



West End Primary School Christmas 2020 Events and other News - 16 December 2020

Christmas Videos

Instead of our usual Christmas performances we have made three videos, one for Nursery, one for Reception, Years 1 and 2, and one for Years 3, 4 and 5. We will be sharing these on our website and on Facebook on Thursday 17th December - we'll text you to let you know when they are live. If you are watching on Facebook please remember our safeguarding rules, which I have included below:



Our school Facebook page has strict Safeguarding rules which we must adhere to if we wish to run the page. One of these rules is that we will never post the name of a pupil as this is an open forum that anyone can view. By posting their name, this poses a Safeguarding risk to your child. We respectfully ask parents to not identify any child by name in anything they may comment on. We also ask you to ensure that any posts shared from our school Facebook page contain images of only your child. Sadly, if a child is identified by name or images of a child other than your own are shared, we will have no alternative than to remove the whole post. Thank you for your co-operation. We will always be fully committed to keeping your child safe in school and online.

Please remember that, like you, other parents have very kindly allowed us to share their child's image so that all parents can enjoy seeing their child's performance. Please keep any comments respectful and positive, as you would wish any comments about your own child to be. In short - don't name, don't tag, don't share and be kind. We hope you enjoy these alternative performances, but we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to live shows next year.

Christmas Events



We have tried to make Christmas at school as exciting (and normal) as possible for the children this year. We have arranged a number of special events which have included virtual pantomimes and theatre performances, visits from animals, Christmas crafts and video performances of our Christmas plays. The children have also enjoyed their Christmas lunch and class parties today.

We are particularly grateful to the PTFA for funding the virtual panto and theatre experiences and the party food. I am sure that, like me, you are grateful to all of the staff for their commitment to making sure that this Christmas period is as much fun as possible for the children.

Entrances and Exits January 2021

We were very much hoping that all of our entrances and exits would be open in January but unfortunately the building work will still be continuing on the nursery path. We will be reviewing the entrances and exits during the holidays and will inform parents of any changes before the children return on Tuesday 5th January.



Reception Admissions September 2021



If you have not yet applied for a Reception place for your child in September 2021 you will need to do so before the 15th of January 2021 when the application portal closes. Applications are via the Northumberland County Council portal at www.northumberland.gov.uk.

Applications for Reception places must be made through the portal, even if your child already attends West End Nursery. We would normally offer prospective parents visits, but we cannot do that this year. We have made a short video which has been posted on our Facebook page and our website (www.westend.northumberland.sch) which will give you an idea of what school life is like at West End. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Term Dates

Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5 th January	School re-opens
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 22 nd February	School re-opens
Friday 26 th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April	School re-opens
Monday 3 rd May	School closed for Bank holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	School re-opens
Friday 28 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 7 th June	School re-opens
Friday 16 th July	School closes for Summer holidays



School is closed on Monday 4th January for a staff training day

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher