



West End Primary School Christmas 2020 Events and other News

Christmas Plans

We are making plans for Christmas events for the children. We want things to be as normal as they can be for the children in the run up to Christmas and most importantly we want them to have lots of fun. Please see the information below.

Christmas Parties

We will have the children's Christmas parties all on the same day (Wednesday 16th December) as we did with the Autumn parties. School will provide party food so you don't need to send anything in. The children can wear their party clothes or Christmas themed outfits all day, as long as they are comfortable for playing outside in and they have suitable shoes.



Christmas Performances



We will be filming the children's Christmas performances this year as we sadly cannot invite you into school to see them. We will send more information on how we are going to share them with you soon.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 16th December (the same as party day). To help our catering manager please could you order your child's Christmas dinner as soon as possible via Live kitchen.



If your child usually orders their lunch from school in the mornings or does not normally have a school lunch and would like a Christmas lunch, please let us know either by e-mail (admin@westend.northumberland.sch.uk) or a telephone call. The choice this year is a traditional turkey dinner or a roasted vegetable and stuffing tart. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all eligible for free school meals. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 should send a payment of £2.10 unless eligible for free school meals through receipt of benefits.

Christmas Cards

We know the children love to give and receive Christmas cards and we want them to still have this exciting activity despite Covid. If your child would like to send cards to his/her classmates please send them into school by Tuesday 15th December so that we can quarantine them for 72 hours before giving them out on the last day of term. Please do not let your child hand out cards before or after school. Unfortunately, because of data protection, we cannot provide you with class lists.



Staff Gifts



As a poverty proofing school we much prefer that you spend your hard - earned cash on your families rather than the school staff. This is particularly important this year when so many families have been hit hard by Covid. We are also aware that bringing things to and from school could possibly spread the virus. If you would like to show your appreciation of the staff's hard work this term why not send a message on Class Dojo or Tapestry or send a card (which we will quarantine for 72 hours!).

If you really want to give you could make a donation to your favourite charity instead. We are supporting the Bedlington Salvation Army toy appeal this year, so you could pick something from their online wish list - please see link: <https://www.facebook.com/bedlingtonsa/>

Building

We are delighted that our new building is now in place and work is going ahead inside to make it ready for us to move in. We are still planning to be in before the end of term. We will keep you updated.



Reception Places September 2021



The Northumberland County Council portal for applications for Reception Class places in September 2021 is now open at www.northumberland.gov.uk. Applications for Reception places must be made through the portal, even if your child already attends West End Nursery. The portal is open from now until 15th January.

We would normally offer prospective parents visits, but we cannot do that this year. We have made a short video which has been posted on our Facebook page and our website (www.westend.northumberland.sch) which will give you an idea of what school life is like at West End. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reading and Homework

We are still working on our plans for resuming home reading and homework. We had hoped to have this in place by now but we have had to turn our attention to remote learning instead. We are still concerned about passing reading books and homework to and from school. We will be discussing this as a staff in the next couple of weeks and will inform you of our plans. In the meantime please be assured that the children are reading frequently in school and are making excellent progress.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Your donations helped us to raise £188.33 for this important cause.



Children in Need



Despite us saying that parents did not need to donate to Children in Need through school this year as we had already asked for your support for a number of different causes, we were delighted to receive £227.05 in donations. Thank you again for your generosity and care for those less fortunate.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th November

Friday 4th December

Monday 7th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

Friday 18th December

Reception Elmer Day

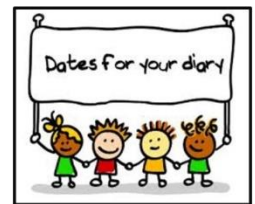
Year 3 Northumberland Day

Flu immunisations

Christmas card deadline

Christmas dinner and party day

Break up for Christmas holidays at 2.00pm



Yours sincerely

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