



# What's On at West

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## This Week in School



**Choir:** Good luck to our amazing choir who are performing at the basketball event tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, then at the Metrocentre Choir Competition on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 1.00 – 1.45pm (outside Primark). We hope as many of you as possible can join us for the Metrocentre performance.

**Christmas Performances:** Thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who attended our Christmas performances. Thank you also for the generous donations; we will inform you next week of how much we have raised. As I explained in a previous newsletter this money goes towards future performances and is used to buy costumes, scripts, licences etc. Thank you all once again for your generosity and positive comments.

Photos from the performances will be posted on our Facebook page over the next few days – please give us time to get these all uploaded without commenting that your child is not featured. We will let you know when the final batch is up. Please note: any children who do not have website photographic permission have not been included in photographs at your request. I remind parents that photographs must not be shared via your own personal pages, but you can tag in friends and family, or share the posts.

## Coming Up



**Christmas Jumper Day:** Tomorrow, Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 AND Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

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 contributions. (Please note: this does not apply to the basketball event on Friday night – Prudhoe West Academy uniform must be worn on the evening.)

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 and we will sort out a sale.

**Carol Services at Church:** As there is now a new vicar at St Mary Magdalene church, we have had to reschedule our carol services from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December to **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Years 1 & 2: **9.45 (half an hour later than previously stated due to prayers in church) – 10.45am.**

Years 3 & 4: 2.00 – 3.00pm. Parents and carers can take children straight home after the afternoon service if they wish **as long as they have informed a member of staff.**

**We need parent helpers on that day – please see your child’s class teacher if you are able to help walk the children to and from the church. Thank you in advance.**



**Christmas Party Day Years 1-4 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017:** As we did last year - rather than the children having their normal school lunch followed by a party tea, school lunch on this day will be served ‘tea party style’. There will be a range of savoury and sweet items for the children to enjoy. If any children who would normally have packed lunch would like to enjoy the food provided by school instead on this day, please send £2.00 to the school office in a **named envelope** and marked **Party Lunch** by no later than tomorrow, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**



**Nursery and Reception Party Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017:** Parents should have already received a letter regarding the arrangements for their child's Christmas party. Thank you to those parents who have sent in donations towards the Early Years party day. If your child does not usually attend nursery all day on Wednesdays; please ensure you return your completed form to the office so we can cater for the correct number of children. Lunch for these children on this day will be 'tea party style' as described above.

**Year 3 trip to Gibside:** We realise that parents have had lots of events to pay for in school over the past few weeks so we are extending the deadline for deposits for Gibside until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. The total cost of the trip is £65.00 and the deposit is £20.00. The full balance will need to be paid by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**In the Community:**

On 24th December (Christmas Eve) Junior Parkrun is coming to Prudhoe at Tyne Riverside Country Park. We would love as many children as possible to participate. Junior Parkrun is a free, weekly 2km run for children aged between 4-14 years hosted every Sunday at 9:00am. Children under 11 must be supervised by their parents but are allowed to run alone, and all runners who register and bring a barcode will get a time. Better still, children completing regular parkruns will be rewarded with achievement wristbands on completion of milestones.





Participation rewards are as follows:

- Half marathon club (11 runs): blue wristband
- Marathon club (21 runs): green wristband
- Ultra marathon club (50 runs): orange wristband

To register go to <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/form/>



		<b>Congratulations to Class 5 who had 98.93% attendance last week.</b> Well done to all the classes who achieved our 95% target.									
Last week our overall attendance was <b>96.4%</b> .											
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>88.75</b>	<b>98.08</b>	<b>98.64</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98.93</b>	<b>95.71</b>	<b>94.81</b>	<b>97.31</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>98</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**  
 Next week will be the  
**Week 2 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.