

# West End First School Newsletter



23 October 2018



## Reception Places 2019

The online portal for applications for Reception class places for September 2019 opens on 1st November 2018. The portal is available on the Northumberland County Council website at

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx).



Applications for a Reception place must be made via the portal, even if your child is already attending West End First School nursery or West End Pre-school. The portal closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It is essential that applications are made before the deadline if you wish to be considered for a place at your first choice school.



## Nursery places 2019-20

If you would like your child to have a nursery place at West End First School please let us know by contacting the school office to register. Places are limited, so it is essential to have your child's name on our register so that we are aware of your wishes and can offer you a place.

## Sports Report

We were delighted to receive the Gold School Games Mark last week in recognition of all the school does to help the children to live active lives, including high quality PE provision, extra-curricular clubs, participation in tournaments and festivals, active learning and not forgetting our Daily Mile. I would like to thank the staff, for their commitment to ensuring the children's health and fitness is given just as much status as their academic progress, and the children, for all of their hard work. Talking of which...

Well done to our Year 4 football team who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Blyth/Bedlington School Sports Partnership tournament last week. As always, the children showed great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and resilience and we are extremely proud of them all.



## Poppy Appeal

Just a reminder that we have some Royal British Legion merchandise which the children can buy during the first week of next half term for a donation to the poppy appeal. We are limiting this to one item per child so that as many children as possible get a chance to buy something. We will give all of the children, who want one, a poppy to wear for our Remembrance assembly on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

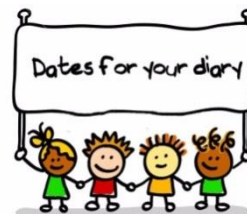
## Children in Need

As usual we will be supporting the Children in Need appeal, which takes place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. As it is close to the Poppy appeal we will not be selling merchandise this year but we will have a non-uniform day and you can make a donation to the appeal if you wish.



## 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.



Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 Jobs day
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2 parents' healthy breakfast
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 3 and 4 parents' healthy lunch
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y1 parents' healthy smoothie party
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Tag Rugby Team competition
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
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 Panto workshops</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Be safe workshops
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Year 4 Miniband workshop (information to follow)</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need day
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Year 3 Big Draw Workshop</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 Northumberland Day
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Bluebird group Alnwick Garden trip (information to follow)</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Northern Stage trip
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Choir visit to Woolsington Court</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	New nursery parents' meeting 9:00am
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Parent and child Christmas Craft event 9:15 - 10:15am</b>
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> and Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
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
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
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> and 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 and Year 1 Christmas parties
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas parties
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Yours sincerely

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