

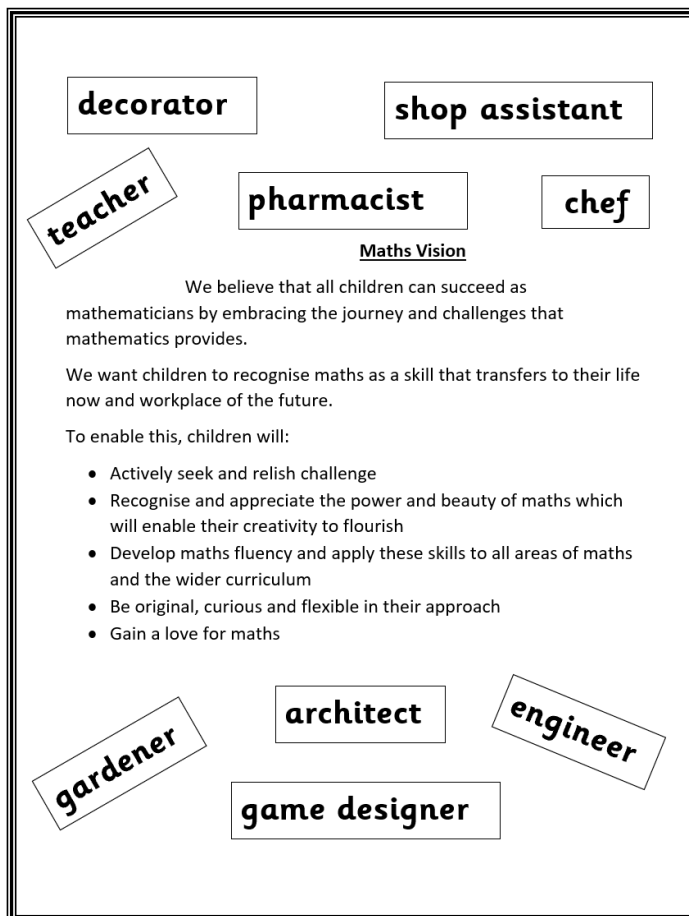


# West Park Post



## Maths Vision

All the staff at West Park Primary worked together during our inset day to consider what kind of mathematicians we want to nurture and develop at our school. We all understand the importance of maths as a life skill and want children to love it and feel confident about this subject. So, with everyone's input we created our maths vision statement. This is still in draft form, as we wanted to share it with you to ask for your feedback. All our stakeholder views are important to us, so if you feel there is something more you wish to add, then please let us know by emailing [westparkprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:westparkprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk). The final version will go on our website early in the new year. Please see details of a whole school home learning project on page 7 of newsletter.



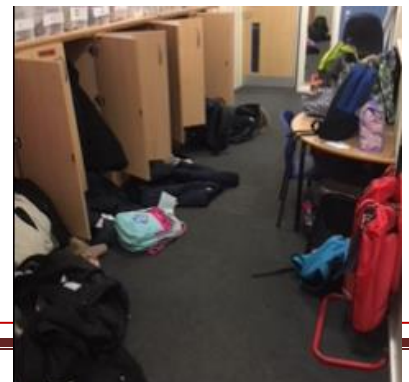
## Thank you!

A big thank you to all the families who have supported school so well through a very difficult year.

We really appreciate your dedication to your child's/children's learning and with helping the school community to stay as safe as possible during the pandemic. See public health guidance on page 5 and 6.

To be prepared children do need their reading packs, homework books and PE kits in school **each day**. Make sure they engage with home learning too. If you have issues, contact the teacher via the class email.

Next term we are asking children to **not** bring large bags to school; it is creating significant health and safety problems in all areas. Reading packs, PE kits and water bottles can be carried **without** a large bag.





<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/covid-alert>

School needs to continue to contact trace after we close for the break. If a pupil or anyone in the house tests positive for Covid over the Christmas break, please email school and tell us. We need to know who it is, when the symptoms started and when a test was taken. Please notify school of any test outcomes

[office@westparkprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@westparkprimaryschool.co.uk)

## Safeguarding concerns?

Remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – for adults as well as children. If you are concerned about any families or neighbours over the Christmas period, then call the police on 101 or social care on 01902 555392. There is a lot of useful information on the following links:

[www.wolverhamptionsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.wolverhamptionsafeguarding.org.uk)

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



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## COVID

Children must not attend school if they or anyone in their house has COVID 19 symptoms or has tested positive in last 7 days.

- New continuous cough
- High temperature (37.8+)
- Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell

What will happen if families report absence due to any of above symptoms:

1. The child must isolate for 7 days
2. The family must isolate for 10 days
3. The symptomatic person should get tested via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> or by phoning 119.

The school is working very closely with Public Health England and all reports of above symptoms are followed up.

For this reason, absence must be reported correctly and honestly.

If anyone displays symptoms in school, they are isolated and sent home.

At West Park, we continue to fund an additional cleaner during the school day out of school budget. This ensures all key parts of school, surfaces and toilets are hygienic.

Please follow guidelines to help us keep all the community safe.

How can you help further?

The testing centre at the City of Wolverhampton Council's Civic Centre is open between 8am and 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 6pm at the weekend. Testing people without symptoms is crucial in reducing transmission as it means that the chain of transmission can be broken

# Attendance news



## Attendance award to you all this term!!

We should all celebrate that **we have met our attendance target of 97%** at the end of the Autumn term. Attendance stands at **97.52%**. Well done everyone.



On Thursday we will be celebrating good attendance and punctuality with prizes! There are certificates for 100% attendance, stickers for those with attendance of 97% and above this term and then a prize draw in each class with great prizes for children and their families. To be in the draw your child needs to have had attendance of at least 97% and good punctuality. You've got to be in it to win it! We will start again in January and have more prizes at Easter so if you miss out this time try again next term! A reminder that self-isolation because of a class bubble bursting or waiting for a test result does not count as absence.

**Happy holidays and a few things to remember for next term...**



Target for school  
is **97%**



### Anti-Bullying Charter



The school has been awarded an Anti-Bullying Charter by the local authority in recognition of the work we do in school. School councillors are proudly showing off the charter and award.

Children took part in a survey and were recognised as having an excellent understanding of what bullying is, and how to deal with issues.

Through assemblies and lessons, children are taught to understand that bullying can take a variety of forms including online bullying. We took part in anti-bullying week last month and children wore odd socks on one day to represent how we celebrate difference and diversity.

Teaching respect is one of West Park's core values.

#### Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – school opens

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – school closes at 3pm for half term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – school opens

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – school closes at 3pm for the Easter holiday

### Diversity Day

The School Council raised £231 to support the City of Sanctuary charity that helps refugees and asylum seekers.

Councillors organised a Diversity Day where children paid £1 per family to wear clothes from their countries and cultures.

Of the money raised, £60 was collected by selling Christmas cards which included work by pupils in school.



### Year 6 successes

Children in year 6 reached the final of the city wide book quiz this term! They were pipped at the post by St Andrews and Woodfield.

Three children were also entered for the Black History Competition run by the City of Wolverhampton. We received a letter which praised Mrs Pinson for inspiring the children. The letter also said: *We would like to say well done and congratulate your school on winning the 3rd prize of £25 to be spent on multicultural books that will inspire you. We were especially impressed in your writing. It was both interesting (I learnt lots about Nelson Mandela from it) and your writing stamina is absolutely amazing. Wow, what long pieces! I hope some of you are considering a career in journalism.*



**For the attention of the whole school community  
15 December 2020**

**A message from our local Public Health team – How to stay safe this Christmas and avoid the January surge!**

Dear Member of our school community,

From Wednesday 23 December to Sunday 27 December, people will be allowed to form a Christmas bubble of up to three households for a five-day period, allowing families to reunite for festive celebrations. For Wolverhampton, all other Tier 3 restrictions remain in place.

