



What's On at West

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This Week in School



Children in Need Day: Thanks to the generosity of children, parents, friends and staff we raised £230.85 for Children In Need. The money raised will go towards supporting many important projects to help disadvantaged children across the UK.

Years 1-4 Data Collection Forms: Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned these forms. A second copy will be given to your child over the coming week if you have not returned your form. Please ensure this is checked, signed and returned to school as a matter of urgency as we need a form for **every** child in school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Year 3 Meeting for Gibside Residential Trip: Tomorrow, 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.**

Basketball Tickets: Thank you all for the amazing response to this fun family event. At the request of parents, we have decided to organise transport for parents. Information is on the letter attached to your tickets, which are now available to collect from the school office (first thing in the morning or at the end of the day please). There are five tickets remaining for this event, first come first served. Whilst we may be able to source more, this game is now almost sold out, so this is not guaranteed.

Swimming: Several children have recently decided they do not want to swim during school time anymore. As this affects the cost of the bus and the sessions for other children; from now onwards you will now be required to give a half term's notice if you do not wish your child to swim. If your child does not want to swim after Christmas we need to know before Friday 1st December 2017.

Payments: a reminder that it is our policy to send out letters to parents who have fallen behind with their payments by £10.00 or more. This letter states that if payment is not brought up to date before the next session your child will not swim. Please ensure you pay either in advance or weekly on the day of the swimming sessions.

Coming Up:

Pantomime: Tuesday 28th November 2017. A reminder that Years 1-4 will visit the Theatre Royal next Tuesday afternoon, leaving school at 12.30pm and returning at **approximately 5.30pm** traffic depending. Children should be collected from their usual exit points on return. All children will be provided with a drink and a snack during the interval and should not bring any money/sweets etc of their own. Children must wear full school uniform and sensible shoes.

Can parent helpers please come to school for 12.15pm for a briefing before the buses depart.

Pyjama/Non Uniform Day/Cinema Night: Thursday 7th December 2017. The children are invited to come to school on that day wearing onesies/pyjamas or non-uniform in return for a contribution to the PTA Christmas raffle. Years 2, 3 and 4: we are asking for donations of items suitable for a Christmas hamper; eg bottle of wine/spirits; box of chocolates/mince pies/biscuits etc. We would be grateful if children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 would bring in sweets suitable for raffle prizes please.

Cinema Night will begin straight after school – children will enjoy a drink, snack and receive a special gift. Popcorn will also be for sale for £1.00. Entry costs £5.00 per child; please send the money to school in order to add your child's name to the list. This event is for Prudhoe West children only (including nursery) and they will be supervised by school staff and PTA volunteers. The finishing time will be 5.15pm and the children will exit school at this time from their usual classroom exit points.

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.

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.

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.

Nursery A children: These children are those who attend nursery on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday am. Their performance will be on the **morning** of Wednesday 13th December 2017.

Nursery B children: These are the children who attend Wednesday pm, all day Thursday and Friday. Their performance will be on the **afternoon** of Wednesday 13th December.

Children who attend nursery all week will be in both performances so parents may choose to split their ticket allocation across both performances.

The booking system will open for parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at 4.00pm tomorrow (Friday 24th Nov) and for parents of children in Year 2, 3 and 4 at 4.00pm on Saturday 25th Nov 2017. Instructions are attached.

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

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 19th December to **Wednesday 20th December 2017.**

Years 1 & 2: 9.15 – 10.15am. Years 3 & 4: 2.00 – 3.00pm

Christmas Party Day Years 1-4: 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 **Friday 15th December 2017.**

All Nursery children are invited to attend all day on their party day (Wednesday 20th December 2017) – a separate letter will be sent out from Early Years staff.

Congratulations to Class 7 who had 100% attendance last week.										
Well done to all the classes who achieved our 95% target.										
Last week our overall attendance was 96.0%.										
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	93.48	94.55	90.0	98.57	94.86	100	99.26	95.6	98.46
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 2 Menu.**
 Please see the school website for more details