

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## December 2018

School has become a hive of excitement, fun and anticipation over the last few weeks. A primary school is a very busy but exciting place to work at Christmas time and it is impossible not to be drawn into the festive cheer. 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 2018



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Day and helped raise money for Save the Children. We were amazed at the fantastic array of festive knits and managed to raise an impressive £300. Encouraging pupils to have an understanding and tolerance of the world around them is an important part of our British Values work and I am always humbled by our pupils and families at the generosity and support for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

## What a Performance!

Congratulations to all those pupils who have taken part in various performances this month. December has treated us to a musical evening and afternoon, showcasing the fantastic talents of our KS2 pupils. We have also been amazed by our Y1 children with their version of the Christmas story—Lights, Camel, Action. A brilliant performance! 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.



## Staffing Changes

At the end of the term we will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Li, who will be retiring after many years as a teaching assistant in Year One. Miss Hanson will also be leaving us to take up a permanent teaching position at Francis Askew School. Mrs Gladwell, Mrs Fulstow and Mrs Redshaw will cover the teaching commitment until Miss Kenyon returns from her maternity cover.

Following the successful appointment of Mr Dusher to the permanent caretaker position, we will also be saying goodbye to Mr Renilson, who has filled the temporary position this half term.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Mrs Li, Miss Hanson and Mr Renilson and wishing them the very best for the future.

### Nut allergies

Due to an increasing number of children with an allergy to nuts, we would like to remind parents that no nut product or products which contain nuts should be provided in packed lunches or as break time snacks. This would include the use of peanut butter, Nutella or similar spreads, packets of nuts or cereal bars which contain nuts.

Could we also remind parents that sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Christmas Choirs

Our KS2 Choir has been out in force this month. They have performed at Cottingham Civic Hall and at the Cottingham Christmas festival. The children were fantastic and excellent representatives of Westfield School and our work in the performing arts. Well done to you all.

### Sporting Success

Congratulations to all our pupils who have represented the school in sporting events this half term. Our KS2 teams have competed in dodgeball, benchball and football tournaments and twenty of our Year Five pupils have completed the Sports Leadership Award with the support from Tigers Trust.

### Pupil Absence

Please could we ask that parents ensure they report a pupil absence before that start of the school day. Any absence should be telephoned through to school and a message left on the school system. Please ensure you give the child's name, class and a reason for the absence. Thank you for your cooperation.



As Winter approaches we would like to remind parents of our procedures regarding potential school closures during severe weather. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We will always endeavor to make a closure decision as early as possible. If possible, parents will be informed via the school text message service. However, parents should also ensure that they check the school Twitter account and website and listen for announcements on BBC Radio Humberside and Viking Radio.

Please be assured that we will always endeavour to keep school open and will only close for health and safety reasons.

The above information will be a constant newsletter item during the winter months.

### Diary dates— Autumn term

Thursday 13th December	Christmas Music Concert—2pm
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Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	EYFS nativity afternoon performance
Monday 17th December	Y5 Jorvik visit
Tuesday 18th December	EYFS nativity performance –6pm
Wednesday 19th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Tuesday 8th January	School reopens for children

