



What's On at West

growing future stars

This Week in School

Early Years Toy Party: Tomorrow, Friday 17th November 2017. Nursery and Reception children – Reception children can bring in their favourite toy!

Children in Need Day: Tomorrow, Friday 17th November 2017. Our fundraising event for Children in Need this year will be 'Stars, Spots or Stripes'. For a donation of a gold coin the children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform in one or a combination of the above. **Please do not put face paints on your child's face if they are going swimming tomorrow.**

Years 1-4 Data Collection Forms: These forms were sent out last week to all parents of Years 1-4 children. This form may seem lengthy - it includes 'walks in the locality' and photograph permissions - but is very important that we have up to date information for your child. Please look out for the form in your child's book bag. Thank you to nursery and reception parents who have already completed these forms.

Photographer: Following the individual photographs of children being taken yesterday, we have raised a concern with Tempest Photography over the background that was used as we do not feel it was appropriate for a school photograph. This change of background was not discussed with the school in advance, and it was unable to be changed on the day. A number of parents have already raised their disappointment over this issue too. For this reason, I have contacted the company and they have agreed to return to school next week, Wednesday 22nd November 2017 to take the photographs again. Parents will then have the option of choosing which set of photographs they prefer. The arrangements will be the same as this week; children with siblings outside school will come to school with parents for 8.30am, first come, first done. Due to Kids' Club being held in the hall each morning, please do not arrive before 8.20am.

The class group photos will now be taken the following Wednesday (29th November 2017).

Congratulations to Josh – Year 4: Last weekend Josh competed in the final of the Scoot GB Competition, having won the regional event last month. We are delighted to report that Josh was crowned the winner and is now officially No. 1 in the country in his age group. Well done Josh!

Coming Up:

Year 3 Meeting for Gibside Residential Trip: Letters were sent out last week about this visit. There will be a meeting for parents on Friday 24th November 2017, 3.15pm in Class 8. All Year 3 parents are welcome to attend this meeting regardless of whether or not they have returned a reply slip. Following the meeting, if parents would like their child to go on the visit a deposit of £20.00 will also be payable. **Please note: Children who qualify for Pupil Premium Funding will have this visit discounted by £30.**

Christmas Performances: This year parents will once again be encouraged to book online for tickets for the Christmas performances. We will use the same system as we use to book appointments for Parents' Evening. Each child will be allocated 6 tickets (2 more than in previous years due to lower pupil numbers) which parents can use across the performances as they wish. Please note: we ask that where parents are separated, where possible they co-ordinate between themselves the distribution of their child's tickets. If this is not possible, please contact the office as soon as possible so we know to split the child's tickets between parents.

Due to the fact that Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will only be participating in selected performances, booking will open for these children 24 hours in advance of that for Year 2, 3 and 4 who have all 6 performances to choose from. The booking system will open during next week – we will inform parents in advance.

Auditions will be taking place over the next few days. There will be two casts for the main parts and these may not correspond directly to your child's class. If your child is given a main part, please check the performance they will be in prior to booking tickets.

Christmas Performances 2017	9.15 – 10.15am	1.30 – 2.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Classes 1,3,5,6,7,8,9,10	Classes 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
Wednesday 13 th December	Nur A (children who attend at the beginning of the week),4,5,6,7,8,9,10	Nur B (children who attend at the end of the week),3,5,6,7,8,9,10
Thursday 14 th December	Classes 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10	Classes 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

In the Community:

Christmas Fair: St Mary Magdalene Church is holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 25 November 2017, in the Parish Hall (by the crossroads on Front Street, opposite Barclays Bank).

Congratulations to Class 10 who had 99.23% attendance last week.										
Well done to all the classes who achieved our 95% target.										
Last week our overall attendance was 96.6% .										
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
% Attendance	95.83	96.09	99.09	94.55	96.07	95.36	98.52	95.93	96	99.23
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 1 Menu**.
 Please see the school website for more details