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## Whytemead News

December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are coming close to the end of the Autumn term. The children have been working really hard since September and our Reception children have settled in brilliantly.

### **Staff changes**

Mrs Peck will be leaving Whytemead at the end of this term to take up a new post as an Early Years adviser for the local authority. Mrs Hornsbury will be Pear class's new teacher starting next term. I would like to thank Mrs Peck for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new job.

### **Christmas Fair**

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and running another very successful Christmas Fair. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and run all the stalls at the fair. It was great to see how busy the fair was and to see so many people having fun. This year the fair raised an amazing **£3200!!**

### **Christmas performances**

**Please see performance dates below**

**EYFS -Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

**KS1 (Y1&2) -Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

**KS2 (Y3-6) – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm**

All performances will take place in Broadwater Baptist Church.

**Polite reminder.** Please do not take photos during the performance, as it can distract the performers and block the view for others. There will be an opportunity to take photos at the end. Please remember, any photos taken **must not** be shared online.

### **Christmas parties- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Children should come to school in school uniform on this day but can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their Whytemead jumper/cardigan or a Christmas hat. They can wear both if they want to!

## Attendance

As you are aware attendance is something that we continually work to improve and I am pleased to announce that currently the whole school attendance is **96%**. Thank you for your support in making this improvement.

## Allergies- A reminder

### We have some children who have a severe nut allergy.

**To reduce the risk to these children we would like to remind parents to avoid products containing nuts in lunchboxes if your child is bringing a packed lunch.**

## E-Safety

Our website has advice on how to keep children safe online. Please go to 'About us' → 'Safeguarding' → 'Safeguarding external links' → Think U know.

## End of term arrangements

December	What's happening	Further info
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Please feel free to add a Christmas touch to packed lunches on this day!
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 work share	8.40-9.15 Please come straight to Y3/ 4 classrooms.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/ 4 Fabulous Finish Banquet.	Children only. Children to dress up as a character from one of the books from this terms topic.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas performance to parents (Apple & Pear)	2.00pm Broadwater Baptist Church.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas performance to parents (Willow, Maple & Chestnut)	9.30am Broadwater Baptist Church.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance to parents (Redwood, Oak, Elm, Lime, Olive & Beech)	2.00pm Broadwater Baptist Church.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties	Children to wear Christmas jumper or hat to school if they want to.
20 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Last day of term	
<b>Children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>		

I would like to wish you a very happy and restful break and look forward seeing everyone in 2020.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Ward", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mr G. Ward  
Head teacher