



West End Primary School Christmas 2022 Events and other News

21 November 2022

PTFA Winter Fun Day - Wednesday 30 November

The children will be able to decorate a cookie, have their nails painted and get tattoos at a cost of £1.00 per activity. Letters with further information will be sent home today and should be returned with payment by no later than 28 November. All monies raised will be used to help fund the children's pantomime trips and other special activities.



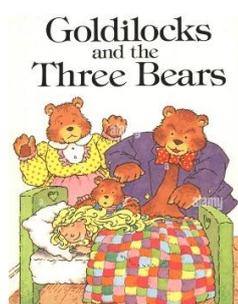
Bedlington Christmas Lights Switch on 5:00pm - Saturday 26 November



The Bedlington Lights Switch on will take place at 5pm on Saturday 26 November. The children in our school choir will be performing at this event from 5.25pm and will be singing 'fun Christmas songs'. The children who have volunteered to take part have received separate letters regarding arrangements for the day. Everyone is welcome to go along and enjoy the event.

Choir Visit to Morrisons - Friday 9 December

The School choir will be singing Christmas carols at Morrison's on Friday 9 December at 10.00am, everyone is welcome to attend. Choir members will receive separate letters about these events. There will be other choir events in the local residential homes, however these details are still to be finalised.



Pre-School, Nursery and Reception Panto - Thursday 1 December

The Pre-school, Nursery and Reception children will be treated to a panto in school from a travelling pantomime company. The theme this year is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This will take place in the morning of Thursday 1 December. Further details will be sent out from the class teachers. Any Nursery children who do not normally attend on Thursday mornings will be invited in so as not to miss the fun!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day- Wednesday 14 December

A separate letter is attached to this newsletter concerning Christmas Lunch ordering. If you need any further information please contact the school office.



Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 14 December



This is a non-uniform day for the children. Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper, but this is by no means expected they can just attend in non school uniform if this is preferred. As Year 1 and 2 and Year 5 and 6 children will be performing their Christmas concerts on this day, class teachers will advise on dress code closer to the date.

Nursery Christmas Performance - Friday 16 December

The nursery children will be performing their Christmas 'Sing-a-Long' on Friday 16 December at 9.15am. If your child does not usually attend nursery on Fridays they will be given the opportunity to come along as an additional day.



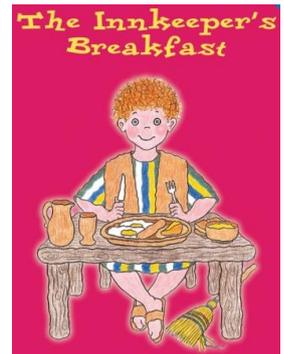
Reception Nativity Performance - Tuesday 20 December and Wednesday 21 December

The Reception children will be performing 'The Innkeepers Breakfast' this year. There will be two performances for parents\guardians to attend:

Tuesday 20 December at 9.15am

Wednesday 21 December at 9.15am

Further details will be sent out closer to the dates.



Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performances - Wednesday 14 December and Thursday 15 December



Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas play, 'Sparkle', in the main school hall. All of the children will take part in each performance. You will receive a separate letter with further details. Dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 14 December at 9.15am

Wednesday 14 December at 11.00am

Thursday 15 December at 9.15am

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance - Monday 19 December

Years 3 and 4 will be performing a traditional carol service on Monday 19 December in the main school hall. There will be two performances on the day, one at 9.15am and another at 2.00pm. Further information will be sent out by the class teachers.



Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 14 December and Friday 16 December



Year 5 and 6 will be performing 'Christmas Songs through the Ages' in the main school hall on the following days\times:

Wednesday 14 December at 2.00pm
Friday 16 December at 9.15am

Further information will follow.

Christmas Pantomime Theatre Trips

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be going to the Whitley Bay Playhouse on the morning of Tuesday 20 December and the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will go on Thursday 22 December in the morning. The pantomime this year is Cinderella.



Children in Year 6 will be going to Newcastle Theatre Royal on Thursday 15 December in the afternoon, the pantomime is also Cinderella.

Further information about arrangements and costs will be sent out from individual classes.



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:

Nursery:	Thursday 22 December (am)
Beech Class:	Thursday 22 December (pm)
Sycamore Class:	Wednesday 21 December (am)
Cherry Class:	Thursday 22 December (am)
Hazel Class:	Thursday 22 December (am)
Poplar Class:	Wednesday 21 December (am)
Chestnut Class:	Wednesday 21 December (am)
Maple Class:	Tuesday 20 December (am)
Rowan Class:	Tuesday 20 December (am)
Cedar Class:	Friday 23 December (am)
Larch Class:	Friday 23 December (am)

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 (even though we enjoy them very much).

Thank you

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

Term Dates

Friday 23 December 2022:	Break up for Christmas Holidays (2.00pm)
Tuesday 10 January 2023:	School re-opens
Friday 17 February 2023:	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27 February 2023:	School re-opens
Friday 31 March 2023:	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 April 2023:	School re-opens
Monday 1 May 2023:	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May 2023:	Break up for Whit Holidays
Monday 5 June 2023:	School re-opens
Friday 21 July 2023:	Break up for Summer Holidays



Monday 9 January and Monday 17 April are staff training days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Ward'.

Miss J Ward
Headteacher