



West End Primary School

Newsletter

21 October 2021

Autumn and Winter Illnesses

There are a lot of nasty bugs and colds going around at the moment. Please help us to minimise the risk of spreading illnesses around by keeping your child at home if he/she has the following:

- If your child has sickness and diarrhoea he/she must stay off school until 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting
- If your child has a heavy cold he/she must stay off school until well enough to return, i.e. when the worst of the cold symptoms are finished and your child is less likely to pass on infections by frequent coughing or sneezing
- If your child has Covid symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough, loss or change of sense of taste or smell, sudden onset headache, you must take him/her for a PCR test as soon as possible and keep him/her off school until you receive the result.



Social Media



We know that parents' Whatsapp and Facebook groups can be very helpful for keeping track of school events and checking information, as well as keeping in touch to make social arrangements for the children. We are also aware that sometimes these groups can be used for sounding boards when parents have concerns about something that is happening in school.

We understand that getting the views of friends can be very useful, but we ask that parents contact us with any concern as soon as possible so that we can resolve it promptly. Staff are occasionally made aware of some of the things said in these group chats and it can be upsetting to hear that parents are sharing concerns in a larger group without giving us the opportunity to resolve the issue.

Harvest Collection

Thank you again for all of your kind donations for our Harvest collection. We were able to hand over several large boxes of goods to the Matthew Project Food Bank (photos on Facebook). Mr. Rand from the project wanted me to express their sincere thanks for your kindness. Your donations will help local people in challenging circumstances.



Christmas Performances

You will see from the list of diary dates below that we have a number of Christmas performances planned. At the moment we are planning to invite parents and carers into school for the performances, however, as Covid cases are currently rising we may have to change these arrangements nearer the time. If needed our plan B will be to record the performances and share them with you as we did last year. If this is the case we will contact you nearer the time to make sure we are following your wishes regarding your child being filmed and their images being shared.



Safety on the Playground



For health and safety reasons please do not allow your child or any siblings to climb on the railings on the school ramps before or after school. We do not allow the children to do this during the school day, so they know the rules. We do not want a child to be injured falling from the railings or ramps.

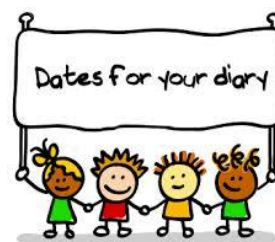
PTFA Events

After a long break because of Covid our PTFA are back in action and are planning an event for the children this term, the details of which are to be confirmed. We will let you know what is happening and when as soon as possible.



Diary Dates

We now have all of our Christmas dates in the diary. Please have a look to make sure you know when all the fun is happening.



Friday 22 nd Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 1 st Nov	School re-opens
Thurs 4 th Nov	Outdoor learning day (information to follow)
Thurs 4 th Nov	Parent consultation evening
Tues 9 th Nov	Parent consultation evening
Mon 15 th to Fri 19 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Tues 16 th Nov	Open day for Reception parents 2022 (information to follow)
Wed 17 th Nov	Open day for Reception parents 2022 (information to follow)
Thurs 18 th Nov	Reception Elmer Day
Fri 19 th Nov	Children in Need day
Tues 23 rd Nov	Year 6 trip to Theatre Royal Pantomime
Mon 29 th Nov - Wed 1 st Dec	Year 5 Robinwood residential
Thurs 2 nd Dec	Nursery and Reception theatre performance - in school
Wed 8 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity AM
Wed 8 th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Wed 8 th Dec	Come as you like day
Thurs 9 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity AM
Thurs 9 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance PM
Fri 10 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance AM
Mon 13 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas party PM
Tues 14 th Dec	Reception Nativity AM

Tues 14 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime
Tues 14 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance PM
Wed 15 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performance AM
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas party AM
Wed 15 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance PM
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas party PM
Thurs 16 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performance AM
Thurs 16 th Dec	Years 3, 4 and 5 Whitley Bay Playhouse pantomime
Thurs 16 th Dec	Reception Christmas party PM
Thurs 16 th Dec	Year 6 Christmas party PM
Fri 17 th Dec	Nursery Christmas party AM
Fri 17 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas party AM
Fri 17 th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays 2:00pm

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Bushell
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