



## West End First School Christmas Events 2018

### Bedlington Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be performing at this event from 3:00pm. The children who have volunteered to take part have received separate letters regarding arrangements. Everyone is welcome to come and hear the children sing and play with other Bedlington schools.



### Bluebird group trip to Alnwick Garden Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Letters have already been sent out to the children involved.

### Nursery Parents Stay and Do Sessions Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December



Separate invitations have already been sent out. Please note that if you attend a stay and do session you will not be allowed to use your mobile phone whilst you are on the school premises.

### Reception classes trip to Northern Stage Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Separate letters have already been sent out about this event.



### Choir Visit to Baedling Manor Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Woolsington Court Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Choir members will receive separate letters about these events.

### Nursery and Pre-school Christmas performances Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Parents are invited to come along to the school hall at 11:00am (morning children) and 2:30pm (afternoon children) to hear the children's special Christmas songs. To help us with our preparations please complete the reply slip on the separate letter indicating how many seats you will require.



### **Come as You Like Day Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

This is a non-uniform day for the children to reward them for such a hardworking term and such fantastic behaviour. The children may wear whatever they like to school on the day as long as it is comfortable and warm and appropriate to wear outside at break times (so no high heels or flimsy clothing please). Christmas jumpers are welcome, but by no means expected.



As the Year 1 and 2 children will be performing their nativity on this day please make sure it is also something they are able to take on and off easily! As usual our health and safety rules about jewellery and dyed hair remain in place



### **Christmas Lunch Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

A separate letter has already been sent out about ordering your child's Christmas lunch. If you need any further information please contact the school office.

### **Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performances Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Years One and Two will be performing their Christmas play, Sparkle, in the school hall. All of the children will take part in each performance, but, as the hall is very small, we are only able to allow two adults per child to attend. You will receive a separate letter to order your tickets. Dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:20 - Sycamore Class parents

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm - Hazel Class parents

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:20am - Holly Class parents

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm - Cherry Class parents



### **Nursery and Pre-school Magic Show Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr. Merlin will be visiting Apple Class Nursery and Pre-school for a magic show today.

### **Parent and Child Craft event Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am - 10:15am**

Parents and carers are invited to join their child to take part in a Winter themed craft activity. The children will be in their houses for this event, so siblings will be together. Unfortunately due to space restrictions we cannot include younger siblings in this activity and we can only accommodate one adult per family group. You do not need to sign up for this event, just join us in the hall at 9:00am (while we get the children into their house bases) and we will take you to your child's house at 9:15am.

It will really help things to run smoothly if you know which house your child is in. Please note that if you attend this activity you will not be allowed to use your mobile phone whilst in the school.



### **Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



Parents of children in Years Three and Four are invited to join us for a traditional carol concert at St. Cuthbert's Church at 2:00pm. A separate letter is being sent for parents to reserve their places.

### **Key Stages 1 and 2 trip to Whitley Bay Playhouse Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Separate letters have already been sent out about this event. Parent helpers will be informed if they have a place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Reception Nativity Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Parents are invited to join our Reception Classes in the school hall for their Christmas performance, A present for the baby. All of the children will take part in each performance, but, as the hall is very small, we are only able to allow two adults per child to attend. You will receive a separate letter to order your tickets. Dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - Beech Class parents

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - Willow Class parents



### **Christmas Parties**



Each year group will be having a Christmas party during the last week of term. Separate letters will be sent out nearer the time regarding arrangements. Dates of the parties are as follows:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3 and 4

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Years 1 and 2

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Nursery and Reception

### **Theatre Trips**

We have a limited number of adult seats allocated each year for our theatre trips and we are always inundated with requests from parents to accompany their child. We allocate these places fairly by checking which parents have accompanied us in the past and then picking names out of the hat of those parents who have not yet had the chance, however, this still often means that some parents are disappointed.

Unfortunately we are unable to take into account any other reasons for parents requesting places, as this would be unfair to other parents and children. Please note that if you are fortunate enough to be chosen you will not be able to use your mobile phone at all during the trip.



### **Christmas Cards**

Please note that due to GDPR we are not able to provide parents with class lists for children to write Christmas cards. If it's easier, why not just send one card to the whole class?

### **Christmas Gifts for Staff**

Just a reminder that we would much rather you did not spend your hard earned cash buying Christmas gifts for the staff. If you would really like to give, then our Just Giving Page in aid of Brave Hearts of the North East can be found at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westendfirstschool](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westendfirstschool).

Alternatively a Christmas card with a few kind words would be much appreciated. Please save your pennies for extra treats for the children.



### **Thank You**

Thank you for all of your support for our Christmas events. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Bushell**  
Headteacher