



# What's On at West

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## This Week in School

**Choir:** Massive congratulations to our choir who were crowned winners of the Metrocentre 'Christmas Choir of the Year' for the second year running today. They have had an amazing month and over 100,000 people have viewed them on Facebook. A huge thank you and congratulations to Miss Gregson who leads the choir, giving up many lunchtimes and many hours out of school, to prepare material for them, and to Miss Gray for running her hugely popular dance club in the run-up to the Eagles event. The Eagles event was such a success that the director of the club has asked if we can make it a yearly event. Everywhere the choir has performed, the children have been praised for their incredible commitment, attitude and enthusiasm and I could not be more proud of them. Finally, thank you to all the friends and family who came to support us at the events and to those who came along as helpers. I'm sure you'll all agree it has been great fun and filled us all with festive spirit! Roll on next year's competition....



**Christmas Performances:** Thanks again to all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who attended our Christmas performances and made donations to the PTA. We raised £1202.13 – this is £200 more than last year and last year was a record breaking amount! Thank you all once again for your amazing generosity which will be of great benefit to the children. A huge thank you also to all of Prudhoe West's staff whose endless dedication and enthusiasm make these amazing events so successful.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. Children can wear a Christmas/Winter jumper or top with the rest of their normal school uniform. As parents have already given generously to various charities and events this year we are not asking for donations.

We have received a suggestion from a parent about having a Christmas Jumper "swap shop" in January to raise funds. The suggestion is that this year's Christmas Jumpers are donated to school and the school arrange a sale of these so you can get set for 2018! If you wish to participate in this, please send jumpers into school during the first week next term (8<sup>th</sup> January 2018) and we will sort out a sale.

**Tomorrow:** We have an exciting 'Polar Express' themed science and maths event taking place in school tomorrow. There will be lots of fun themed activities for the children to enjoy so they do not need to bring anything into school for the last day.

We are also delighted that our karate instructor, Wayne Bond will be coming into school tomorrow with his amazing Christmas light display. This will take place in the school hall at 2.00pm.

**Mrs Dubery:** Shaftoe Trust Primary School in Haydon Bridge will become part of Wise Academies from February 2018, and Mrs Dubery has been seconded to work there for two terms. We will miss her but wish her good luck and look forward to welcoming her back again in September 2018.

**Thank You Parents/Carers:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support of the school. The time given by all to help on school visits and the financial contributions given towards activities are hugely appreciated. We genuinely couldn't do what we do without your support.

**PTA Thank You:** On behalf of the pupils and children at Prudhoe West I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA for the wonderful job they do throughout the year. I would also like to thank all parents and carers who support our events either by helping out or spending their hard-earned money at our various fund-raising events. We are always needing extra PTA members – please contact the PTA or the school office if you think you can help with their fundraising efforts in any way at all.

**End of Term:** School closes at 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 for the Christmas holidays. **There will be no karate club tomorrow.** School will reopen for the Spring Term on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## Coming Up

**Reception Admissions:** A reminder that applications for First School places are now being accepted **up to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Children in Nursery **must** apply for a place in First School even if they already attend Prudhoe West Nursery. Parents should have received information from Northumberland County Council on how to apply for a place. If you have any queries or if you require a paper copy of the application form, please contact the school office.

**Nursery Places:** As we are required to predict nursery numbers 18 months in advance; could all parents and carers who have children or know of any children, who will be coming to Prudhoe West in the future, please complete our application form so we can add them to our system. We are now admitting nursery children immediately after their third birthday and will be admitting 2 year olds from September 2018 – please spread the word.

**School Meals:** School meals will be £10.00 per week (£8.00 for the last week of half term as Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 is a teacher training day) or £48.00 for the half term. Please pay via Schoolcomms, cheque (made payable to **WISE ACADEMIES**) or cash, sent in a named envelope.

**Swimming:** Swimming lessons will start again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The cost will be £4.25 per week or £17.00 (4 sessions) for the half term. Several parents have swimming credits so please contact school if you are unsure about what you owe.

## School Clubs

**Guitar Tuition:** Lessons will begin again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If your child does not wish to continue with guitar tuition or if your child would like to join; please contact the school office.

**Karate:** Karate will **not** be on tomorrow afternoon (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December) but will start again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 straight after school 3.00pm til 4.00pm.

### Congratulations to Class 8 who had 98.46% attendance last week.

Well done to all the classes who achieved our 95% target.



Last week our overall attendance was **96%**.

Please make every effort to ensure your child gets to school each day to help us improve even more.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>94.17</b>	<b>96.52</b>	<b>95.91</b>	<b>94.55</b>	<b>91.43</b>	<b>98.21</b>	<b>96.67</b>	<b>98.46</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>95.62</b>

Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for all other pupils.

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### School Meals Menu

The first week back to school will be the **Week 3 Menu**.

Please see the school website for more details

**Vacancy** – We are currently advertising for an Apprentice Caretaker via Sunderland College. For further details; please contact the school.



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