2020 has been a difficult year and we could all do with some time to relax and have fun over Christmas, but it is still vitally important that we all remain vigilant and safe from Covid-19. Entering into a Christmas bubble still requires us all to continue with all the precautions that have been taken to prevent the spread of the virus.

Treat everyone as if you have it, and as if they have it - that is the safe way of behaving, even within your Christmas bubble.

Here are some tips on how to enjoy your Christmas bubble and continue to minimise the risk of infection:

- • Ensure rooms are well ventilated
- • Reduce the amount of time spent indoors
- • Wipe down surfaces and contact points frequently
- • Wash your hands often
- • Keep close contact down to a minimum – for example, try not to hug people and stick to the two metre rule
- • Let steamy shower rooms ventilate before using them after someone else
- • Wear masks when you can
- • Get a rapid test for yourself and your loved ones (see below for Lateral Flow Testing) and continue to apply precautions at all times.

Remember - every single little thing you do to avoid catching this virus counts!

Anyone who develops Covid-19 symptoms should not enter into a Christmas bubble. If you do develop COVID-19 symptoms – a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell – go and get tested as quickly as possible: If you test positive, you should follow the guidance about self-isolating.

If you do not have any coronavirus symptoms, you can still get yourself tested. The Civic Centre has been transformed into a mass Lateral Flow Testing centre to provide asymptomatic (without symptoms) testing for Covid-19 with results in 30-60 minutes.

Adults and children over 2 years old are able to access a test, providing they are not displaying Covid-19 symptoms. The site does not provide testing for those that have been asked to isolate due to identified close contact with someone who has tested positive.

The testing centre is open 7 days a week, providing testing Monday to Friday 8.00am-7.00pm and weekends 10.00-6.00pm. There is no requirement to book an appointment, those wanting to get a test can simply arrive, register on site and get tested by providing a nasal and throat swab. Free parking is provided for those accessing a test at the adjacent, St Peter's car park (WV1 1LY).

Stay safe this Christmas. Be kind this Christmas. Let's do all that we can to avoid a surge in cases in January.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

**Neeraj Malhotra, Consultant in Public Health**  
Email: [publichealth@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

**Important information**

## Covid-19 tests

Did you know that you can get tested for Covid-19, even if your symptoms are very mild?

You can book a test by:

1. booking online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)
2. calling 119

**Know the symptoms**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

**Covid-19 testing centres**

**Remember:** most of our centres require you to pre-book a test

**Drive through centre**

1. Aldersley Leisure Village (Car Park), Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton WV6 8BW

This site is open between 10.00am and 5pm, 7 days a week.

**Walk-in centres**

These sites are open between 8am and 5pm, 7 days a week.

2. Boulevard Road, Test Centre Car Park, CV Stafford Road, Redditch WV10 6JL
3. Walsworth House, Liberty Car Park, off Farnham Street, WV1 1JW
4. Farnham Street, City Centre WV1 1JH
5. Headway Street, Test Centre, WV11 12P (Community Hall located within former Pyle Lock Hall)
6. Walsworth House, Farnham Street, Walsworth WV10 3E2
7. Mountford Lane, Car Park, Oldham WV14 6JL

## Geometry Day

Maths buzz was created across the school with 'Geometry Day'. All the children took part in activities to explore shape, symmetry, co-ordinates, some amazing art plus so much more, both in the classroom and beyond which included some P.E. and orienteering activities.



For more information about Maths Mastery at West Park Primary please look at the website:

[www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/maths](http://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/maths)

A mastery approach means children spend longer on fewer mathematical concepts whilst working at greater depth. This goes alongside a priority curriculum this year, where children are catching up with learning following lockdown. We believe that every child can succeed in maths!

We want to keep this buzz going whilst the children are at home with you. We are launching our GEOMETRY HOME LEARNING PROJECT COMPETITION. You can do this as a family or individually. There will be a winner selected from each year group. So, come on join in - get mathematically creative. Have a look at the photos below for some inspiration. Alternatively google 'geometry projects' online and checkout the images.

