



# Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

## Christmas Fayre - Friday 30th November 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and we are busy planning for the evening. There will be lots of games, a raffle, our café will be here together with a barbeque serving burgers and hot-dogs, there will be music performances and, of course, Santa will be visiting. For a lovely Christmas gift idea why not visit our photographers, Lighthouse Photography, who will be here on the evening or visit our book fair.



Our year groups will be busy making goods to purchase as part of their 'Enterprise Creations' and these will be available in the appropriate year group classrooms.

We would be really grateful for any donations for our tombola, for example, unwanted gifts, toiletries, chocolates or bottles. We will be sending home with the children a transparent empty Christmas cone for filling up with any suitable items. Our café would really benefit from any cake donations which are sent in. Please ensure that all edible products are **nut-free**. Please return any filled cones or donations into school by no later than Wednesday 28th November.

We hope that you will be able to join us on the evening.



### Children In Need

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is the day of the BBC's Children in Need Appeal. Over the years Children in Need has raised millions of pounds to support projects which have greatly benefited children throughout the UK.

At Westerton we are holding a **dress up in spots non-uniform day**. Children and staff are asked to come into school wearing as few or as many spots as they wish. If children decide to change the colour or style of their hair for the day, **please make sure that their hair will be back to normal for school on Monday.**

In order to take part in this non-uniform day, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1 to be paid on Parent Pay. Please do not send cash into school. For parents who wish to donate more than £1, Parent Pay will be set up so that you can donate any amount up to £20.00. Thank you for your continued support.

### WW1 Commemoration

Sunday 11th November marked the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and a special commemorative remembrance service was held at Morley Methodist Church with representatives from many local primary and secondary schools. Sixteen of our talented orchestra supported the service alongside military personnel and the Lord Mayor of Morley in providing traditional WW1 songs and marches. Commemorative poppy crosses were also planted outside the town hall building. The children were a credit to the school as always and thanks go to Miss Geraldie and Mr Pool for their coordination of the event.

### School Lottery

We've had another couple of winners in our school lottery so congratulations to them. To be in with a chance of winning you will need to register online at [www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for Westerton. Tickets are £1.00 each and you can purchase as many you wish. Good luck everyone!

### Good Speaking Final

Our Good Speaking Final is taking place on Friday 16th November commencing at 1.45 pm and parents of those in the final are welcome to come and listen to the children's performances. We wish everyone taking part the best of luck.

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## Inclement Weather

If the weather is particularly wet or when it becomes freezing conditions, our staff in year groups will open the doors early to allow the children to enter the building. I would like to thank the staff for their kindness as this helps everyone enormously but due to the greater supervision ratios required for the younger children it may mean that doors for our Foundation Stage cannot open until enough staff are on the premises.



In conditions of snow and ice, our Site Manager, Mr Canning will try to clear and grit paths on the premises from the gates to the main doors of the Nursery, Key Stage 1, Year 3 and the main office. If possible and if time allows, with sufficient volunteers, paths will be cleared to Reception and other Key Stage 2 entrances. Parents will be guided on arrival about this.

If any parents are able to join a voluntary snow-clearing pool for such occasions, please do provide details to the office so we can keep a list handy.

We will always aim to keep the school open and all our staff know this and make every effort to get in, setting off earlier and preparing for hazardous journeys. A decision to close will only be made when insufficient numbers of staff can get in safely, to fulfil Health and Safety supervision requirements. In that unlikely event, we aim to make the decision as early as possible, by 8.15 am, informing parents using the following methods:

- **A text will be sent using ParentPay to the registered contacts only** so please ensure that you have kept your details up-to-date. If you've not already registered on ParentPay please contact the office for an activation letter.
- Information will be on the Leeds City Council website: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-closures>
- The school answering message and website will be updated as soon as possible.

## Christmas Events

We will shortly be commencing all our lovely events that happen in December. Please see a list of activities, dates and times for your diary:

- Monday 3rd December 6.00 pm Year 2 Performance
- Tuesday 4th December 9.30 am Year 2 Performance
- Friday 7th December 2.15 pm Reception Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 11th December Reception Party (pm)
- Wednesday 12th December Nursery Parties (am and pm)
- Thursday 13th December 9.30 am Year 1 Christmas Assembly, Year 1 Party (pm)
- Friday 14th December Year 2 Party (pm)
- Monday 17th December Year 3 party (pm)
- Tuesday 18th December Year 4 party (pm)
- Wednesday 19th December Nursery Christmas Shows (am and pm), Year 6 party (pm)
- Thursday 20th December Year 5 Party (pm)
- 7.00 pm Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Woodkirk
- Friday 21st December Christmas Jumper Day  
Talent Show (Staff and Pupils Only)  
Christmas Carol Service (Staff and Pupils Only)

For the parties, children can bring their party clothes to get changed into after lunch. Nursery children can come already dressed in their party clothes.

## Could a career in teaching be for you?

Westerton Partnership provides high quality Initial Teacher Training. You can apply for your opportunity to train to be a teacher NOW! Apply today on UCAS by searching for the following course codes:

- 328W – Primary 3-7 Programme
- 328X – Primary 5-11 Programme



## Scholastic Books

New booklets were distributed a couple of weeks ago to purchase any books from Scholastic. You can also buy online at [scholastic.co.uk](http://scholastic.co.uk). The deadline to order your books is Friday 30th November so that we will receive them before the Christmas break. Please state, when ordering, that they are for Christmas if you wish to collect them from the office.

## Dates for your Diaries

- Wednesday 21st November Year 3 to National Coal Mining Museum
- Friday 23rd November 9.15 am Year 3 Assembly
- Friday 14th December 9.15 am Year 5 and 6 Assembly

Yours faithfully

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Principal