

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## December 2020

After a totally surreal year, December has arrived and Westfield has transformed into a hub of excitement, fun and anticipation. 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 children's festive cheer.

This year has presented many challenges for schools and I would like to offer my personal thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure that children can attend school safely; the teachers and TAs who have adapted to the demands of remote and classroom learning, the admin staff who have ensured that families are fully informed, the dinner and lunch time staff keeping us fed and watered and the amazing cleaning team and caretaker who work so hard to ensure school is clean and safe. I'm sure all of them will be looking forward to a rest over Christmas!



On behalf of all the staff at Westfield, I would like to wish both parents and pupils a very safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Staffing News

At the end of the term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Robinson. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing him all the very best of luck as he continues his career at Willerby Carr Lane Primary.

We're delighted that Mrs Richards will be joining the team and will work alongside Mrs Boyes for the remainder of this academic year. I'm sure that Y4 will make her feel very welcome.

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.



### Christmas Jumper Day 2020

Our Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 11th December, where, for a small donation, pupils can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. The money raised will be donated to Save the Children. We are always amazed at the fantastic array of festive knits on show.

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.



### School Christmas Dinner

Our school traditional Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 16th December. There is no requirement to pre-book a dinner and if your child would like to join in, they can order a dinner on the morning. Thank you in advance to the kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors, who I know will work tirelessly in the current situation to ensure everybody has a fantastic time.



### Cottingham Village of Lights

Thank you to all the staff and children who have worked hard to support the Cottingham Village of Lights project. We hope it will bring some festive cheer to Westfield Road. I'm sure you will agree that the front of school looks great. Thanks also to Mrs Jones for co-ordinating this project.

### WSA Pantomime

We are very grateful to the WSA who have organised and paid for all children to watch an online version of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children will watch this in their class bubbles to ensure they remain safe.



### Parking Concerns

We have recently received a number of concerns and complaints from residents of Westfield Road regarding parking at the start and end of the school day. Can we please remind parents and carers to observe the road markings and refrain from parking / stopping on the yellow lines and zigzags. Thank you.

#### Diary Dates

##### **December 2020**

Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 18th December	<b>END OF TERM</b>
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##### **January 2021**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for children
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##### **February 2021**

Friday 12th February	School closes for half term
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