

# West End First School

## Newsletter



### 10 December 2018



#### PTFA Winter Fun Day

A huge thank you once again to the PTFA and their hardworking supporters for making the Winter fun day such a great success and for inviting their good friend Santa to visit school on Monday. The children really enjoyed both events. Thank you to you too for supporting these events which raise so much money to pay for all of the children to visit the theatre (or be visited).



#### Children in Need and Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Children in Need appeal once again this year. We were delighted to have raised £219.35 through your kind donations. We were also thrilled to receive a certificate as top school fundraiser in Bedlington for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal with a fantastic amount of £203.44.

#### Attendance



Our attendance target this year is 96.5%, which is 0.5% higher than the national average for our age range. So far this term overall attendance is 96.1%, which is fantastic considering all the sickness bugs that the children pass between themselves at this time of year.

Our best attended class each week wins the Attendance cup and the children are always very proud to receive it. So that you can know how your child's attendance measures up against national expectations we will be sending out attendance letters before the end of term. If your child's attendance is above 95% (the national good attendance figure) he/she will receive a certificate of good attendance. Children with attendance above our school target of 96.5% will receive a different certificate to reward their excellent attendance. We know that there are lots of illnesses around, particularly at this time of year, so some children may not receive a certificate this time, but with good attendance they are likely to receive one at the end of the Spring term. Please continue to support your child to have good attendance as this is vital to ensure that he/she reaches his/her full potential.

#### Christmas Carolling

A big thank you and well done to the Year 3 and 4 children (and their parents) who braved the weather to perform at the Christmas lights switch on last weekend. Despite a couple of challenges the children performed extremely well and their behaviour was fantastic. We were very proud of them all.



We were also very proud of the Year 4 choir who entertained the residents at Baedling Manor and Woolsington Court this week. The children demonstrated what mature and thoughtful young people they are becoming and they were a credit to the school and to their families.

## Brave Hearts of the North East

Thank you to those parents who have made a donation to Brave Hearts of the North East via our Justgiving page

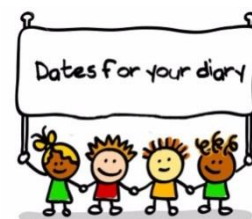
(at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/WestEndFirstSchool](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/WestEndFirstSchool))

instead of buying gifts for the school staff. We have set ourselves a target of £300 to raise throughout the year (that's just over £1 per child) so your donations are very gratefully received.

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## 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.



Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas performances 11:00am and 2:30pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and Come as you like day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:20 Sycamore parents, 2:00 Hazel parents
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:20 Holly parents, 2:00 Cherry parents
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Pre-school magic treat
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Parent and child Christmas Craft event 9:15 - 10:15am (apologies for the change of date, this was due to a clash of events)</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	New nursery taster sessions
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 and 4 Carol concert 2:00pm
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party PM
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 and 4 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Christmas party AM
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 Christmas party PM
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas parties AM
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

## Term Dates

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays	2:00pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens	8:45am - 8:55am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens	8:45am - 8:55am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays	2:00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School re-opens	8:45am - 8:55am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day bank holiday	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term	3:20pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens	8:45am - 8:55am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer holidays	2:00pm

**Please note Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June are staff training days.**

Yours sincerely

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