – she may write to parents, do home visits or invite you in for a meeting

Don't forget

If your child takes unauthorised leave the Local Authority could fine you – £60 per parent per child. Leave of absence must be requested 4 weeks in advance.

Don't forget

If your child is late they miss valuable learning time. Also, if your child arrives after registers close they will be given a U mark and this counts as an absence.

Don't forget

Don't forget to look on the school website where attendance news will be tweeted and put in the attendance section on the school website. Have a look each week and see which class has won the best attendance award!