

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## December 2021

I can hardly believe the end of term is upon us and it is lovely to see the children's excitement as the big day draws nearer!

Once again, this year has presented uncertainty and 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 who work so hard to ensure school is clean and safe. Despite the difficulties we have managed to offer a full and exciting curriculum, a number of extra curricular activities, a Right Choice Reward Visit, EYFS nativity, Y1 Carol Singing, online musical performances and a range of sporting competitions.

I would also add a huge thank you to the children who have shown a real sense of resilience and have adapted to new and different routines. Their continued enthusiasm is infectious and a delight to see.

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 Miss Kenyon. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing her all the very best of luck as she continues her career at Wheeler Primary.

We're delighted that Mrs Driffill will be re-joining the team and will work in Y1 for the remainder of the academic year.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Monaghan and Mrs Barnes, who have been valued members of the TA team. Again, we wish them all the best for the future.

## WSA Christmas Fun

We are very grateful to the WSA, who have organised treats and paid for all children to watch an online version of Cinderella. Children have watched this in their class bubbles to ensure they remain safe. They have also organised a Snow Globe competition which was very popular and there were some very artistic and imaginative entries. Thank you to everyone who took part.



## Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner Day was a huge success with the kitchen preparing over 450 meals for children at Westfield and also Skidby and Little Weighton schools. A huge thank you to all the kitchen and lunchtime staff who work so hard to make this a lovely day for the children.



## Parking

Can we please remind parents about the difficulties with traffic at the start and end of the school day. Parents should not be stopping on the turn around or on the yellow zigzag lines. Please remember that we have a Park and Stride Agreement with the Fair Maid, meaning their car park can be used at the start and end of the school day. Can we also ask that parents are respectful of our neighbours at all times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.



## Diary dates— Spring term

Wednesday 5th January	School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 28th January	Y2 Scooter Training
Tuesday 15th January	Visiting theatre performance—Oliver Twist
Monday 21st February	Half term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4th March	Magic Theatre Company visit—whole school
Monday 14th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day—non uniform day
Monday 28th March	Humberside Fire and Rescue to visit EYFS
Friday 8th April	End of Term

