

# West End First School

## Newsletter



12 October 2018



### Twitter

We love tweeting about the exciting things the children are doing in their lessons and we would love to share this with more of you. We have a number of outstanding follower requests which we are not able to accept as we have not received a signed code of conduct. We also have a number of signed requests but have not yet received a request on Twitter.



We ask that all of our followers provide us with their Twitter handle so that we know who we are allowing to follow us (it isn't always clear from your profile picture or Twitter name!). We also ask that our followers agree to our code of conduct, this is for the protection of the children. If you would like to follow us please ask for a code of conduct form and then we can accept your request. We look forward to seeing you in cyberspace.

### Harvest Collection



Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest collection. All of the food you donated has been passed to the Salvation Army to be shared with local people in difficult circumstances.

### PTFA Bake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed cakes for the PTFA bake sale and to everyone who bought them - weren't they delicious? The total raised was £246.95 all of which goes towards funding special treats for the children such as the theatre trips in December. Thank you also to the PTFA volunteers who make all of our events such a great success.



**BAKE SALE**

### Health and Well-Being Week



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October is our Health and well-being theme week. The focus of the week will be keeping healthy both physically and mentally and we are planning lots of lovely activities to support the children to look after their own physical and mental health. You may have already received an invitation to join your child in school for a healthy meal or treat - if not, keep an eye out for a letter from your child's teacher.

As we will be off timetable during the week we do not plan to hear readers, so please do not worry if your child's reading book does not come home that week.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

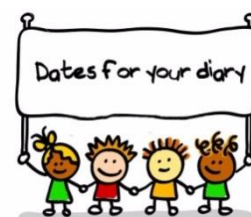


As Remembrance Day approaches we believe it is important for the children to understand the sacrifices that others have made so that we can live in peace. We have always supported the poppy appeal and intend to do so again, particularly as this is such an important year, however we are aware that asking for donations for the children to buy particular merchandise can be a drain on finances, particularly in the run up to Christmas. We therefore plan to provide every child with a poppy and ask only for a donation for the merchandise we have left from last year, which we will limit to one item per child. We will be selling this merchandise at the school office during the week of 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would prefer your child not to be given a poppy, please let his/her class teacher know.

## 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.



Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Victorian Day
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 2 trip to Blyth Lifeboat Station</b>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception to Year 4 Flu immunisations
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 4 Victorian walk</b>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Football Team competition (information to follow)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Elm Class assembly 9:00am
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chestnut Class assembly 2:45pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Health and well-being week
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	PTFA Hallowe'en Disco
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 Jobs day
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 2 parents' healthy breakfast</b>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 parents' healthy lunch</b>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y1 parents' healthy smoothie party</b>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Tag Rugby Team competition
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 3 Skipping Festival
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fire Service assemblies
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half term holiday
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Be safe workshops
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need day
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Year 3 Northumberland Day</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Northern Stage trip
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>New nursery parents' meeting 9:00am</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas performances 11:00am and 2:30pm</b>
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas lunch and Come as you like day</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>New nursery taster sessions</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 and 4 Carol concert
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 Christmas party</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity

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Year 3 and 4 Whitley Bay Playhouse trip  
**Year 2 and Year 1 Christmas parties**  
**Reception and Nursery Christmas parties**  
Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Bushell**  
Headteacher