



West End Primary School Christmas 2021 Events and other News

30 November 2021

Christmas Events

With this letter you will receive a timetable of events happening in school over the last three weeks of term and we will also send a hard copy home with your child. We have had no further guidance from the Government suggesting we should not go ahead with our events as planned. As we currently have no Covid cases in school, we intend to continue with our theatre trips and in-person Christmas performances as long as there are no outbreaks of positive cases in any of our cohorts (an outbreak is defined as 5 pupils and/or staff or 10% of a cohort testing positive within ten days). We have our fingers crossed that all of our events can take place but ask for your patience and understanding if we do have to cancel any events at the last minute.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for your generosity supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. The final total raised was £243.52, which is well over a quarter of the £806.00 district total.

Children in Need

The children had a super 'Pudsey day' last week. A big thank you goes to our Year 6 house captains who arranged the activities and demonstrated them on video for the children to watch in their classrooms. Your donations were very gratefully received and the total raised was £292. Thank you.



PTFA Fun Day

A big thank you to the PTFA and their Year 6 helpers for providing a fun day for the children last week. The money raised will go towards providing extra activities and treats for the children. This year the PTFA has paid for all of the theatre tickets for Years 1 to 6 and has subsidised the coach travel so that parent contributions have been kept to a minimum. They have also subsidised the panto performance happening in school for Nursery and Reception. Thank you to them and thank you to you for your continuing support.



Christmas Gifts for Staff



As a staff we are privileged to work with your children every day and to see them grow and develop, that is the best reward for doing what we do. We know that Christmas puts a strain on finances for everyone, us included, and we would much rather you spend your hard earned cash on your families than on us. If you really want to show your appreciation, a kindly worded card will stay with us long after we have guzzled the chocolates and drunk the wine (much though we enjoy them).

Reception Places September 2022

Just a reminder that the portal for applications for Reception class places for September 2022 is open at

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>.

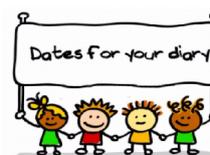
You must apply for your place through this link, even if your child already attends our nursery. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022.

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.



Diary Dates

Thurs 2 nd Dec	Nursery and Reception theatre performance - in school
Fri 3 rd Dec	Flu immunisations
Wed 8 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity 9:15 and 11:15
Wed 8 th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Wed 8 th Dec	Come as you like day
Thurs 9 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity 9:15
Thurs 9 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance 2:15
Fri 10 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance 9:15 and 10:30
Mon 13 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas party PM
Tues 14 th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:15
Tues 14 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime
Tues 14 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance 10:30 and 2:15
Wed 15 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performance 9:30
Wed 15 th Dec	Reception Nativity 10:30
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas party AM
Wed 15 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance 2:15
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas party PM



Thurs 16 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performance 9:30
Thurs 16 th Dec	Years 3, 4 and 5 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime
Thurs 16 th Dec	Reception Christmas party PM
Thurs 16 th Dec	Year 6 Christmas party PM
Fri 17 th Dec	Nursery Christmas party AM
Fri 17 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas party AM
Fri 17 th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Term Dates

Fri 17 th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm
Wed 5 th Jan	Spring term A starts
Fri 18 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 28 th Feb	Spring term B starts
Fri 8 th Apr	Break up for Easter holidays
Tues 26 th Apr	Summer term A starts
Mon 2 nd May	Closed for May day
Fri 27 th May	Break up for half term
Mon 6 th June	Summer term B starts
Fri 22 nd July	Break up for summer holidays



Tuesday 4th January and Monday 25th April are staff training days.

Yours sincerely

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