

WEST TOWN LANE
ACADEMY



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YEAR 1

KEY INFORMATION BOOKLET

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This document is designed to provide you the key information you need about the academic year 2017/18 at a glance. Further information is available in more detail from our website and Prospectus.

CONTACT DETAILS

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CLASS TEACHERS

Miss Rhodes

Mr. MacLeod

Mr. Brown

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. You can see us 'at the door' if you have a quick question, or alternatively write a note and we will get back to you.

UNIFORM

We are a uniform academy and request you support us in this by sending your child to school in full uniform each day.

Our uniform consists of:

Red or white polo shirt

Red sweatshirt or cardigan

Black/ charcoal trousers or skirt

Optional red dress for summer

Children should wear black shoes.

Jewellery is limited to one pair of stud earrings and a watch. Nose studs, necklaces or bracelets are not to be worn for safety reasons and all items of jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

VISIT US ONLINE

We have two main sites online. Our main website www.wtl.academy is kept up to date and contains all the information you need about us, including key dates, newsletters, policies and information on what the children are learning each term. We have a very popular Facebook page that we use extensively to showcase the day to day activities at school, the link to which can be found on the website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my child is absent?

We ask that parents and carers contact us as soon as possible to inform us of their children's absence, using 'Option 1' on our answering service. In cases when we are unsure why a child is absent we will make contact ourselves in order to ensure children are safe.

Can we take a short holiday in term time?

Unfortunately you are not able to take holidays during term time and these will not be authorised. The Headteacher may authorise absences in exceptional circumstances such as religious reasons. A separate leaflet is available from the carousel in the entrance hall.

Why do we need to apply for 'free school meals' when younger children get a free meal anyway?

This can be a very confusing area as there are two schemes administered by Central Government. Every child in Years 1 already receives a 'Universal Free Meal', meaning they can have a meal at lunchtime in school for no cost. You do not have to apply for this, it is an automatic entitlement.

However, families with low income can apply for 'Free School Meals'. This will not only provide children of any age with a free meal, but we also receive funding to help those children with trips, visits and additional tuition if they are under achieving.

Can I come in and help?

Yes of course you can! We have a lot of parent volunteers, some working within their child's class and others preferring not to. All helpers in school need to complete their DBS checks online before working with the children.

TERM DATES 2017 – 18

Term 1 Tuesday 5 September to Wednesday 18 October 2017

Term 2 Monday 30 October to Friday 15 December 2017

Term 3 Tuesday 2 January to Thursday 8 February 2018

Term 4 Monday 19 February to Friday 23 March 2018

Term 5 Monday 9 April to Friday 25 May 2018

Term 6 Monday 4 June to Monday 23 July 2018

These are the days the children need to be in school- the staff training days are outside of the dates stated.

YEAR 1 PROJECTS

Term 1 – What are you made of?

Term 2- What makes Brislington brilliant?

Term 3- Can you hear the rumble in the jungle?

Term 4- Have you got a parrot?

Term 5- Rain, wind or shine?

Term 6- Have you got your bucket and spade?

EVENTS

Class Assemblies	1B- 22 nd March; 1R- 23 rd March; 1M- 23 rd March		
World Book Day	March 1 st – Dressing up!		
Trips and visits:	Local walk	Term 1	No cost
	Dressing up- jungle!	Term 3	No cost
	Bristol Docks	Term 4	£7.50
	Weston-s-Mare	Term 6	£2.50

Prices are a guide only at time of printing.

Parent's evenings	October 10 th and 11 th 2017
	February 27 th & 28 th 2018