



DIARY DATES

January 2019

Mon 7th Jan

INSET day

Tues 8th Jan

Term starts

Thurs 10th Jan

09:30 Nursery /
Reception open day

Wed 16th Jan

'Keep me safe online'
workshop at Westfield
School

21st – 25th Jan

Healthy Living

Week:

Mon 21st Jan

Drama workshop -
YR, Y1, Y2
'Discovering your
body'

Tues 22nd Jan

KS1 Game on

Wed 23rd Jan

EYFS Game on

Thurs 24th Jan

KS1 Mr Miller PE
Coaching

Fri 25th Jan

YR, Y1, Y2 Speed
stacking workshops

Wed 30th Jan

09:30 Nursery open
day

February 2019

Fri 1st Feb

NSPCC Numbers day
FoSG Y1 Tea and
cakes

Tues 5th Feb

Karate coaching day

20th December 2018

Festive Performances

What a great week we had last week with all the festive performances. The children did so well with their plays and we are incredibly proud of them. There were many smiling faces amongst the audience as they watched 'The Curious Sheep' 'Follow the Star' and the kings, shepherds and townspeople amongst others 'Counting for Caesar'. All the children delivered their lines with lots of energy and sang their hearts out with their uplifting songs.

Carol Service at St Peters Church



We had a lovely Carol Service at St Peters Church on Monday and the children enjoyed visiting the church. The children made special wishes together during the service and remembered people who are less fortunate. We came together to think about the message at this time of year and give thanks for our friends and families. Reverend Simon led the service and we were made to feel very welcome in such beautiful surroundings.

FoSG Christmas Shop

The FoSG Christmas Shop was a popular event with the children taking great pleasure selecting gifts for their friends and family. If you are one of the lucky ones to have been chosen, we hope you enjoy your gift!

Y2 Choir Evening Sing-a-long

A jolly night was had by all at the Year 2 Choir evening sing-a-long with Ms Keough leading the crowd in song. Traditional carols were mixed in with seasonal songs and there were even some with a modern twist! The children and audience all participated and raised the roof with their singing.



FoSG held a collection for local food banks which raised £70. A vote was held on the night as to which charity to donate the money to and 'Crisis at Christmas' won the vote.



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

'Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.'

Winnie the Pooh

Class Parties, Christmas Lunch and Save the Children Festive Jumper Day



On Tuesday the children had their class parties and attended school in their finest party outfits. Games were played and the children enjoyed a vast array of food brought in to share. A fun-filled day was had by all!

Yesterday the kitchen team cooked and served a tasty traditional festive lunch for the children with a choice between turkey or a vegetarian option, with plenty of trimmings! All staff were in the hall at lunchtime to enjoy the feast together with the children.

Last Friday it was National 'Festive Jumper Day' and the children and staff wore their finest woolly jumpers. £138.75 was raised in aid of Save the Children.

Attend and Achieve

The proud winners of the Attend and Achieve cup for November were Foxes class with an attendance of 92%.

Rabbits 92%

Hedgehogs 91%

Badgers 89%

Owls 85%

Squirrels 85%

Voiles 85%.

Special Request

We are asking if you would save the used postage stamps from your cards and parcels this Christmas and bring them into school. They need to still have a 1cm paper envelope / packaging border around them. We can donate them to Guide Dogs for the blind so that they can recycle them and raise much needed funds.



Reminders :

Closing time of School Gates

Please remember that the closing time in the morning for the school gates and classroom doors is 08:40. Classrooms are open from 08:35 (Nursery from 08:30) so please ensure you arrive in time to drop your children promptly within this window.

Future Dates for your Diary :

Nursery Open Days

10th and 30th Jan 09:30

1st March 2019 14:00

12th March 09:30

'Keep me Safe Online' Workshop

16th January 2019 (Westfield School)

Another reminder to come along to the 'Keep me Safe Online' workshop being held at Westfield School. This is a great opportunity to learn about different ways you can protect your children whilst they are online.



Swing Gate Babies

This term we were incredibly happy to welcome to the world Mrs King's twins, Walter and Teddy, Miss Oliver's baby girl, Ophelia and Mrs Marshalls baby boy, Ralph. I was fortunate enough to meet them all in the same place, at the same time!

Plenty of cuddles were had by all and they are such beautiful, thriving babies.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their wonderful positive attitudes this term, the fabulous team of staff for all their hard work and also you as parents who have given us so much support.

Thank you also for your kind wishes, gifts and cards that the staff and I have received. We appreciate your generosity. I also want to express heartfelt gratitude at the little but important things the children have done which mean so much to us - such as a smile, a hug or a kind word.

I wish you and your families a very happy festive holiday. I hope you enjoy spending time together over the break and I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019, hopefully rested and refreshed and ready for the new year.



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