West End First School Newsletter



27 November 2017

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you for your generous support of the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic £ 230.08.

Children in Need

Another huge thank you for your kind donations to the Children in Need appeal. The children had a great day in their Pudsey-wear and altogether we raised £446.43 for this excellent cause.

Dog Mess

Once again we are having issues with dog mess outside of the school gates. We have contacted the council about this but unfortunately there is little they can do. Please do your best to make sure your child does not walk in any mess and if they do please make sure their shoes are clean before they enter the school grounds. If this isn't possible please inform a member of staff so that we can make sure no mess is walked into the school or left on the playground. Please do not use the school steps for scraping off any dog mess.

House Christmas Craft Events

Nursery parents are invited to join their child in school for a Christmas Craft morning on Thursday 7^{th} December between 9:00am and 11:00am. For reasons of health and safety we can only invite one adult per child and unfortunately we are unable to accommodate younger siblings. Watch out for further information from the Apple Class teachers.



On Wednesday 13th December we would like to invite parents of children in Reception to Year 4 to come into school and spend some time with their child/children making a Christmas decoration. The event will take place from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. The children will be in their houses for the event so siblings will be together. For health and safety reasons we are only able to invite one adult per child/family and unfortunately younger and older siblings cannot be accommodated. You do not need to complete a reply slip for this event, just turn up at 2:15. We look forward to seeing you then.

School Christmas Lunch



Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 13th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please could you indicate on the attached form your child's lunch preference. If you order your child's school meal on line, we would be grateful if you could do this in advance.

We require your child's lunch order by Monday 4 December.

Term Dates

Friday 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Tuesday 9th Jan Start of Spring Term 8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)

Friday 9th Feb Break up for half term 3:20pm

Monday 19th Feb Return to school 8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)

Thursday 29th Mar Break up for Easter holidays 2:00pm

Tuesday 17th April Return to school 8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)

Monday 7th May May Day Bank holiday

Friday 25th May Break up for half term 3:20

Monday 4th June Return to school 8:55am (doors open at 8:45am)

Friday 20th July Break up for the Summer holidays 2:00pm

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

Diary Dates

There are a few new dates for your diary below and there may be a few more before the end of term. We will send out more detailed information nearer each event. Information will also appear on the school website and we will put some reminders on our Twitter feed and via text messages, however we will still need you to complete permission slips so you will receive separate letters about some of these events. Please check your child's bag every day. New dates are printed in bold.



Tues 28th Nov PTFA Fun Day

Wed 29th Nov Bluebird Group trip to Alnwick Garden

Thurs 30th Nov Year 4 Gymnastics team participating in Gymnastics festival

Thurs 30th Nov

Year 4 Be Safe workshops

Fri 1st Dec

Year 3 Northumberland Day

Tues 5th Dec

Reception theatre trip

Thurs 7th Dec Nursery Christmas craft morning 9:00 - 11:00am

Thurs 7th Dec Year 1 theatre trip

Mon 11th Dec Nursery and Pre-school Panto Company visit

Tues 12th Dec Year 3 and 4 theatre trip

Tues 12th Dec Years 1 and 2 nativity AM and PM

Wed 13th Dec Years 1 and 2 nativity AM

Wed 13th Dec Christmas lunch

Wed 13th Dec Christmas jumper day

Wed 13th Dec House Christmas craft event

Thurs 14th Dec Year 2 theatre trip
Thurs 14th Dec Year 1 Christmas party

Fri 15th Dec Years 3 and 4 carol concert AM and PM Fri 15th Dec Nursery and pre-school Christmas party

Mon 18th Dec Nursery and Pre-school Christmas singalong with parents

Tues 19th Dec Reception nativity AM
Tues 19th Dec Year 4 India day

Wed 20th Dec Reception nativity AM

Wed 20th Dec KS2 choir singing at Baedling Manor

Thurs 21st Dec Year 2 Christmas party AM
Thurs 21st Dec Year 3 Christmas party PM
Fri 22nd Dec Reception Christmas party AM

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Child's Name:	Class:
Please order the following lu	nch choice for my child:
Traditional Christmas	Lunch with Turkey, Sausage and Seasonal Vegetables
Seasonal Vegetable S	trudel
Festive Biscuit	
Christmas Pudding	
Ice Cream	

