

West End First School Newsletter



14 November 2018



Smile and Compliments Day

As part of our Anti-bullying week activities, Friday 16th November will be Smile and compliments day. During the day the children will be passing on a smile and giving out compliments, which they will write (or be helped to write) on a sticker for the person they have complimented to wear. Staff will also be giving out compliments.



The purpose of this activity is to help the children to understand that they are able to make a difference to a person by saying something thoughtful and that by creating such a positive environment they are being proactive in the prevention of unkindness and bullying. Ask your child what compliments he/she received and how it made him/her feel.



First Winning House of the Year

Well done to Humford, our first winning house this academic year. The children have chosen their reward which is a pyjama party with a film and snacks. This will take place on Friday 23rd November. Humford house children will receive a separate letter with more information.

Winter is Coming

Now the weather is turning colder the children need to have their coats, hats, scarves and gloves with them every day. Even when the sun is shining it can become very cold in the playground. Please note that we do not allow the children to use hand warmers in school.



Co-op Community Fund



Just a reminder that the fund raising has now started and Co-op members can choose a cause to give their 1% to when they spend on selected Co-op own brand products and services. You can choose your cause by logging on to the Co-op membership page on the following link and start donating to West End First School PTFA now:
<http://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

If you are not already a Co-op member you can become a member by following the above link or call into your local Co-op for an application form and get involved with the fundraising.

A Reminder about our Dos and Don'ts



Staff Car Park

Unfortunately, due to very limited space, the staff car park is for the use of school staff only. At the start and end of the day when staff are arriving or leaving it can be dangerous if someone is trying to go in the opposite direction, meaning that sometimes someone has to reverse on to the main road. For reasons of safety please do not use the car park when dropping off or picking up your child either from school or from Trinity Out of school club.

Toys in School

We have noticed that some children have started to bring toys into school to play with at playtimes. We provide activities for the children, which we will be increasing over the coming weeks, so there is no need for them to bring in anything from home, which could become lost or broken. Please do not let your child bring in toys or other items to play with.



Cakes and Treats

Occasionally parents send in special treats such as cakes and sweets for the children. Although this is extremely thoughtful please note that we are not able to share treats brought from home with the children. This is because some of our children have allergies and some parents would not want their child to have too many sweet treats.

Please find more information about our dos and don'ts on the school website.

Diary Dates

Please keep an eye out for letters with information about our activities and events and check your child's bag every day. We are always adding to this list and new events appear in bold. We will send out information about our Christmas events nearer the time.



Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in need day
Fri 16 th Nov	Smile and compliments day
Sat 17 th Nov	Miniband at Sage Gateshead
Tues 20 th Nov	Year 3 Big Draw Workshop
Fri 23 rd Nov	Humford House pyjama party
Tues 27 th Nov	PTFA Winter fun day
Thurs 29 th Nov	Gymnastics Team at Blyth/Bedlington Gymnastics Festival (please note corrected date)
Fri 30 th Nov	Year 3 Northumberland Day
Mon 3 rd Dec	Bluebird group Alnwick Garden trip (information to follow)
Tues 4 th Dec	Nursery parents' stay and do session
Wed 5 th Dec	Reception Northern Stage trip
Thurs 6 th Dec	Nursery parents' stay and do session

Thurs 6 th Dec	Choir visit to Woolsington Court
Mon 10 th Dec	New nursery parents' meeting 9:00am
Tues 11 th Dec	Parent and child Christmas Craft event 9:15 - 10:15am
Tues 11 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performances 11:00am and 2:30pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Christmas lunch and Come as you like day
Wed 12 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:20 - Sycamore parents, 2:00 Hazel parents
Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:20 - Holly parents, 2:00 Cherry parents
Thurs 13 th Dec	Nursery and Pre-school magic treat
Mon 17 th to Thurs 20 th Dec	New nursery taster sessions
Mon 17 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Carol concert 2:00pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Tues 18 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
Wed 19 th Dec	Reception Nativity - Beech Class parents 9.30am
Thurs 20 Dec	Reception Nativity - Willow Class parents 9.30am
Thurs 20 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Thurs 20 th Dec	Year 2 and Year 1 Christmas parties
Fri 21 st Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas parties
Fri 21 st Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Yours sincerely

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