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A primary school is a very busy but exciting place to work at Christmas time and this year is proving to be no exception. Keep up to date with what's happening in school through following us on twitter @WestfieldCott and by signing up for your class SeeSaw App. On behalf of all the staff at Westfield, I would like to wish both parents and pupils a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Christmas Jumper Day 2017



Following the success of recent years, we are delighted to be taking part in the national Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. For a small donation, pupils and staff can join in the festive fun and come to school dressed in their very best "Christmas knit!" to help raise money for Save the Children. Whether you choose to buy a festive woolly or decorate your own jumper, we look forward to an array of tinsel, glitter and good fun.

What a Performance!

Congratulations to all those pupils who have taken part in various performances this month. December started with our musical evening and afternoons, showcasing the fantastic talents of our KS2 pupils. This week families and friends of Y1 children have been amazed by their version of the Christmas story—some brilliant acting, singing, dancing and the best Christmas jokes ever! We are now all waited with baited breath to see our very youngest children in EYFS in their performance of A Miracle In Town. I am sure they will be amazing.



Poppy Appeal and Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy Appeal last month. We raised an amazing £150. In addition the Junior Leadership Team nominated a non uniform day and through Jeans for Genes raised a fantastic £280.

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cooper back to Y5 after her recent maternity leave and we have also appointed Mrs Allen as our new school cook. Mrs Allen began her position at the start of last week—just three days before our school Christmas dinner and judging by the empty plates and happy faces, she has settled really well. Thank you to all the dinner and kitchen staff who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Break time snacks

Could we please remind parents that KS2 pupils may bring a healthy break time snack to school if they wish. Recently staff have expressed concerns that children have brought chocolate bars, biscuits, crisps and have taken items from their packed lunch to eat at play time, leaving them with less to eat at lunchtime.

Why is a healthy break important?

- Childhood is an important time to establish good eating and drinking habits for future health.
- School healthy eating schemes give pupils the knowledge and opportunity to make healthier choices.
- Teachers have suggested that a healthy snack at break time can help with pupils' concentration and behaviour in the classroom.
- It encourages suitable drinks and snacks to help prevent tooth decay.
- It helps to meet our target of five or more portions of fruit and vegetables a day.

Please could we ask that parents ensure that break snacks are healthy and not high sugar options.

A portion could be: fruit such as apples, oranges, bananas, pears, kiwi fruits, satsumas, plums, grapes, cherries or berries, large slice of pineapple or melon, salad such as tomatoes, cucumber and celery or vegetables such as chopped or sliced carrots, peppers or sugar-snap peas.

Could we ask that parents refrain from providing children with items such as raisins, sultanas, cakes, biscuits or processed fruit bars (eg fruit winders, fruit flakes etc). These are high in sugar and can cause tooth decay, so are not suitable as between-meal snacks.

We would also stress the need for children to remain hydrated during the school day and would ask that all pupils bring a bottle of water to school each day.



Diary dates— Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 9th January	School re-opens for pupils
Wednesday 10th January	Y4 pedestrian skills
Tuesday 23rd January	Y2 scooter training
Friday 9th February	End of half term
Monday 19th February	School re-opens
Monday 5th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 6th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 7th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 8th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 23rd April	Term End

