

## Westfield Primary School Newsletter



### **Happy New Year Everyone!**

Thank you to everyone who gave us Christmas gifts – it was very kind, however we would like to stress that it really is not necessary to buy anything for school staff. We worry about the extra expense this places on families at an already costly time of the year. If you want to show appreciation a few words in a card works wonders!

### **Holiday Dates**

School closed: Monday 11 February 2019

School re-opens: Thursday 14 February 2019

NB: Wednesday 13 February is an In-service Training Day for Staff

### **Enrolment**

Enrolment for next session will take place on the week beginning 14 January 2019. Parents should register their child at their **local school** if they will have had their fifth birthday by 1 March 2020. Placing requests can only be made from local schools. Birth certificates and proof of address (council tax bills) are required at point of enrolment.

Westfield Primary enrolment dates are as follows:

Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 January between 9.15 and 12.00 and 1.15 and 3.30pm.

Please contact the school if you need to arrange an alternative date or time.

### **Winter Weather - School Bus**

Very icy and snowy conditions can affect school transport so please be ready to make alternative arrangements should the service be cancelled. We will update on twitter and by text where possible but please be aware we are not always informed timeously of changes to school transport.

### **Change of Details**

We would be very grateful if we could be informed immediately of any changes to contact details as they may have to be used in an emergency situation.

### **Congratulations!**

Well done to Hollie Alexander (P5) and Emma Sullivan (P2) for winning the school's Eco competition. Their posters will be displayed around the school for all to read.

Ellis Pollock (P7) and Rosie Lewis (P3) were the proud winners of the Be Bright Be Seen competition with Charlotte Taylor and Yasmin Hamilton as runner –ups.

### **School Security**

Parents and carers should not go beyond the reception area without a member of staff to accompany them or enter the school via the cloakrooms. We would also be grateful if parents wishing to speak to teachers would ask at reception for an appointment to be arranged for a mutually convenient time.

### **Rights Respecting Schools**

Our journey continues towards Gold and we would like families to support our work in school by continuing with the ethos of RRS at home. Please check the school blog for the latest Right of the Month. Talk to your children about this and what it means and what it might look like. It is so important that we work together to bring about positive change and improve the lives of not only our children but all children.

### **After School Clubs**

All After School clubs will begin W.C. 14.1.19. On Tuesday we will have Dance with Rebecca who will begin preparations for the Dance Mania event which is held in March. This club will be for children in P4 – P7. On a Thursday we will have Judo and Cross Country. Judo will be for P3 & P4 and Cross Country for P5 -7. Children who attend Cross Country will have the opportunity to take part in the local Cross Country Trials with the first 20 in each race participating in the Regional Cross Country Finals. Fundamentals will be on Tuesdays for P1 and P2.

### **Christmas Appeal**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal. Your generosity was overwhelming and meant we were able to support almost twenty families at what can be a very stressful time of the year.

### **Class Interdisciplinary Topics**

<b>Primary 1</b>	Scotland / Percy the Park Keeper
<b>Primary 2/1</b>	Scotland / Percy the Park Keeper
<b>Primary 2</b>	Scotland / Plants and Animals
<b>Primary 3</b>	School and Games of the Past
<b>Primary 4/3</b>	Climate Change and Wildlife
<b>Primary 4</b>	Italy
<b>Primary 5</b>	World War 2
<b>Primary 6/5</b>	World War 2
<b>Primary 6</b>	World War 2
<b>Primary 7</b>	World War 2

**PTA/ Parent Council News**

The next **PTA** meeting is on Tuesday 22 January at 6.30pm – all parents are welcome to attend.

The PTA has organised a Valentine's Disco for Thursday 14 February.

P1-3: 6.30-7.45pm

P4-7: 8.00-9.15pm

Tickets, available from the school office, cost £2 and price includes drink and snack. You can pay at the door.

The **Parent Council** next meets on Tuesday 22 January at 6pm.