

West End First School

Newsletter



6 December 2017



Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December is Christmas jumper day. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers for the day or just non-uniform if they prefer.



Comings and Goings

Miss Costello (Willow Class teacher) is leaving us at the end of this week to start her maternity leave. She will be replaced by Mrs. Robson. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Costello all the best for the birth of her baby.

At the end of this term Mrs. Fisher (Poplar Class teacher) will be leaving us. We have loved having Mrs. Fisher as a full time member of staff and we hope she will come back again as a supply teacher soon. Miss Harrison will be returning from her sabbatical to teach Poplar Class in January.

Gymnastics and Trampolining

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 gymnastics team who represented the school so well at the Blyth/Bedlington Sports Partnership Gymnastics Festival last week. The team worked very hard on their routine and were superbly behaved. Congratulations also to Chloe Brown who represented the school in the North of England Trampolining competition, coming 7th out of 14 in the Under 11 group (Chloe is 8!). We are very proud of them all.

PTFA Events



Thank you to everyone who has supported our PTFA seasonal events. The children thoroughly enjoyed their fun day and I know many of them are looking forward to the Christmas disco. They also enjoyed a surprise visit from the PTFA's good friend Santa Claus this week. A huge thank you also goes to the PTFA and their army of helpers who organised these events and worked so hard to give the children some special treats, including paying for all of the children to attend the theatre again this year.

New Build

We now have a start date for the new build. Work will begin on Monday 18th December and is estimated to last until May 2018. The safety of the children is always our first concern and we are working closely with Northumberland County Council and the contractors to ensure that the building work does not cause the children to be put at risk.

Reception Places September 2018

Just a reminder that the portal for applications for Reception places for 2018 closes on 15th January. Parents requiring a school place for their child must apply through the admissions portal on the Northumberland County Council website at www.northumberland.gov.uk. This is the only way that your child can receive an offer of a school place.

Nursery Places September 2018

If your child has his/her third birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 he/she will be eligible for a nursery place on September 2018. If you would like your child to attend the school nursery or to have shared provision of a 30 hours funded place between ourselves and our partners in the West Bedlington Early Years Partnership (West End Pre-school, Trinity Pre-school, Trinity Out of School Association) then please register your interest by contacting the school office and putting your child's name on our waiting list. More information about our nursery admissions and our partnership with other pre-school settings is available on the school website at www.westend.northumberland.sch.uk

Twitter

We would love for more parents and carers to follow us on Twitter. If you would like to follow our Twitter account you will need to complete a code of conduct agreement (available from the school office or on the school website) and return it to school. You will then need to request to follow us. We have a number of requests from parents who have not returned the code of conduct agreement and a number of agreements from parents who have not then requested to follow us! If you are waiting to have your request confirmed please make sure that you return the code of conduct agreement so that we can accept you as a follower.

Invitation from the Salvation Army



Please see below for an invitation from the Salvation Army to join them for some Christmas festivities.

Community Christmas Sing with traditional Carols and readings at Bedlington Market Place on Sunday 10th December, 3pm with the brass band of The Salvation Army. Hot drinks and mince pies - all welcome.

House Christmas Craft Event

Just a reminder that parents of children from Reception to Year 4 are invited to join us on Wednesday 13th December at 2:15pm for a Christmas Craft event. This year you can help your child to make a centre piece for the table. For reasons of health and safety we do have to limit attendance to one adult per family (siblings will be together) and cannot accommodate younger or older siblings. You do not need to sign up for this event just turn up at 2:15.



Term Dates

Term will finish on Friday 22nd December at 2:00pm. Please make arrangements to collect your child at the earlier time.

Friday 22nd Dec
Tuesday 9th Jan

Break up for Christmas holidays
Start of Spring Term

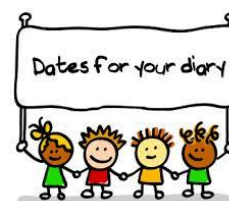
2:00pm
8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)

Friday 9 th Feb	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 19 th Feb	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Thursday 29 th Mar	Break up for Easter holidays	2:00pm
Tuesday 17 th April	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank holiday	
Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term	3:20
Monday 4 th June	Return to school	8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)
Friday 20 th July	Break up for the Summer holidays	2:00pm

Monday 8th January and Monday 16th April are staff training days.

Diary Dates

Please check your child's bag every day. New dates are printed in bold.



Thurs 7 th Dec	Nursery Christmas craft morning 9:00 – 11:00am
Thurs 7 th Dec	Year 1 theatre trip
Mon 11 th Dec	Nursery and pre-school panto company visit
Tues 12 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 theatre trip
Tues 12 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 nativity AM and PM
Wed 13 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 nativity AM
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Wed 13 th Dec	House Christmas craft event
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year 2 theatre trip
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas party
Fri 15 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 carol concert AM and PM
Fri 15 th Dec	Nursery and pre-school Christmas party
Mon 18 th Dec	Nursery and Pre-school Christmas singalong with parents
Tues 19 th Dec	Reception nativity AM
Tues 19 th Dec	Year 4 India day
Wed 20 th Dec	Reception nativity AM
Wed 20 th Dec	KS2 choir singing at Baedling Manor
Thurs 21 st Dec	Year 2 Christmas party AM
Thurs 21st Dec	KS2 choir singing at Woolsington Court
Thurs 21 st Dec	Year 3 Christmas party PM
Fri 22 nd Dec	Reception Christmas party AM
Fri 22 nd Dec	Year 4 Christmas party AM

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bushell
Headteacher