

# Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday everybody! We have had a brilliant week in school watching some of the final rehearsals for all the nativities. We can't wait for you to see the performances next week and see how hard the children have been practising. Our CookStars ended the day by making some fabulous Stained-Glass Christmas Biscuits which looked (and smelled) amazing!



A big congratulations to this week's House Point Winners, AIR!

## Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **95.42%** | 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December: **91.84%** | Target: **97%**

## Christmas Party Day

Class Christmas Parties will be taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December throughout the day. Children can come into school in their party clothes, they will still be playing outside during breaktimes so please make sure they are in sensible shoes and still have a warm coat.

We will be sending out paper plates in book bags next Friday; these are labelled with your child's name. We ask that you just provide them with a few little savoury and sweet snacks and wrap this up. **Please be reminded that we have a strict NO NUT policy in school.** Children will still be provided with a school lunch as normal, so they do not need to be sent with a full lunch plate.

Please bring your child's plate in on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning and pass to your child's teacher/teaching assistant on entry.



## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Y1 Nativity (2pm)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Little Stars Nativity (9:30am)
- Christmas Party Packed Lunch
- F2 (Ladybirds and Butterflies) Nativity (2pm)

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Dinner Day
- Y2 Nativity (2pm)

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day

School calendar:



Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 3**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.

## Christmas Jumper Day 2024

We are holding our **Christmas Jumper Day** to raise money for Save the Children on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day and all the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or anything festive. The donations are part of the Christmas Activities payment already sent out on ParentMail so no need to send a donation on the day.

## Winter Illnesses

We have had a spike in bugs and viruses this week in school. Please find a letter attached to the round up which details different conditions and their advised actions. To help us combat these illnesses, we ask that families ensure children are well before returning to school, for example, temperatures have returned to normal levels. Thank you for your support!



## Reporting Absences

Please can we ask all parents and carers (main school and nursery) to report any absences on **ParentMail** or **by emailing the office**. This is for illness or appointments, and there is an absence section on ParentMail which can be completed to say your child will not be attending school on a specific day, and the reasons for this absence. You can also leave a voicemail with the office if you are rushed for time in the morning, we pick these up at 8:30am. Please **do not** do class teachers about absence, these messages often do not make it to the office.

We also ask that you complete the 'Request to Miss Learning' forms when planning to take holiday in term time. This is for both Little Stars and the main school. We require this paperwork to ensure safeguarding standards are met and to monitor attendance. Thank you for your support.

## Staff Shout Out

This week we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Chamberlain, one of our brilliant Year One class teachers! Alongside her fantastic teaching, she also helps to run our OPAL Learning Scheme in school and is our Mathematics superstar. Mrs Chamberlain wants the very best for our children and we appreciate all her hard work and patience, Westdale is lucky to have you!



## Local Events

Please find details of local events below (posters also attached round up):



- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, The St James Christmas Fayre, **11am till 3pm** in the St James Church Centre on Marshall Hill Drive. A key fundraiser to support community events at St James throughout the year. A great selection of stalls, and this year 8 Christmas hampers to be won. A visit from Santa between 1pm and 2pm. And throughout the day light lunches, sumptuous hot chocolates (a shot of baileys optional!), and delicious cakes and treats to enjoy.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, St James Family Carols (with Christingles), **4pm** in the Church. Come along for this popular festive family event. Wear your Christmas jumpers and warm up your vocal cords. We'll be exploring the Christmas story together, as well as making and lighting our Christingles (the thing where you put a candle in an orange!). After the service in church why not stay for the St James Christmas Party in the Church Centre, 5pm till 6pm, including food, disco, and games.

**Have a lovely weekend everybody!**