



**WESTERN ROAD C.P.SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Artists and Makers**

As I am sure most of you will be aware by now, the Artists and Makers Fair in the Town Hall last Saturday raised the fantastic amount of £8 000 for our school and on behalf of everyone at the school I'd like to say a massive thank you to all those involved. A huge amount of hard work went into planning and organising the event and I know lots of parents, carers and members of staff helped in a variety of different ways. The money raised in this event, and other Friends of Western Road events, really does make a very significant difference and allows us to do things we would not otherwise be able to do with the children. A huge thank you and well done to everyone.



### **Use of the playground after school**

At a recent meeting of the Parent Forum we discussed the issue of keeping the playground open after school. These arrangements were introduced a year ago and at the Parent Forum we agreed to review them regularly. Please see the basis on which the playground is kept open below:

- 1) The playground is open to Western Road children from 3.30pm to 4pm, unless there is an after school club using the playground at this time.
- 2) Children using the playground after 3.30pm must be closely supervised by their parents at all times. The school cannot be responsible for supervising children using the playground after 3.30pm. Parents should be aware that the play equipment in the junior playground is not designed for pre-school children. Any parents allowing children to use this equipment after 3.30pm do so at their own risk.
- 3) Children and families must remain in the far playground (junior playground), thus minimising any noise because meetings often take place in classrooms after school.

**Safe-Guarding Children at Western Road Community Primary School:** At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take safeguarding children very seriously. All staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, bullying or e-safety, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Mr Montebello, Mr Paterson and Mrs Wooler.**

- 4) Children must refrain from using their bikes and scooters in the playground during this time, thus minimising the risk of accidents since the school will not be open. (Obviously if a child is seriously injured we would expect you to come to the school for assistance).
- 5) Children do not return to school for any reason, such as to use the toilet or to collect items. The school closes at 3.30pm and staff are not available after this time to supervise/escort children or adults to the toilet or around the building, which we must do to comply with safeguarding and child protection procedures.

I trust that you will appreciate the reasons for these requests and thank you for cooperating with the school in this matter.

### **Our preparations for the Christmas Fair**

Children have been hard at work preparing items for sale at the Christmas Fair. I am sure you will agree that they will make wonderful Christmas presents.



Year Four mosaic and Year Five hot chocolates



Year Two pom-poms and Year One Christmas trees



Year Three making tetrahedrons and Year Six children making and decorating crackers



Reception have made some reindeer food

### **Key Dates**

Children are working hard to learn songs for Carols Around the Tree and the Infant Nativity. Please note these dates below. It would be lovely if as many people as possible could attend.

### **Key Dates for Term 2 (please note all key dates are published on the school website)**

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Infant Nativity to Parents
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Carols Around the Tree for Parents
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Newsletter
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term 2

### **Term 3**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	Start of Term 3
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Inset Day

### **Term 5**

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Final Inset Day
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