



# West End Primary School

## Newsletter

### 10 November 2021

#### Covid Safety Plans

As shared in the email which was sent out last week we have reviewed our Covid safety plans and have made the following adjustments to our systems:

- Parent consultations have been moved to video link or phone call.
- Close contacts of positive cases are advised to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.
- The Year 5 residential is being kept under review. Currently we plan to go ahead as long as there is no outbreak in the Year 5 cohort in the ten days preceding the trip.
- Theatre trips are being kept under review. Currently we plan to go ahead as long as there are no outbreaks in the year groups who are going in the ten days preceding the trips.
- Christmas performances in school are being kept under review until nearer the date. We are considering how to invite parents to attend in smaller groups than normal. If we are not able to do this then we will go to Plan B, i.e. videoing the performances as we did last year.

We will keep you informed of our decisions as soon as we are able to do so. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



#### Reception Places September 2022

The portal for applications for Reception class places for September 2022 is now open at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>. You must apply for your place through this link, even if your child already attends our nursery.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please make sure you complete your application before the deadline to have the best chance of being allocated your first choice of school. If you would like to visit the main school before completing your application please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

### Poppy Appeal

We still have lots of poppy themed merchandise at the school office. If your child would like to buy something please send your donation in a named envelope, stating what he/she would like. A list of items and suggested donations was sent out by email last week. We will provide all of the children who would like one with a poppy on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

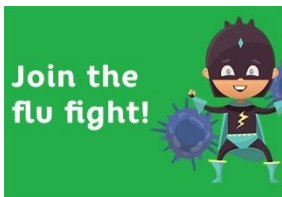


### Children in Need

Children in Need day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. To support this excellent cause the children may come to school out of uniform on the day; fancy dress, pyjamas, sportswear, Pudsey themed outfits or just plain old favourite clothes are all welcome. If you would like to make a donation please send it with your child on the day.

### Christmas Performances

Please bear with us as we make our arrangements for the Christmas performances which we are still hoping to invite you in to school to see. We will confirm times as soon as we can but in the meantime please make a note of the dates below so you know when your child will be performing.



### Flu Immunisations

We now have the date of the flu immunisations confirmed as Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Children will only be immunised if parents have completed and signed the form which was sent out at the beginning of September. It is now too late to have your child's name added to the list.

### Diary Dates

We now have all of our Christmas dates in the diary. Please have a look to make sure you know when all the fun is happening.



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| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov                          | Remembrance Ceremony at Bedlington Memorial (small number of pupils only) |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | Anti-bullying week  |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov                           | Open day for Reception parents 2022 ( <b>cancelled</b> )                  |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | Open day for Reception parents 2022 ( <b>cancelled</b> )                  |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov                          | Reception Elmer Day   |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | Children in Need day  |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                           | Year 6 trip to Theatre Royal Pantomime                                    |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec | Year 5 Robinwood residential  |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                           | Nursery and Reception theatre performance - in school                     |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec                             | Flu immunisations   |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | Years 1 and 2 Nativity AM   |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | Christmas dinner day  |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | Come as you like day  |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                           | Years 1 and 2 Nativity AM   |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                           | Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance PM                                    |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                            | Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance AM                                    |

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| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Year 5 Christmas party PM                        |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Reception Nativity AM                            |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Years 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime    |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance PM           |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Nursery Christmas performance AM                 |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Year 2 Christmas party AM                        |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance PM           |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Year 1 Christmas party PM                        |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Nursery Christmas performance AM                 |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Years 3, 4 and 5 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Reception Christmas party PM                     |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 6 Christmas party PM                        |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Nursery Christmas party AM                       |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Years 3 and 4 Christmas party AM                 |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm           |

Yours sincerely



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