

William Westley Newsletter

3rd December 2019



Cross Country

On Friday morning we took a team of 66 children from Years 3-6 to the Cambridge Schools Cross Country



Competition at Netherhall School. It was a crisp but beautiful sunny morning. The course was approximately 1800m and included a large hill. There were over 100 children in each race. We were so impressed by the attitude and determination of all the children. Several William Westley children finished in the top ten and congratulations to Izzie in Year 6 who won a bronze medal.

Christmas Play

The children would like to invite you to their Christmas Celebration, "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw". Performances will take place over three days: **Wednesday 11th December 2-3pm, Thursday 12th December 6-7pm and Friday 13th December 6-7pm**. Children will be needed for all performances. We ask that children return to school for the evening performances at 5:45pm and go straight to classrooms. Unfortunately, due to strict fire regulations and limited space, audience seats will be limited to a TOTAL of 2 per family. As we are looking to reduce the amount of paper that we use in school, you will be able to request audience seats for the play via an online form on our website. The link to the form will be forwarded separately via Parentmail.

PTA Christmas Fayre 5-7pm

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the Christmas Fair on Friday! In order to get everyone in the Christmas Fair spirit, below is some more detail on what to expect.....

'Photo Booth' There will be the opportunity to have your photo taken against a snowy, Christmassy backdrop, photo booth style with fun and silly props (or without!). Please dress up! Wear Christmas Jumpers! Bring your Santa hat / elf ears / Elsa dress.... Face painting, hair chalks and face glitter will be available, so you can capture your sparkles on camera!

'Frozen' Crafts - Make an Olaf (marshmallow) Snowman and a Sven Reindeer Hot Chocolate! There will also be canvas bags to decorate.

Games and Prizes - Rudolf's Antlers, Father Christmas' Marbles, Magic Carrot and Lucky Dip to name a few! We will also be repeating the success of the **'Passports'** from the Summer Fair. **Passports** will be available at the entrance at a cost of £5. The Passports will have the image of twelve 50p pieces (so £6 worth) which are redeemable against all the games stalls. Instead of there being prizes at each games table, participants will win stickers (between 1 and 5) at each table, which can then be redeemed at the **Prize Table**. The idea is that, rather than winning small prizes at lots of stalls, children can save up their stickers and redeem them against a range of prizes, from sweeties, to stickers, squishies, stationery sets and much more. The passports can also be used to pay for the majority of stalls (crafts, face painting, hair chalks, tombolas and Santa's Grotto). Only the food and drink items are excluded.

Homemade Fudge will be on sale. In smart recycled jars, an ideal Christmas gift.

Thank you very much for all the kind donations so far. We would love some more soft toys, bottles for the bottle tombola (be creative! Nail varnish, shampoo, wine...) and sweetie jars. Please also return your raffle tickets to School Reception and sign up to a slot on the rota if you are able to help. Thank you!

'Following the Star'

A message from Rev'd Olivia Coles... The Church of England Christmas Campaign is #Followthestar. As last year we will be 'Following the Star' with a special light up star which is going to travel around the village and be displayed in a different home each evening. *The travelling star* will come with a special bag of fun activities and things to do or think about this Christmas (including a film to watch) and is suitable for all the family. The star began its journey from the Parish Church on Sunday, will travel around the village and end its journey when it comes back to the church for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. If you would like to display the star in a window in your home and take part in this special event please sign up at the School Office.

With best wishes and much gratitude for all your help and support.

Paul Bryant.

Autumn Term School Events

Tuesday 3rd December	Football Match V Harston & Newton (A) 3:15pm
Wednesday 4th December	Homework Exhibition 3:30-4pm
Thursday 5th December	NCMP (YR/Y6) Measuring
Friday 6th December	Christmas Music Concert 9:15am PTA Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Play performance 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Play performance 6pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas Play performance 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch 12pm (Christmas Jumpers)
Thursday 19th December	YR Nativity & Church Service (URC) 9:30am Pantomime for school children pm Term ends
Friday 20th December	Staff Training Day (school closed)

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

4th Sept - 19th Dec

Staff Training Day - 3rd Sept

Half term 21st Oct - 25th Oct

Staff Training Day - 20th Dec

Spring Term 2020

7th Jan - 2nd April

Staff Training Day - 6th Jan

Half term 17th - 21st Feb

Summer Term 2020

20th April - 21st July

Staff Training Day - 17th April

May Bank holiday - 8th May

Half term 25th May - 29th May

Staff Training Day - 1st June