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A note from Mrs McNeil....

I can't quite believe I'm writing the final newsletter for our school for 2022! It has been lovely since our return in August to welcome all our families into the school building. The children have been a credit to you and all the open afternoons/evenings we have had so far have been well attended and have allowed the children to showcase their learning. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all families to our Christmas Family Fun night where we have lots of Christmas activities planned to help us all celebrate together !!! The children are the heartbeat of this school and I look forward to making the festivities as enjoyable as possible and remember especially at this special time of year where the focus is very much on 'Children First'. I wish every family a very happy Christmas and hope the New Year brings all of us much happiness and health. As usual, if anyone has any issues or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school.



Diary Dates

Thursday 1st December Christmas Adventures Begin... Christmas arrives at South Park...trees and decorations will start appearing from this day and our reverse advent calendar will be launched.

Friday 9th December Christmas Jumper Day... Christmas Fun Day with special visitors in afternoon.

Tuesday 13th December Nursery Snowball Singalong

Wednesday 14th December P1-P3 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 15th December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December PTA Christmas Fayre 6-7.30pm

Monday 19th December Glee Club to visit Meldrum House

Wednesday 21st December Christmas Party Day with a special visitor

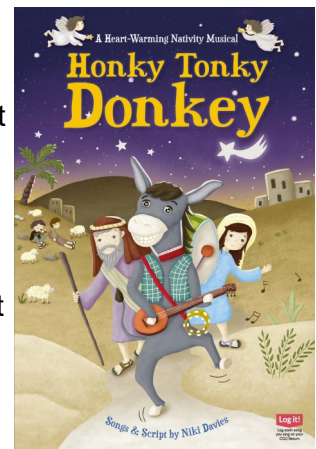
Thursday 22nd December Christmas Service at Church Westwood Baptist Church 10am

Friday 23rd December School Closes for Christmas @2.30pm



Nativity

We are delighted and very excited to be holding our first live Nativity since 2019! The children are working very hard rehearsing the words and we look forward to welcoming our parents/carers at 2pm on Wednesday 14th December. As was the tradition prior to the pandemic the seating arrangements are P3 parents at the front followed by P2 and then P1. It is P3's first and last Nativity and our P3 class take on the leading roles. We follow this every year so it means by the time this years P1's are in P3 and have a leading role their parent/carers will be at the front of the audience. Many thanks for your support with this.



Christmas

Christmas Family Night is coming...

On Thursday 15th December from 6-7.30pm the PTA and staff are holding a family Christmas fun night. The evening has been prepared so we are following our schools pledges to the planet. This means you need to bring your own stockings to Santa's Grotto and your own flask/mug for hot chocolate. All the activities are detailed on a flyer which will be sent out on the app next week. **Next Friday 9th December children can dress down in sparkles and Christmas jumpers and if possible bring a donation for the adult or/and children's tombola. All donations will be gratefully received at the gates by staff.**



Christmas Jumper Day



We will be supporting 'Save the Children' by participating in Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas sparkle day on Friday 9th December. Please do not feel you need to purchase a new jumper as this is not necessary. A piece of tinsel a sparkly hairband etc is more than adequate. Buckets will be at the gates and all donations will go to this worthy cause. **This is also our dress down day for donations for our children/adult tombola for our Xmas Fayre**

Church Service

All parents/carers are invited to join us in our Christmas service at Westwood Baptist in the morning of Thursday 22nd December at 10am. All classes will be participating and we look forward to seeing you there.



School App for Parents

Apologies but we have been experiencing technical issues with the app. Some PDF's are not downloading. We are aware of this issue and will Could I ask everyone to check that they have the whole school ticked in their groups. If you click onto messages and press the funnel at the top right it will show what groups you are in by a tick in the circle. If the whole school is empty it means you have been logged out . Please ensure you tick it and enter pin code 2706. Thanks so much for your help with this and apologies for the hassle. I have reported the fault to the company. If you require any class codes please contact the school office.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 21st December. Children should wear party clothes. Juice and a snack will be provided for each child. Children in P1-3 and nursery children will receive a special gift from a special visitor.

Winter Clothing

As we enter into the cold weather it is important the children all come to school appropriately dressed. We always hold spare gloves, hats and jackets in school and would be grateful to receive any donations to our winter clothing bank.



Family Learning

Next week P4-P7 will come home with their learning journals so you can see a sample of their work. The children in P4-P7 have been updating their benchmark trackers and one of their learning tasks next week is to discuss what benchmarks they are focussing on and how they are progressing through the literacy and numeracy benchmarks. The benchmark tracker can be accessed through your child's email. The children all know how to access GLOW and log into their email accounts. Any issues please contact the school. Next week will be the final week of Family Learning until our return in January.